

#### **NIKS PROFESSIONAL LTD.**

# Family Practice Dermatology and Aesthetic Medical Services Provider

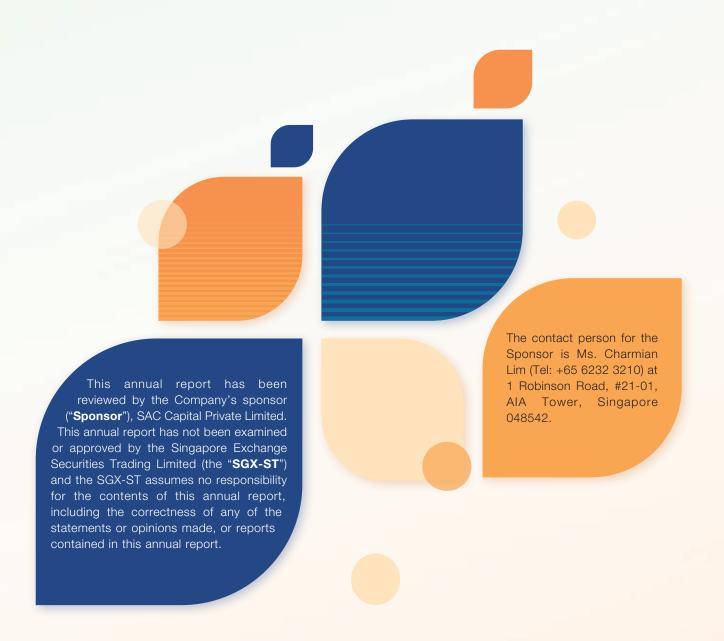
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# **CORPORATE** PROFILE

Niks Professional Ltd. (the "Company" and, together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") is a trusted and established provider of family practice dermatology and aesthetic medical services with an operating history of more than 25 years. The Group also offers a comprehensive range of medical skincare products and salon services to complement medical solutions. It has operations in Singapore and China.

The Group's business is organised into 3 key operating segments as follows:

#### **CLINICS**



Provision of family practice dermatology services. conditions commonly treated with a combination of medicines, NIKS skincare products and medical procedures, include:

- Acne and acne scar
- Eczema
- Pigmentation

Provision of non-invasive and minimally invasive aesthetic medical services, including:

- Intense pulsed light treatment
- Lasers for various treatments
- Injectables

#### **RETAIL**



Sale of NIKS skincare products and provision of services, including:

- Therapeutic facial
- Eve treatment
- Acne and comedone treatment
- Microdermabrasion

Provision of paramedical camouflage products and services to cover difficult-to-conceal skin conditions and minimise the attention drawn to the imperfections

Outlets are also equipped with Tricopat machines that provide treatments to address hair thinning concerns.

#### **HEADQUARTERS**



Online sale and distribution of NIKS skincare products to medical clinics and beauty salons in Singapore and

The Group's top selling products are:

- Intensive Barrier Repair Cream
- Golden Lipid Complex
- Moisturizing and Repair Cream

All NIKS skincare products satisfy stringent regulatory requirements in the United States and Europe and are regularly updated to reflect advances in skincare technology.



Niks Maple West Pte. Ltd. became an inactive company with effect from 1 December 2023 and after its business and operations were transferred to the Company. This subsidiary submitted an application for striking off its name from ACRA's register. Outcome of the application would be announced on SGXNet in due course.

Niks Professional Sdn. Bhd. was incorporated for past business expansion in Malaysia and was inactive as at 31 December 2024 and date of this annual report. As the cost of maintaining this subsidiary is insignificant, the Company has decided for flexibility to retain it for future business expansion opportunities.

# **CHAIRMAN'S** STATEMENT



#### **DEAR SHAREHOLDERS**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is with great pleasure that I present to you our annual report for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 ("FY2024"). FY2024 marks the Company's first full year as a listed entity - a milestone that reflects our growth, transparency and commitment to delivering value to shareholders.

#### PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

Revenue increased by 3.1% from S\$10.9 million in FY2023 to S\$11.2 million in FY2024. This was mainly attributable to the increase in sales in the headquarters segment, driven largely by sales to new regional agents in China, sales generated from our new online store at Tmall and higher volume of sales generated from the online store at the Company's website. Consequently, our China subsidiary, Niks Professional (Shanghai) Co., Limited ("NPSCL"), recorded a 12.5% increase in revenue from S\$1.6 million in FY2023 to S\$1.8 million in FY2024.

During FY2024, there were increases in payroll costs as additional medical and sales and marketing staff were hired to support the Group's expansion plans. There were also higher spending on sales and marketing to enhance our presence in the e-commerce marketplace in China. Higher amount of depreciation was also recorded during FY2024 with the acquisition of new and up-to-date medical equipment.

Despite significant investment in human capital and business development initiatives, the Group generated credible net profits of S\$2.1 million and cash flows from operating activities of S\$2.6 million, underscoring our financial resilience.

#### **DIVIDEND RECOMMENDATION**

The Board is pleased to propose a final dividend of 1.0 Singapore cent per share for FY2024, which will be the same as the final dividend for FY2023. This represents 63% of net profit attributable to owners ("NPAT") for FY2024 and is in line with our commitment to distribute dividend of not less than 40% of NPAT for FY2024 as disclosed on page 63 of the Offer Document dated 18 October 2023.

#### **EXPANDING DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS**

#### **Physical Channels**

In August 2024, the Company opened its fourth clinic, Niks Maple North Clinic, in Yishun Central. The new clinic, equipped with DiscoveryPICO laser machine and Inmode Contoura machine, enables us to provide a more comprehensive geographical coverage in Singapore and also makes it more convenient for our patients from the northern region of Singapore and Johor Bahru in Malaysia to visit us.

# **CHAIRMAN'S** STATEMENT

During FY2024, NPSCL recruited new regional agents to tap on sales opportunities in Guangdong, Hunan and Anhui Provinces of China, where we were not represented previously. Today, our regional agents in China cover 16 province-level regions (including Chongqing, Jiangsu and Sichuan) and 1 municipality (Shenzhen).

The Group will continue to seek suitable regional agents to expand our network in China, as well as support existing agents in enhancing their customer outreach programmes.

#### **Online Channels**

The Group operates online stores through our website and on WeChat mini-program, allowing customers to conveniently purchase NIKS skincare products any time and from anywhere. During FY2024, the Group set up new online shops in several e-commerce platforms, namely Shopee and Lazada in Singapore and Tmall in China.

To leverage on the popularity of Rednote, the Group launched an account on the social media and e-commerce platform in April 2024, sharing content related to NIKS products to build brand awareness. In February 2025, the Group added an online store to Rednote and successfully commenced sales of its products through this channel.

The Group plans to further enhance its presence on social media and e-commerce platforms, while deepening engagement with new and the younger consumers in Singapore and China.

#### MAINTAINING COMPETITIVE EDGE

We pride ourselves in being at the forefront of technological innovation, consistently embracing and adopting cutting-edge medical equipment. To enhance our business capabilities, the Group added imaging, hair treatment and body contouring machines to our clinics and shop salons during FY2024. These additions include the 7th Generation VISIA Skin Analysis System, which significantly refines the imaging and skin type classification process, and the Tricopat machines that provide treatments to address hair thinning concerns. Please do refer to page 7 ('New Channels and Service Offerings' section) of Annual Report 2024 for the description and key features of other medical equipment we acquired during FY2024.

To date, we offer over 100 NIKS skincare products formulated to work alongside prescription medication and medical procedures, delivering a targeted, multi-pronged approach to improving skin condition. We regularly launch new or enhanced products powered by clinically proven ingredients and designed to meet evolving market needs.

New or enhanced products we launched in the recent couple of years include: (a) Fast Acting Itch Relief Moisturiser which offer quick itch relief and sustained anti-itch effects and; (b) Colourless Carotenoid Glutathione, an oral skincare product which harnesses the synergistic effects of L-glutathione, L-cystine and colourless carotenoids to lighten the skin and reduce the size of facial dark spots.

The Group continues to seek potential acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic alliances to augment its business. We shall update shareholders as and when there is significant development in this aspect.

#### **CREATING SUSTAINABLE VALUE**

The Board and management remain committed to strengthening our transparency and disclosure practices. In Annual Report 2024, we introduce an expanded risk management section that clearly outlines our risk management framework, key risks and mitigating measures. This enhanced disclosure reflects our dedication to sound corporate governance and provides stakeholders with greater visibility into our risk oversight processes.

We are proud to demonstrate year-on-year progress in various material topics under our EESG pillars in our second sustainability report incorporated in Annual Report 2024. From FY2025, we will align climate reporting with the standards developed by the International Sustainability Standards Board.

#### **APPRECIATION**

We would not be where we are today without the dedication and hard work of our management, doctors and staff, strategic guidance of the Board and the unwavering support of our shareholders. I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your contribution and commitment.

As we look ahead, we are optimistic about the opportunities that lie before us. While we anticipate challenges in our pursuit of growth, we have confidence that our strengths would empower us to convert industry headwinds into competitive advantages and to consistently deliver sustainable value to our shareholders.

CHENG SHOONG TAT Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

# **BOARD OF** DIRECTORS



MR CHENG SHOONG TAT Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date of first appointment: 22 September 1998

Date of last re-appointment: 26 April 2024

Past (Preceding 5 years)

Mr Cheng is responsible for the overall management, strategic planning and business development of the Group.

Prior to his appointment with the Group, he was, among others, Chief Financial Officer of SPH Mediaworks Ltd from 2000 to 2003, Senior Vice President of Pontiac Land Private Limited from 1997 to 2000 and General Manager (Planning and Finance) at China-Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park Development Group Co., Ltd (the developer of the Suzhou Industrial Park in Suzhou, China) from 1994 to 1996.

Mr Cheng holds a Bachelor of Arts (Mathematics) from Trinity College, University of Cambridge, a Master of Business Administration from the London Business School, University of London, and a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the University of London. He was awarded the President's Scholarship by the Singapore government in 1979.

Directorship in other listed	companies and other principal commitments
Present	Nil
Past (Preceding 5 years)	Nil

Mr Yeo started his career in the Singapore Civil Service and subsequently worked in various banks advising on project finance in the infrastructure sector in Asia, Europe and Latin America. He also held several senior executive appointments in Hong Kong and Dubai.

Mr Yeo graduated from the University of Oxford with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in 1985 and subsequently obtained his Masters of Arts (Honorary Degree) and Master of Laws from the University of Oxford and the National University of Singapore respectively in 1989. He has also completed INSEAD's Advanced Management Programme and obtained an Executive Diploma in Directorship from the Singapore Management University and the Singapore Institute of Directors. Mr Yeo was recognised as a Senior Accredited Director under the Director Accredition Programme of the Singapore Institute of Directors in 2024.

Directorship in other liste	ed companies and other principal commitments
Present	Non-executive chairman, IREIT Global Group Pte. Ltd. (Trustee-manager of IREIT Global)  Non-executive director, Keppel Infrastructure Fund Management Pte Ltd (Trustee-manager of Keppel Infrastructure Trust) (To retire on 15 April 2025)  Independent director, Vicplas International Ltd

Non-executive director, Changi Airport Group (Singapore) Pte Ltd



**MR MARK ANDREW YEO KAH CHONG** Age 62

Deputy Chairman and Lead Independent Director

Date of first appointment: 27 September 2023

Date of last re-appointment: 26 April 2024

Director seeking re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company. Please refer to the section titled 'Disclosure of Information on Directors Seeking Re-Election'.

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dr Ong is responsible for the overall strategic direction, management and operation of the Group's clinics and retail outlets, including overseeing the Group's overall medical practices, standards and governance. She is also responsible for the Group's product formulation and testing, and product

Dr Ong has been practising medicine since 1985, starting with public hospitals and private medical groups and eventually setting up Maple Clinic in 1994 and laying the foundation of our Group.

Dr Ong graduated from the National University of Singapore ("NUS") with Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees in 1985. She obtained a postgraduate Diploma in Dermatology in 1992 from the St John's Institute of Dermatology in the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals (now part of King's College, London). She also obtained a Graduate Diploma in Mental Health from NUS in 2021.

Directorship in other listed	companies and other principal commitments
Present	Nil
Past (Preceding 5 years)	Nil



**DR ONG FUNG CHIN\*** President and Chief Medical Officer

Date of first appointment: 26 April 2003

Date of last re-appointment: -



**MR MANU BHASKARAN\*** Age 66 Independent Director

Date of first appointment: 27 September 2023

Date of last re-appointment: 26 April 2024

Mr Bhaskaran is a Director of Centennial Group Holdings LLC, as well as the founding CEO of its subsidiary, Centennial Asia Advisors Pte Ltd. He was Managing Director/Chief Economist of Société Générale Securities from 1989 to 2001, where he supervised Asian economic and investment strategy. From 1982 to 1989, he worked in the Singapore Civil Service, supervising a team that prepared strategic political and economic assessments of Asia for senior Singapore government officials.

Mr Bhaskaran graduated with an honours degree in Economics from the University of Cambridge in 1980 and was conferred with a Master of Arts (also known as MA (Cantab)) from the University of Cambridge in 1984. He obtained a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University in 1987. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst.

#### Directorship in other listed companies and other principal commitments

Present Independent director, Japfa Ltd. Non-executive and independent director, Sembcorp Industries Ltd Director, Centennial Group Holdings LLC CEO, Centennial Asia Advisors Pte Ltd Adjunct Senior Research Follow, Institute of Policy Independent director, IFS Capital Limited

Past (Preceding 5 years)

Non-executive director, CIMB Investment Bank Berhad

Mr Tan has over 30 years of working experience in major listed companies and held various positions in corporate development and communications, officer of GuocoLand Limited from 2008 to 2015 and Director of Financial Officer of GuocoLand Limited from 2008 to 2015 and Director of Finance of QAF Limited from 2017 to 2021. He was a board member of the Central Provident Fund Board from 2014. Object to 2020, and held appointments in private companies in Malaysia, Australia, China, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

Mr Tan graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) from the University of Cambridge in 1983. He was conferred the Pingat Bakti Masyarakat (The Public Service Medal) in 2019 for work done with the Home Affairs Uniformed Services INVEST Board of Trustees.

Directorship in other listed companies and other principal commitments				
Present	Non-executive director ("NED"), Cambridge Colleges Scholarships (Singapore) Ltd. NED and chairman of Risk and Audit Committee, Home Affairs Uniformed Services INVEST Fund			
Past (Preceding 5 years)	Executive director, QAF Limited  NED and chairman of Audit Committee, Central  Provident Fund Board			



MR TAN TECK HUAT Age 63 Independent Director

Date of first appointment: 27 September 2023

Date of last re-appointment: 26 April 2024

# **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

#### **WU PEICONG**

Chief Financial Officer

Mr Wu joined the Company in May 2023 and is in charge of the financial and corporate affairs of the Group, including financial reporting, tax, internal controls and corporate governance.

He started his career at RSM SG Assurance LLP (formerly known as RSM Chio Lim LLP) as an auditor in 2005 and has been the finance manager/financial controller of 3 Singapore listed companies, Hafary Holdings Limited, Reclaims Global Limited and Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd. between 2011 and 2023.

Mr Wu is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a non-practising Chartered Accountant of Singapore. He obtained his Master of Science in Professional Accountancy Degree from the University of London in 2017.

#### **ONG HUEY JWU**

General Manager (Singapore)

Ms Ong has been the General Manager (Singapore) of the Company since January 2020 and is in charge of the overall operations in the Singapore office.

She started her career as a tax officer with the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore in 1993. She moved to the banking industry in 1994 and has worked in Sanwa Bank Limited (now known as MUFG Bank Limited) and Lloyds TSB Bank. From 2001 to 2019, Ms Ong worked at MUFG Bank Limited and her last appointment was Director and Head of Transaction Control, Export Credit Agency, Commodities and Trade Finance Department (Asian Investment Banking Division). She was formerly employed by the Company as a manager between 1999 and 2001 to set up the Group's retail-related business.

Ms Ong graduated from Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1990 and a Master of Business Administration in 1992.

#### **ANBHU SELVEM**

Senior Accounting Manager

Mr Selvem joined the Company as an Accountant in February 2014 and was promoted to Senior Accounting Manager in February 2023.

He started his career at Richard Tan & Co as Audit Associate from June 1996 to January 2000. He was subsequently Accountant of G3 Technologies Pte Ltd and Finance Manager of Stamford Raffles College Pte. Ltd. before joining the Company.

Mr Selvem graduated from Universiti Utara Malaysia with a Bachelor of Accountancy (Honours) in 1996 and earned a Masters of Arts in Total Quality Management from the Nottingham Trent University in 2011. He is a Chartered Accountant with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

### **NEW CHANNELS** AND SERVICE OFFERINGS

#### **OPENING OF NIKS MAPLE NORTH CLINIC**

Our new clinic at 926 Yishun Central 1 #01-175 Singapore 760926, equipped with DiscoveryPICO laser machine and Inmode Contoura machine (for skin tightening and body contouring treatment), commenced operations in August 2024. This expansion brings enhanced convenience to our patients in the northern part of Singapore, as well as those visiting from Malaysia.

#### **TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED SKINCARE TREATMENT**

Our key medical equipment are centralised at Niks Maple Central Clinic (The CentrePoint) to maximise operational efficiency and optimise utilisation. The following machines for clinic and salon use are acquired during FY2024 to enhance capabilities and expand our service offerings.



#### **Multifrax Digital Peel Laser**

An advanced patented dual wavelength laser emitting 1,550nm and 1,927nm in a single shot which delivers unparalleled results in pigment lightening, skin tone rejuvenation, skin resurfacing and transdermal infusions with minimum downtime, pain and inconvenience.

#### Reborn System (For fat reduction and body contouring)

Operating at a 940nm infrared wavelength, the Reborn System ensures optimal and uniform heat absorption in targeted fat cells, inducing apoptosis for localized fat reduction. The heat is precisely targeted at fat cells, ensuring exceptional safety and zero downtime for patients.





#### TruSculpt ID (For non-surgical, non-invasive body sculpting)

Latest advancement that is clinically proven to treat the entire fat layers and reduce fat thickness and permanent fat cell by an average rate of 24%. The cutting-edge monopolar RF (2MHz-low frequency) platform offers customised treatment and targets stubborn fat, resulting in long-lasting fat loss. Trusculpt ID treats multiple body areas simultaneously within 15 minutes with utmost safety and minimal discomfort.

#### **Classys Ultraformer MPT**

Harness advanced high-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) technology to combat sagging, fine lines, wrinkles, droopy eyelids and uneven skin tone. Paired with Niks skincare products, this treatment not only extends but also enhances youth and beauty.





Tricopat Available at Niks Maple Central Clinic and all Niks Shop Salons

Treats male and female androgenetic alopecia and hair thinning by combining controlled microdermo-incision and pressure wave technologies. The resulting dynamic-restructuring actions effectively reduce hair loss and promote thicker, healthier hair.

#### **EXPANDED SALES CHANNELS**

During FY2024, the Group established regional distributorships in Guangdong, Hunan and Anhui Provinces, where we were previously not represented. As at 28 March 2025, the Group's regional distributors in China cover 16 provinces and 1 city.

In addition to online shop in our website (www.nikspro.com) and WeChat Mini-Programs (Shop name: 新加坡阅肤护 肤品), we have set up new online shops in the following e-commerce platforms.

Singapore:

Niks Shop Salon

Niks Shop Salon

China:

阅肤旗航店

阅肤 (Rednote ID: 11111645531)

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	FY2024	FY2023	Increase/(E	Decrease)
	<b>S\$</b> '000	<b>S\$</b> '000	<b>S\$</b> '000	%
Revenue	11,190	10,854	336	3.1
nterest income	206	210	(4)	(1.9)
Other income and gains	301	577	(276)	(47.8)
Changes in inventories	260	(25)	285	NM
Purchases and related costs	(2,074)	(1,593)	481	30.2
imployee benefits expense	(5,033)	(4,768)	265	5.6
Depreciation	(1,023)	(740)	283	38.2
Other losses	(43)	(111)	(68)	(61.3)
inance costs	(74)	(76)	(2)	(2.6)
Other expenses	(1,224)	(2,099)	(875)	(41.7)
Profit before income tax	2,486	2,229	257	11.5
ncome tax expense	(407)	(488)	(81)	(16.6)
Profit for the year	2,079	1,741	338	19.4
Profit attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	2,079	1,686	393	23.3
Non-controlling interest		55	(55)	NM
Profit for the year	2,079	1,741	338	19.4
Other comprehensive income:				
tems that may be reclassified subsequently to				
profit or loss:				
oreign currency translation differences	15	(40)	55	NM
Other comprehensive income	15	(40)	55	NM
otal comprehensive income for the year	2,094	1,701	393	23.1
Total comprehensive income attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	2,094	1,646	448	27.2
lon-controlling interest		55	(55)	NM
	2,094	1,701	393	23.1
Earnings per share (cents) – Basic and diluted	4 6	4.3		
Based on 130,000,000 ordinary shares	1.6	1.3		

NM - Not meaningful

For illustrative purpose only, the follow adjustments show what the profit attributable to owners of the Company would have been in the absence of non-recurring IPO-related income and expenses.

	FY2024	FY2023	Change	
	S\$'000	<b>S\$</b> '000	<b>S\$</b> '000	%
Profit attributable to owners of the Company (" <b>NPAT</b> ") Adjustments:	2,079	1,686	393	23.3
Non-recurring IPO expenses	_	931	(931)	NM
PO-related government grant income	_	(300)	300	NM
IPO-related share-based payment	_	157	(157)	NM
Adjusted NPAT	2,079	2,474	(395)	(16.0)

#### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	31 December 2024 \$\$'000	31 December 2023 S\$'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	11,699	10,970
Deferred tax assets	44	44
Other assets	145	102
	11,888	11,116
Current assets		
Inventories	2,059	1,842
Trade and other receivables	364	586
Cash and cash equivalents	9,180	9,086
	11,603	11,514
Total assets	23,491	22,630
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	6,475	6,475
Retained earnings	13,845	13,066
Foreign currency translation reserve	(4)	(19)
Share-based payment reserve	157	157
Other reserves	(297)	(297)
Equity, attributable to owners of the Company	20,176	19,382
Non-controlling interest		_
Total equity	20,176	19,382
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	892	912
Provision	80	_
	972	912
Current liabilities		
Income tax payable	400	445
Trade and other payables	993	1,070
Lease liabilities	675	522
Other liabilities	275	299
	2,343	2,336
Total liabilities	3,315	3,248
Total equity and liabilities	23,491	22,630
Total equity and habilities	25,491	22,030
Net asset value per share (cents)		
Based on 130,000,000 ordinary shares	15.5	14.9
based on 130,000,000 orallary shares		1 1.5
Turnover (Number of days):		
Trade receivables <sup>1</sup>	3	3
Trade payables	26	36
Inventories <sup>2</sup>	392	428

#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Majority of the Group's patients and customers make immediate payment upon the receiving of the Group's products and/or services. As such, trade receivables turnover days were negligible.

The Group maintains adequate inventories to avoid risk of stockouts arising from supply chain disruptions. As such, it is usual for inventory turnover period to hover around 365 days.

#### **REVENUE**

Revenue by segment	FY2024 S\$'000	FY2023 S\$'000
Clinics	6,868	6,808
Retail	2,211	2,216
Headquarters	2,111	1,830
Total	11,190	10,854

Revenue increased by S\$0.3 million or 3.1% from S\$10.9 million in FY2023 to S\$11.2 million in FY2024. These were mainly attributable to the increase in sales in the headquarters segment, mainly driven by sales to new regional agents in China, sales generated from our new online store at Tmall and higher volume of sales generated from online store at the Company's website.

#### **OTHER INCOME AND GAINS**

The decrease in other income and gains by \$\$0.3 million or 47.8% from \$\$0.6 million in FY2023 to \$\$0.3 million in FY2024 was mainly due to lower government grant income. During FY2023, the Company recognised a one-time grant income (Grant for Equity Market Singapore) in relation to the Company's IPO amounting to \$\$0.3 million. This decrease was partially offset by a write-back of deposits and advance payments amounting to \$\$31,000 during FY2024 (FY2023: NIL) and foreign exchange adjustment gains amounting to \$\$47,000 (FY2023: NIL) mainly arising from foreign exchange gain on bank deposits denominated in United States dollar. Please refer to note 7 of the Company's financial statements for the breakdown of key items in other income and gains.

#### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE**

The increase in employee benefits expense for FY2024 as compared to FY2023 was mainly due to salary increment and increase in headcount, such as the hiring of a doctor and deputy general manager (Sales and marketing). No performance bonus was paid or payable to the executive directors in relation of FY2024 (FY2023: S\$168,000) as the minimum Group's profit before income tax required for the executive directors to be entitled to performance bonus is not achieved. Please refer to page 66 of Annual Report 2024 for key terms of the executive directors' service agreements.

# COST OF GOODS SOLD AND GROSS MARGIN ON PRODUCT SALES

	FY2024 S\$'000	FY2023 S\$'000
Sale of goods	8,925	8,722
Cost of goods sold	(1,814)	(1,618)
Gross profit	7,111	7,104
Gross profit margin	79.7%	81.4%

The increases in cost of goods sold were due to increases in purchase costs and also in tandem with the increase in revenue.

#### **DEPRECIATION**

Depreciation increased by \$\$0.3 million or 38.2% during FY2024 compared to FY2023. This was mainly due to addition of medical equipment, computers, renovation and right-of-use assets (in relation to leasing arrangement for office, warehouse, clinic and retail premises) since the start of the second half of FY2023 which resulted in higher depreciation recognised thereafter.

#### **OTHER LOSSES**

The decrease in other losses for FY2024 compared to FY2023 was mainly due to a lower amount of allowance for impairment of slow-moving inventories recognised in FY2024 compared to FY2023. Please refer to note 9 of the Company's financial statements for the breakdown of key items in other losses.

#### **OTHER EXPENSES**

The decrease in other expenses for FY2024 compared to FY2023 was mainly due to the absence of non-recurring IPO-related expenses and a reduction in rental expenses. The above decreases were partially offset by increases in listing expenses, professional fees, advertising and marketing expenses and foreign workers' levy.

#### PROFIT BEFORE TAX

Profit before income tax was \$\$2.5 million for FY2024 and \$\$2.2 million for FY2023. Excluding non-recurring IPO-related income and expenses of \$\$0.8 million, profit before income tax for FY2023 would have been \$\$3.0 million.

#### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

#### **NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

Non-current assets increased by S\$0.8 million from S\$11.1 million as at 31 December 2023 to S\$11.9 million as at 31 December 2024. The increase was mainly due to additions of plant and equipment amounting to S\$1.0 million and recognition of rights-of-use assets (relating to leases of premises) amounting to S\$0.8 million. The above increases were partially offset by depreciation amounting to S\$1.0 million.

#### **CURRENT ASSETS**

Current assets increased by S\$0.1 million from S\$11.5 million as at 31 December 2023 to S\$11.6 million as at 31 December 2024. The increase was mainly due to increase in inventories by S\$0.2 million and cash and cash equivalents by S\$0.1 million. The above increases were partially offset by decrease in trade and other receivables by S\$0.2 million.

Increase in inventories was in tandem with increase in sales. Included in trade and other receivables as at 31 December 2023 was IPO-related government grant receivable amounting to S\$0.3 million that was received during FY2024. This decrease in government grant receivable was partially offset by increases in deposits paid and advance payments to suppliers. The higher deposits as at 31 December 2024 was attributable to deposits paid for purchases of medical and other equipment.

#### **NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Non-current liabilities mainly comprised non-current portion of lease liabilities in relation to leases of premises. Increase in lease liabilities arising from the recognition of lease liabilities relating to the Company's new clinic premises in Yishun Central and the renewal of lease of the Company's corporate headquarters at 16 Kallang Place, were offset by lease repayments during FY2024. During FY2024, a provision for restoration of leased premises amounting to S\$0.1 million was recognised.

#### **CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Current liabilities remained constant at S\$2.3 million as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023. Increase in lease liabilities by S\$0.2 million was offset by decreases in income tax payable, trade and other payables and other liabilities.

Other payables comprised amount due to a medical equipment supplier. The lower customers' deposits received was due to the smaller amount of outstanding customers' orders as at 31 December 2024 compared to 31 December 2023.

#### LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES HELD BY THE GROUP AND COMPANY

Address	728 Ang Mo Kio Ave 6 #01-4224 Singapore 560728	214 Bedok North St 1 #01-169 Singapore 460214	2 Venture Drive #01-27 Vision Exchange Singapore 608526
Description	HDB shophouse	HDB shophouse	Commercial shop unit
Usage	Retail shop and salon; and partially leased out for rental income	Retail shop and salon; and partially leased out for rental income	Medical clinic
Tenure	86 years from 1 October 1993	86 years from 1 October 1992	99 years from 10 June 2013
Gross floor area (Square feet)	1,625	1,593	861
Purchase price (S\$'000)	2,945	3,346	3,875
Net book value as at 31 December 2024 (S\$'000)	2,691	2,929	3,563
Open market valuation (S\$'000) Valuation date: 31 December 2022	3,000	3,050	3,700

# **CORPORATE** INFORMATION

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr Cheng Shoong Tat Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Mr Mark Andrew Yeo Kah Chong Deputy Chairman and Lead Independent Director

Dr Ong Fung Chin President and Chief Medical Officer

Mr Manu Bhaskaran Independent Director

Mr Tan Teck Huat Independent Director

#### **AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE**

Mark Andrew Yeo Kah Chong (Chairman) Manu Bhaskaran Tan Teck Huat

#### **NOMINATING AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

Manu Bhaskaran (Chairman) Mark Andrew Yeo Kah Chong Tan Teck Huat

#### **COMPANY SECRETARIES**

Siau Kuei Lian, ACS, ACG (Singapore) Tan Zhi Wei, ACS, ACG (Singapore)

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#### **DATE OF INCORPORATION**

22 September 1998

#### **DATE OF LISTING ON CATALIST** OF THE SINGAPORE EXCHANGE

27 October 2023

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

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#### **BOARD STATEMENT**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Niks Professional Ltd. (the "Company" and, together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") is pleased to present the Company's sustainability report for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 ("FY2024"), which covers the Company and an active subsidiary in China, Niks Professional (Shanghai) Co., Limited ("NPSCL"). The Company's 2 other subsidiaries were inactive during FY2024 (Please refer to group structure at the 'Corporate Profile' section of Annual Report 2024) and not covered in this report.

This report provides insights into the way the Group conduct its business while highlighting the Group's:

- Commitment to work with key stakeholders;
- Approach, priorities, performance and targets for material economic, environmental, social and governance ("EESG") topics; and
- Climate-related risks and opportunities and how they are identified, assessed and managed.

#### **Sustainability Governance**

The Board has ultimate responsibility for the Company's sustainability reporting, oversees the managing and monitoring of the material EESG topics and considers sustainability issues in the Group's business and strategy.

The Sustainability Committee identifies and updates the Board of the material EESG topics and climate-related risks and opportunities concerning the Group's business annually and as and as when required, taking into account of internal and external developments and feedback from stakeholders of the Group. The committee is also responsible for planning and implementing sustainability initiatives.

The Company's Sustainability Committee and Enterprise Risk Management Committee comprise the executive directors and executive officers of the Company as follow:

Cheng Shoong Tat (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) Ong Fung Chin (President and Chief Medical Officer) Wu Peicong (Chief Financial Officer) Ong Huey Jwu (General Manager (Singapore)) Anbhu Selvem (Senior Accounting Manager)

To ensure our sustainability effort is conducted and reported to an acceptable industry standard, the Board of Directors have attended the mandatory sustainability training as prescribed by the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST"). The directors have confirmed that they do not hold any shares in the Group's customers, suppliers and vendors.

#### Reporting Methodology

This report includes the primary components stipulated in:

- Rule 711B of the Listing Manual Section B: Rules of the Catalist (the "Catalist Rules") of the SGX-ST;
- Practice Note 7F Sustainability Reporting Guide issued by the SGX-ST;
- SGX Core Environment, Social and Governance Metrics;

- Final report of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ("TCFD") setting out the recommendations for helping businesses disclose climate-related financial information; and
- Implementation guidance on recommendations of TCFD (2021 Annex).

The Group relied on internal data monitoring and verification to ensure the accuracy of data and information.

The Group has chosen to report on sustainability using the Global Reporting Initiative ("GRI") framework for its comprehensive guidance on sustainability issues and disclosures. GRI is also a globally recognised sustainability reporting framework that would enable the Group to be more easily understood and compared with other listed groups in Singapore and in other jurisdictions. This report has been prepared with reference to the GRI Standards (GRI 1: Foundation 2021) and covers the sustainability values and performance of our Group for FY2024.

#### Restatements

No restatements were made from the previous report.

#### Review

The information presented in this report has not undergone independent external assurance. The Company is expected to obtain external limited assurance for Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas ("**GHG**") emissions from FY2027 in order to comply with 'Climate Reporting and Assurance Roadmap' accepted by ACRA and Singapore Exchange Regulation ("**SGX RegCo**"). The Company may consider expanding coverage of external assurance for our future sustainability reports as our reporting processes mature.

An internal review of the sustainability reporting process would provide assurance that both management and the Board have oversight over the controls with regards to sustainability reporting. The internal review of the Group's sustainability reporting process would be performed by the Company's internal audit function and has been incorporated into FY2025 internal audit plan which was approved by the Board.

#### **Accessibility**

This sustainability report forms part of the Company's Annual Report for FY2024 ("Annual Report 2024") and should be read in conjunction with Annual Report 2024.

We listen to our stakeholders and welcome feedback on this report and with regards to our sustainability efforts. Please send us your questions, comments and suggestions via email: ir@nikspro.com; and/or contact us via phone: +65 6294 1802/2136.

Board of Directors, Niks Professional Ltd.

28 March 2025

#### **ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE**

Niks Professional is an integrated medical skin care provider, incorporating family practice dermatology and aesthetic medical services, medical skincare products, facial treatment and medical camouflage service under a single NIKS brand. The Group has 3 key operating segments, namely Clinics, Retail and Headquarters (Please refer to 'Corporate Profile' section of Annual Report 2024).

Medical skincare treatments provided by the Group are complemented by a portfolio of more than 100 unique proprietary medical skincare products, which are conceptualised by our doctors and manufactured in Good Manufacturing Practice ("GMP") - compliant factories in the United States and Europe.

#### Vision and Mission

The Company's sustainability values are incorporated in the Company's vision and mission statements.

#### Vision:

As a trusted destination for skincare excellence, guided by our steadfast commitment to ethical practices, we strive to offer unmatched expertise and solutions, all conveniently available under one roof.

#### Mission:

At NIKS, our mission is to empower our valued customers through the delivery of highly effective skincare products and services rooted in our unwavering ethical principles. We are dedicated to enhancing and maintaining their skin health, allowing their confidence and overall well-being to naturally shine.

#### **Award and Membership**

NPSCL received Good Corporate Citizen Award for FY2024 from the People's Government of Dachang Town, Baoshan District, Shanghai. This represents recognition by the local People's Government of NPSCL's good practices and operations, including full payment of taxes and support for the government's development strategies.

The Company is a member of Singapore Business Federation.

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Sustainability is part of the Group's strategy to create long-term value for all our stakeholders. The interests and requirements of key stakeholders are taken into account by the Board and management when formulating strategies in order to foster mutually beneficial relationships.

Key stakeholders are identified through an internal stakeholder mapping exercise taking into consideration of the extent stakeholders' interest are affected or could be affected by the Group's activities and the stakeholders' level of influence on the Group's ability to implement strategies and meet business goals.

The Group adopts both formal and informal engagement channels to understand the needs of key stakeholders and periodically evaluates the effectiveness of engagement channels and how well we are meeting the needs of the stakeholders. The table below describes the mechanisms of engagement with our key stakeholders and the material topics that are of greatest concern to them.

Key stakeholders	Key concerns	Group's commitment	Engagement channels
Customers	Distributors and other corporate customers of NIKS medical skincare products:  Regular and reliable support Product efficacy	To implement initiatives to drive sales and foster positive long-term business relationship.	<ul> <li>Regular meetings and discussions</li> <li>Training sessions</li> <li>Trade fairs and exhibitions</li> <li>Seminars and workshops</li> </ul>
	End customers of the Group's medical skincare products and services:  - Sound recommendation/ advices by doctors and clinic/retail staff  - Product quality and patient safety  - Cost-competitiveness  - Accurate product labelling (including ingredients and direction for use)	To deliver safe and effective skincare products and services through:  (a) adherence to ethical guidelines, best practices in administration of medical products/procedures and product labelling requirements; (b) deployment of latest technologies in aesthetic medical procedures; and (c) regular staff training and briefings.	<ul> <li>Clinic consultation sessions</li> <li>Direct contact with clinic/retail staff</li> <li>Enquiry and feedback channels</li> <li>Ad-hoc customer survey</li> <li>Social media and e-commerce platforms</li> <li>'MyNiks' web application</li> </ul>
Employees	<ul> <li>Conducive and safe working environment</li> <li>Competitive remuneration and benefits</li> <li>Open communications</li> <li>Career progression</li> <li>Training and development</li> </ul>	To provide our employees with safe and conducive working environment, fair remuneration and benefits and opportunities for career progression.	<ul> <li>On-boarding and orientation</li> <li>Get-together sessions (e.g. annual appreciation dinner)</li> <li>On-the-job training</li> <li>Staff briefings</li> <li>Annual performance appraisal</li> <li>Whistle-blowing channels</li> </ul>
Regulators	<ul> <li>Compliance with Catalist Rules of the SGX-ST</li> <li>Adherence to laws and regulations in jurisdictions where the Group operates</li> </ul>	To observe high standards of corporate governance which encompasses adhering to laws, regulations and standards and reporting/disclosure obligations.	<ul> <li>SGXNet announcements</li> <li>Annual reports and circulars</li> <li>Corporate governance reports</li> <li>Sustainability reports</li> <li>Seminars, trainings and dialogues organised by the relevant authorities</li> </ul>

Key stakeholders	Key concerns	Group's commitment	Engagement channels
Shareholders	<ul> <li>Growth strategies and plans</li> <li>Financial performance and stability</li> <li>Return on investment</li> <li>Risk management</li> <li>Corporate governance</li> <li>Sustainability</li> </ul>	To maximise shareholders' value through strengthening the Group's financial fundamentals and adopting sustainable business practices.	<ul> <li>SGXNet announcements</li> <li>Press releases</li> <li>Company's website</li> <li>General meetings (at venues accessible to shareholders)</li> <li>Annual reports and circulars</li> </ul>
Suppliers and vendors	<ul><li>Financial stability</li><li>Ability to adhere to payment terms</li><li>Long-term business relationship</li></ul>	To foster and maintain cordial relationships with suppliers and vendors by adhering to trading norms.	<ul> <li>Regular communications with suppliers and vendors</li> </ul>

#### **ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT ("ERM")**

Risk analysis and management is undertaken within the Group as a source of sustainable business benefits and competitive advantage. The Group has in place an ERM framework which includes a set of processes to ensure that the Group is aware of, and attends to, current and emerging risks. The Group's key risks (including climate-related risks), their mitigating measures, EESG (including human rights) impacts and action plans to further address these risks are documented in a risk register. The risk register of the Group is submitted for review and approval by the Board annually.

#### **MATERIAL TOPICS**

Material topics are determined through the following process.



Step 1: Understand

Understand the Group's context by considering its activities, business relationships, stakeholders and changes and developments in the business environment.

#### Step 2: Identify

- Identify EESG topics which may be material to the Group based on information and knowledge gathered from (a) step 1 above and from the reading of risk reports from credible sources and sustainability reports issued by listed companies which operate similar businesses as the Group.
- Review risk register under the Company's ERM framework and identify EESG topics which may be material to (b) the Group.
- (c) For the EESG topics identified above, identify actual and potential positive and negative impacts on the economy, environment and people (including human rights).

#### Step 3: Assess and Prioritise

Assess and rate significance of impacts - Significance of negative impact is determined by the severity and likelihood of impact and significance of positive impact is determined by the scale and scope and likelihood of impact.

Prioritise the most significance impacts to determine material topics for reporting.

#### Step 4: Validate

Material topics shall be presented to the Board annually for validation and approval.

#### Step 5: Review

Material topics for a particular financial year would, by default, be included in the preliminary list of material topics for the following financial year. Material topics would also be reviewed regularly by management in the course of business, taking into consideration of latest information gathered from stakeholders' engagement channels and the Company's grievances mechanism, to ensure that the Group continually identifies and focuses attention on material topics.

S/n	Pillar	Material topics	Reason(s) for its significance
1	Economic	Economic performance	Our financial performance affects our financial stability which in turn, has an impact on our ability to meet our financial obligations to various stakeholders and our ability to carry out business development initiatives that would help us compete better in the market.
		Customer satisfaction	Our financial performance is closely linked to how well we serve our patients and customers. We are determined to maintain competitive edge by meeting and exceeding expectations of our patients and customers.
2	Environmental	Packaging management	NIKS medical skincare products (including packaging) are manufactured according to the Company's specifications/ requirements. As such, the Company is well-poised to limit its carbon footprints arising from the manufacturing of its products.
3	Social	Consumer health and safety  Responsible marketing and labelling	As a healthcare provider, our patients, customers and the general public expect us to always prioritise consumer health and safety, present truthful and accurate information in our product labels and publicity materials and adhere to the applicable advertising and marketing guidelines.
4	Governance	Corporate governance Business ethics	Our shareholders and other stakeholders (such as the regulators) look to the management to maintain sound system of corporate governance to ensure that their investments and/or interests are safeguarded. Sound system of corporate governance could also lead to more objective and holistic decision-making.
		Data privacy	Laws and regulations relating to data privacy have become more stringent in recent years. The general public is also increasingly informed of their rights in this aspect. Any failure to adequately protect our patients' and customers' data could result in severe financial penalties and substantial damage to our reputation.

#### **ECONOMIC**

#### **Economic Performance**

All 3 leasehold properties of the Company were fully paid for and the Company has no bank borrowings. Management reviews the Group's financial position regularly and ensures that any business expansion initiatives, acquisition of capital assets and declaration of dividend would not result in cash flow issues that would disrupt the Group's ability to meet financial obligations.

More details of the Group's economic performance can be found in the following sections of Annual Report 2024:

- 'Financial Review'; and
- 'Directors' Statement and Financial Statements'.

#### Grants and Financial Assistance

Government grants received/receivable by group entities are as follow:

	FY2024	FY2023
Name of country	S\$'000	S\$'000
Singapore:  - Grant for Equity Market Singapore Scheme (in relation to the Company's listing on the SGX-ST in October 2023)	-	300
- Others	45	89
Sub-total China:	45	389
- Others	1	21
Total	46	410

Corporate tax rebate of S\$48,000, including S\$40,000 of Corporate Income Tax ("CIT") rebate in relation to FY2023 under the Enterprise Support Package of Singapore Budget 2024, was recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for FY2023.

CIT rebate of S\$40,000 in relation to FY2024, as announced in the Singapore Budget 2025, was recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for FY2024.

#### **Customer Satisfaction**

Niks Professional aims to be a trusted destination for skincare excellence and seek to offer highly effective skincare products and services to our patients and customers. Notable initiatives carried out during FY2024 to enhance customer experience and customer outreach are as follow:

#### Physical Distribution Channels

Our clinics and shop salons are located strategically across Singapore (Refer to 'Our Clinics and Shop Salons' section of Annual Report 2024). In August 2024, our 4th clinic, Niks Maple North Clinic, commenced operation at 926 Yishun Central 1 #01-175 Singapore 760926. The new clinic is equipped with DiscoveryPICO laser machine (Featured on the cover of Annual Report 2024) and Inmode Contoura machine (for skin tightening and body contouring treatment. This expansion enables us to have a more complete geographical coverage in Singapore and makes it easier for our patients from the northern region of Singapore and Johor Bahru of Malaysia to visit us.

NIKS medical skincare products are also marketed to hospitals, clinics and consumers in China by regional agents which cover 16 provinces (including Guangdong, Hunan and Anhui Provinces where we were not represented before FY2024) and 1 municipality (Shenzhen). In 2025, the Group will continue to seek suitable regional agents to expand our network in China, as well as support existing agents in enhancing their customer outreach programmes.

#### Technology-Enabled Services

Our range of medical equipment is updated regularly to enable our doctors to provide quality treatment to our patients. To enhance our business capabilities, the Group added imaging, hair treatment and body contouring machines to its clinics and shop salons during FY2024. Please refer to page 7 of Annual Report 2024 for description and photographs of the new medical equipment.

Our key medical equipment are centralised at Niks Maple Central Clinic (The CentrePoint) to maximise operational efficiency and optimise utilisation.

#### Social Media and Online Marketplaces

Social media offers businesses the opportunity to create and share content to raise brand awareness and to enhance engagement with customers and other stakeholders. In addition to posting about our products and services on our Facebook and Instagram channels regularly, the Group also make active use of WeChat articles and WeChat moments in China.

The Group operates online stores in our website and on WeChat mini-program, which enable our customers to purchase NIKS medical skincare products 24-7 at their convenience. During FY2024, the Group set up new online shops in several e-commerce platforms, namely Shopee and Lazada in Singapore and Tmall in China.

To capitalize on the popularity of Rednote (also known as Xiaohongshu), the Group established an account on the social media and e-commerce platform in April 2024 and began sharing content related to NIKS products to build brand awareness. In February 2025, the Group added an online store to Rednote and recorded its first sale through the platform.

For FY2025, the Group aims to enhance its presence on social media and strengthen engagement with new and the younger consumers.

#### Other Ongoing Programmes

#### (a) Trainings, Workshops and Exhibitions

Our product trainer in Singapore trains our retail associates, with refresher sessions conducted on a periodic basis. Our product trainer in China liaises with our regional agents, who will then coordinate the training sessions with their sales teams.

During FY2024, the Group participated in 4 trade fairs, including the 19th Annual Meeting of China Dermatologist Association & National Congress of Cosmetic Dermatology and the 65th China International Beauty Expo (Guangzhou).

'MyNiks' Web Application (app.nikspro.com) (b)

The Company has a 'MyNiks' web application which includes the following features for end-consumers:

- Real-time access to clinical records (for example medical certificates and skin regimen);
- Replenishment of medications and NIKS medical skincare products without the need to visit any of our physical premises;
- Scheduling of appointments with clinics and Niks Shop Salons (for facial services);
- Remote consultation that can be conducted within the 'electronic medical record' module and without the need for patients to log into a separate video conferencing app;
- In-app push notifications to remind patients and customers of their upcoming appointments; and
- Earning and redemption of NIK\$ for in-app purchase of NIKS medical skincare products.

Through 'MyNiks', our patients and customers can look to more interactive engagements with us at any time of the day.

#### (C) NIK\$ Scheme

The Company has a customer loyalty programme, NIK\$ scheme, where patients and customers are rewarded with NIK\$ (points) for purchase of any NIKS skincare products in any Niks Maple Clinic, Niks Shop Salon or purchase made via NIKS Store at app.nikspro.com/store. 1 NIK\$ is earned for every net \$10 of purchase of NIKS skincare products. NIK\$ can be used to pay for purchases of NIKS skincare products and is valid for 1 year from the date of issue.

#### Climate Change - Risks, Opportunities and Financial Implications

According to TCFD recommendations, organisations need to consider 2 types of climate-related risks:

- Physical risk Those related to the physical impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather events, chronic (a) heat waves, sea-level rise, erosion and biodiversity loss.
- (b) Transition risk - Those related to the transition to a lower-carbon economy which could entail policy, legal, technology and market changes.

#### Climate-Related Risks

Climate-related risks are identified by management as part of the ERM process and included in the risk register. When identifying risks, management consider the Group's internal and external factors and EESG (including human rights) impacts. Risks that are initially classified in other categories, which have material EESG impacts, may be re-designated as climate-related risks.

The time horizons used by management to assess climate-related risks and opportunities are as follows:

- (a) Short term – Over the next 3 years from year 2025
- Medium term Through the following 7 years from year 2028 (b)
- (C) Long term – Up to the following 10 years from year 2035 to year 2044

S/n	Risk category	Description	Potential financial impact
1	Physical – Chronic	Extreme variability in weather patterns might have negative impact on workforce's health and additional headcount may be needed to cope with absenteeism  Time horizon: Medium to long term	Increase in payroll costs and/or restriction in sales growth
2	Transition – Policy and legal	Enhanced climate-related reporting obligations, such as the following:  Reporting requirements under the Mandatory Plastics Reporting ("MPR") of National Environment Agency ("NEA")  — Producers of packaged goods which generated turnover of more than S\$10 million for a particular year are required to submit packaging data for the following year along with 3R (Reduce, reuse and recycle) plans to the NEA.  As announced by ACRA and SGX RegCo on 28 February 2024, all listed issuers will be required to implement the mandatory climate-related disclosures as follows:  (i) From FY2025, all listed issuers will be required to report their climate-related disclosures, using requirements aligned with International Sustainability Standards Board ("ISSB") standards; and  (ii) From FY2027, all listed issuers are to conduct external limited assurance on Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions.  Time horizon: Short to medium term	Increase in compliance costs and/or payroll costs
3	Transition – Policy and legal	Greater push by the relevant authorities for beauty and personal care industry to use packaging materials which are or are perceived to be more environmental-friendly  Time horizon: Short to medium term	Increase in packaging costs
4	Transition – Market	Increased production cost due to increase in input prices (for example cost or raw materials and utilities) and output requirements (for example waste treatment)  Time horizon: Short to medium term	Increase in costs of production of goods which may increase the purchase price by consumers

During FY2024, the Company begun preparing for MPR for FY2025 and ISSB-aligned climate-related disclosures with effect from FY2025 and has been exploring ways to incorporate the data compilation work into existing processes. The Company will continue to embrace minimal packaging in our business to be well-prepared in meeting more stringent requirements from the authorities in relation to packaging and waste management.

#### Climate-Related Opportunities

With extreme weather conditions, there is potential for demand for skincare products to increase as consumers seek to mitigate the ill-effects of sun and ultraviolet ("UV") exposure, photo-damage and aging of skin. Coupled with a greater awareness of dermatological issues by consumers, skin treatments rendered by medical practitioners and medical skincare products may be more sought after.

S/n	Туре	Description	Potential financial impact
1	Products and services	Development of new products and treatments for skin issues resulting from UV exposure and airborne pollutants  Time horizon: Medium to long term	Increase in revenue
2	Products and services	Ability to diversify to other complementary business activities  Time horizon: Medium to long term	Increase in revenue
3	Markets	Access to new and emerging markets  Time horizon: Short to medium term	Increase in revenue

The Group offers a comprehensive suite of skin treatments and medical skincare products for more than 25 years and would be able to help our patients and customers cope with skin issues arising from climate change.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

#### **GHG Emissions**

Scope	Activity type	FY2024	FY2023
	Carbon emission (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent) (G	roup)¹	
1	Stationary combustion	_	-
	Mobile combustion	7	8
	Scope 1 - Total	7	8
2	Electricity <sup>2</sup>	52	48
	Scope 2 - Total	52	48
1 and 2	Total	59	56

Emission intensities	Unit of measurement	FY2024	FY2023
Scope 1	Ton/Revenue (S\$'000)	_*	_*
Scope 2		0.01	0.01
Scope 1	Ton/Average number of employees during financial period	0.12	0.16
Scope 2		0.91	0.94

<sup>\*</sup> Negligible as the Group only has 1 light goods vehicle.

Specific metrics (Group)	FY2024	FY2023
Revenue (S\$'000)	11,190	10,854
Average number of employees	57	51

#### Notes:

- GHG emissions are derived in accordance with the requirements of the "GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standards". The Global Warming Potential dataset is based on the 2014 IPCC Fifth Assessment Report.
- The equivalent CO2 emission for electricity is mainly based on the operating margin factors from the Energy Market Authority of Singapore.

#### **Electricity Consumption**

Performance indicator (Group)	Unit of measurement	FY2024	FY2023
Electricity consumption	kWh	110,729	101,006
Electricity consumption intensity	kWh/Revenue (S\$'000)	10	9
Electricity consumption intensity	kWh/Average number of employees during financial period	1,943	1,980

Our key electricity conservation initiatives are as follow:

- Track and review electricity usage regularly and take corrective actions if required;
- Switch to energy-efficient LED lighting where possible;
- Air-conditioners are serviced regularly to ensure that they are working efficiently;
- Turn off lights and air-conditioners when they are not in use; and
- Consider energy efficiency when procuring plant and equipment.

During FY2024, we replaced the air-conditioners in our Ang Mo Kio and Bedok shophouses with energy-efficient ones with help from the Energy Efficiency Grant. This resulted in improved electricity consumption intensity based on the average number of employees. On a per revenue basis, electrical consumption intensity remained relatively consistent as consumption was contained despite the addition of a new clinic in Yishun.

#### **Water Consumption**

Water are mainly used for our clinic and retail (which provides facial services) operations.

Performance indicator (Group)	Unit of measurement	FY2024	FY2023
Water consumption	$m^3$	684	1,013
Water consumption intensity	m <sup>3</sup> /Revenue (S\$'000)	0.06	0.09
Water consumption intensity	m <sup>3</sup> /Average number of employees during financial period	12.00	19.86

Note:  $1m^3 = 1,000L$ 

The decrease in water consumption recorded was attributable to one of our clinics and after a change of water meter by the relevant governmental agency. Company could not be certain whether there was actual leakage of water and has nevertheless reminded employees to be vigilant for faults in our facilities which could result in wastage of resources.

Our key water conservation initiatives are as follow:

- Track and review water usage regularly and take corrective actions if required; and
- Consider water efficiency when procuring plant and equipment.

#### **Packaging Management**

According to the NEA, out of 1.89 million tonnes of domestic waste (i.e. waste collected from households and trade premises such as shophouses, educational institutions, petrol stations, hawker centres and places of worship) disposed of in 2023, about 1/3 are packaging waste. Beauty and personal care product packaging often comes with extra challenges as a lot of the packaging is a mixture of different categories/types of materials that make it difficult to recycle.

#### References:

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#### Minimal Packaging

The Company is mindful of this key sustainability challenge to the industry since the early years of operation and believes that focusing on what works, designing or selecting packaging that minimise waste, is the most cost-effective option and best for the environment and our customers. The Company adopts minimal packaging by:

- Doing away with boxes in product package where possible (Note: Less than 30% of our stock keeping units are sold with box packaging);
- Using shrink wrap (instead of more elaborated packaging) for products which need to be enclosed or secured;
- Printing of product information (such as ingredients and direction for use) on immediate container of products so that there is no need for product information inserts;
- Selecting packaging shapes that will maximise case and pallet utilisation and transport efficiency; and
- Reusing of small pre-loved boxes to pack online orders of our products. For aesthetic appeal, parcel would be wrapped with thin brown paper and labelled before being dispatched.

In addition, in designing or choosing the packaging of our skincare products, the Company aims to minimise product wastage due to leakage and damage of packaging and maximise consumer experience through using packaging that are fit for purpose. The container of the Golden Lipid Complex, one of our best-sellers, is an example of how we incorporate ergonomics in skincare product packaging. It is easy and safe to carry around anywhere and can be placed inverted so that even the last drop of liquid content can be extracted easily and not wasted.

#### Mandatory Packaging Reporting ("MPR")

Under the MPR scheme, major producers of packaged products, such as brand owners, manufacturers and importers, need to submit packaging data and 3R (Reduce, reuse and recycle) plans to the NEA. Companies will have to provide information on the packaging that they introduce into Singapore annually, broken down according to the type of packaging material (for example plastic, paper, metal and glass), packaging form (for example carrier bags, bottles) and the corresponding weights.

The Company's revenue for FY2024 exceeded S\$10 million (Prescribed threshold criteria) and accordingly, is required to report its packaging data for FY2025 and 3R plans to the NEA between 1 January 2026 and 31 March 2026.

#### SOCIAL

#### **Consumer Health and Safety**

At the core, the Group is a healthcare provider and will put its care for patients and medical ethics first. Although we are accountable to the shareholders, patient care can never be a trade-off. We are confident that our commitment to delivering high quality and safe skincare products and treatments will not only benefit our patients but also inspire them to recommend our clinics to others.

NIKS medical skincare products are manufactured by and subject to quality assurance processes at third-party manufacturing facilities which are GMP-compliant. Products are checked for defects when they are received in our warehouse, before they are dispatched to the clinics and shop salons and periodically at our premises. Majority of our skincare products have shelf life of 36 to 60 months. The Company purchases trading goods that are just enough for up to the next 12 months in order to avoid risk of stockouts arising from supply chain disruptions. Although cost per quantity of trading goods may be further reduced with larger order sizes, the Company opts not to order in quantities that are too large in order to keep our products fresh.

Our Chief Medical Officer ("CMO") oversees the Group's medical practices, standards and governance. Her responsibilities include:

- (a) advising on standard clinic procedures and practice guidelines in line with our internal policies and standard industry practices;
- (b) overseeing the overall clinic compliance with the relevant rules and regulations; and
- (C) monitoring performance of our doctors and recruitment of new doctors.

Our medical equipment, for example laser machines, are procured and inspected by our CMO. The equipment are regularly maintained and/or serviced according to manufacturers' recommendations. Clinic assistants assisting doctors for laser procedures are also trained to spot machine issues and report them to the CMO, who will liaise with the local agents for repair.

During FY2024, there is no non-compliance concerning the health and safety of the Group's skincare products and services and we aim to maintain this in the long term.

#### Responsible Marketing and Labelling

Errors and omissions in product labelling may prevent our customers from making informed purchasing choices. Material deficiencies and defects in the labelling of our products may result in mandatory recall of our skincare products from the market by the Health Science Authority of Singapore ("HSA") and similar government authorities in other countries, harming our reputation in the market.

During FY2024, there is no non-compliance by the Group concerning product and service information and labelling and marketing communications and we aim to maintain this in the long term.

#### ASEAN Cosmetic Directive

Skincare products are considered cosmetic products by HSA and like all manufacturers and distributors who wish to market their skincare products in the Singapore market, the Company must comply with the cosmetic products regulation, which is in line with the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive ("ACD"). To comply with ACD in the product labelling aspect, information, such as function of product, instructions for use, ingredients in concentrations of 1% or more (by weight), country of the manufacturer, batch reference, expiry date and special precautions (if any), must be labelled on the outer packaging or container of skincare products.

Labels and product information are checked against product specifications at packaging design stage and product notification stage. Laws and regulations in relation to product labelling are read from time to time to ensure that we are updated of the latest labelling requirements.

#### Advertising

Although medical skincare products are targeted to specific medical conditions and needs, have greater concentration of active ingredients, it is not medicine. The Company is careful not to label, advertise or promote our products for diagnosis, prevention, alleviation, treatment or cure (implied or otherwise) of any skin disease, disorder or medical condition. In order to not run afoul of the Advertising Law of China, the Group also avoid the use of medical jargons which may mislead the readers of our publicity materials and cause them to confuse our products with medicine.

In Singapore, advertising of medical services is regulated by applicable guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and the relevant laws and regulations in Singapore, including and not limited to the Healthcare Services (Advertisement) Regulations 2021 and Singapore Medical Council's Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines. We strive to comply with these guidelines when advertising or promoting our medical services and keeps with the decorum expected of the medical profession. When producing our publicity materials which may be posted on social media platforms, we make efforts to ensure that information presented are factual, accurate and capable of being substantiated.

#### **Workforce Profile**

As at 31 December 2024, the Group's workforce includes 6 doctors who are full-time employees of the Company (31 December 2023: 5 doctors). 5 of the employees are employed by subsidiary, Niks Professional (Shanghai) Co., Limited (31 December 2023: 4 employees). During FY2024 and FY2023, the Group did not hire any locum doctor or resident doctor. The number of and amount of work provided by casual labour and temporary or part-time employees is not significant.

Further movements and breakdowns of our workforce, which comprise permanent and full-time employees, during and as at the end of FY2024 and FY2023 are as follows:

	Ма	le	Fem	ıale	Tot	:al
FY2024	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
As at 1 January 2024 <sup>A</sup> :						
- Under 30 years old	-	-	5	10	5	10
- 30-50 years old	3	6	19	36	22	42
- Over 50 years old	7	13	18	35	25	48
Sub-total	10	19	42	81	52	100
Joiners during the year <sup>B</sup> :						
- Under 30 years old	-	-	4	6	4	6
- 30-50 years old	4	6	7	11	11	17
- Over 50 years old	2	3	1	2	3	5
Sub-total	6	9	12	19	18	28
Leavers during the year <sup>c</sup> :						
- Under 30 years old	-	-	(2)	4	(2)	4
- 30-50 years old	(2)	4	(1)	2	(3)	6
- Over 50 years old	-	-	(3)	5	(3)	5
Sub-total	(2)	4	(6)	11	(8)	15
As at 31 December 2024 <sup>A</sup> :						
- Under 30 years old	-	-	7	11	7	11
- 30-50 years old	5	8	25	40	30	48
- Over 50 years old	9	15	16	26	25	41
Total	14	23	48	77	62	100

The increase in headcount of the Group from 52 to 62 was mainly attributable to the hiring of 1 doctor, 1 deputy general manager (in charge of sales and marketing), clinical assistants of Niks Maple North Clinic which commenced operation in August 2024 and additional warehouse and logistics staff.

	Ма	le	Female		Tot	:al
FY2023	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
As at 1 January 2023 <sup>A</sup> :						
- Under 30 years old	-	-	3	6	3	6
- 30-50 years old	5	10	20	40	25	50
- Over 50 years old	5	10	17	34	22	44
Sub-total	10	20	40	80	50	100
Joiners during the year <sup>B</sup> :						
- Under 30 years old	-	-	9	17	9	17
- 30-50 years old	1	2	2	4	3	6
- Over 50 years old	1	2	3	6	4	8
Sub-total	2	4	14	27	16	31
Leavers during the year <sup>c</sup> :						
- Under 30 years old	-	-	(7)	14	(7)	14
- 30-50 years old	(1)	2	(1)	2	(2)	4
- Over 50 years old	(1)	2	(4)	8	(5)	10
Sub-total	(2)	4	(12)	24	(14)	28
As at 31 December 2023 <sup>A</sup> :						
- Under 30 years old	-	-	5	10	5	10
- 30-50 years old	5	10	21	40	26	50
- Over 50 years old	5	9	16	31	21	40
Total	10	19	42	81	52	100

#### Notes:

- A (%) Number of employees as percentage of total number of employees as at stated date
- B (%) Joiners (New employees hires) as percentage of total number of employees at period end date
- C (%) Employee turnover rate: Number of leavers/Average number of employees during the period x 100%

Nationality (FY2024)	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Singaporean	9	15	25	40	34	55
Chinese	3	5	6	10	9	15
Malaysian	1	2	16	26	17	28
Others	1	1	1	1	2	2
Total	14	23	48	77	62	100

Nationality (FY2023)	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Singaporean	7	13	24	46	31	59
Chinese	1	2	6	12	7	14
Malaysian	1	2	11	21	12	23
Others	1	2	1	2	2	4
Total	10	19	42	81	52	100

Length of service (FY2024)	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Less than 5 years	7	12	22	35	29	47
5 years and above	7	11	26	42	33	53
Total	14	23	48	77	62	100

Length of service (FY2023)	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Less than 5 years	4	8	13	25	17	33
5 years and above	6	11	29	56	35	67
Total	10	19	42	81	52	100

#### **Training and Development**

Our employee training programme is manifold and comprises the following:

#### (a) Clinic - Doctors

New doctors would undergo product training by product trainer and training on equipment handling and treatment procedures by the CMO. Existing doctors would undergo on-the-job training on an ongoing basis.

Under the Continuing Medical Education Programme administered by the Singapore Medical Council ("SMC"), medical practitioners in Singapore are required to continually upgrade their knowledge and skills in order to maintain their competency to practise. In addition to complying with SMC's requirements, our doctors also undergo continuous on-the-job training to ensure they possess the proficiency and skills necessary to effectively treat patients.

#### Clinic - Clinic assistants (b)

New clinic assistants would be trained on the usual clinic operating protocols and also the additional knowledge required for the aesthetics aspects of our clinical operations, such as assisting our doctors during procedures. Clinic assistants are supervised by clinic supervisors and undergo on-the-job training on an ongoing basis.

#### (C) Retail associates

New retail associates would be trained for 6 to 8 weeks by our product trainer on product knowledge and various operations of our shop salons, such as operating the point-of-sale systems and managing inventory. Existing retail associates would be briefed periodically on new/existing products (including ingredients used and suitability for each skin type) and customer services.

#### (d) Headquarters staff

Headquarters staff are encouraged to attend trainings that are relevant to their job scopes to keep abreast with developments in their area of specialty.

#### Occupational health and safety

Our employees spend significant amount of their lives at work. Management is thus morally obliged to ensure workplace safety and health. Although our employees are not required to carry out physically demanding manual work substantially and work are performed indoor, management take reasonable precaution (for example ensuring fire safety measures are in place and observing employees' work posture and behaviour) to detect and/or prevent work-related injuries and ill-health. The Group believe that a safe and conducive work environment can boost staff morale and productivity and in turn, enable us to better meet the diverse needs of our other stakeholders.

The Board and management of the Company are also cognizant that under section 48(1) of the Workplace Safety and Health ("WSH") Act, officers of a company (including chief executives and board members) can be held accountable for WSH Act offence committed by his/her company. Section 48(1) of the WSH Act covers risks to health, which includes both physical and mental well-being.

During FY2024, the Group has no workplace fatalities, high-consequence\* work-related injuries, recordable work-related injuries and ill health case.

High consequence injuries refer to injuries from which the worker cannot recover fully to pre-injury health status within 6 months.

#### **GOVERNANCE**

The Group views corporate accountability, transparency and sustainability as strategic tools for enhancing long-term shareholders' value and are committed to observing high standards of corporate governance.

#### **Corporate Governance**

During FY2024, the Company adhere substantially to provisions of the Code of Corporate Governance 2018. Please refer to 'Corporate Governance Report' section of Annual Report 2024 for the Company's corporate governance values and practices.

The Group has in place an internal guide on matters that require the Board's approval. This would ensure that matters that are expected to have a material impact on the Group are made known to all directors in a timely manner and carefully considered.

#### **Independence and Diversity**

The Board comprise 5 directors, of which 3 (i.e. 60%) are independent and 1 (i.e. 20%) is a female. Key management personnel comprise 2 executive directors and 3 executive officers, of which 2 (i.e. 40%) are female.

Please refer to our commentaries under Principle 2 of 'Corporate Governance Report' section of Annual Report 2024 for more information about:

- Independence review of each independent director;
- Board diversity policy of the Company;
- Board composition and balance and mix of skills, knowledge and experience; and
- Diversity targets and progress for FY2024.

#### **Business Ethics - Code of Conduct and Anti-Corruption**

The Group has established a 'Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Directors and Employees' ("Code of Conduct") that states the fundamental principles of ethical and professional conduct expected of all employees covering areas such as employees' responsibilities to the Group, confidentiality of information, anti-corruption and conflict of interest. Employees of the Group, including the directors, whose job responsibilities may give rise to conflict of interest would be required to complete and submit an annual conflict of interest declaration to the Human Resources Department of the Company.

As at the date of this report, the Code of Conduct is published in the investor relations section of the Company's website and distributed via email (Key points highlighted to ensure clarity) to the following personnel:

	Informed of the Code of Conduct			
Employee category	Number of employees	As a percentage of total workforce %		
Independent directors	3	Not applicable		
Key management personnel: Executive directors	2	3		
Key management personnel: Executive officers	3	5		
Doctors*	5	8		
Managers*	5	8		
Finance personnel*	2	3		
Total	17	27		

Excluding key management personnel.

Corruption risks are covered in the Company's ERM framework and risks of corruption practice taking place in the Group is not high.

During FY2024, this is no confirmed incident of corruption and there is no public legal case regarding corruption brought against any group entity or its employees.

#### Whistle-Blowing

The Group also has in place a whistle-blowing policy which is available on the Company's website (Link: www.nikspro.com/whistle-blowing-policy). More details of the Company's whistle-blowing policy can be found in 'Whistle-Blowing Policy' section of Corporate Governance Report FY2024. All concerns about possible improprieties can be communicated directly to the Deputy Chairman and Lead Independent Director via email: whistle@nikspro.com

No significant matter was raised through the Group's whistle-blowing channels during FY2024 and up to the date of this report.

#### **Grievance Mechanism**

While a whistleblower complaint is focused on exposing illegal or unethical behaviours in the workplace and protecting the whistleblower, a grievance complaint is focused on resolving a dispute (usually arising from negative impacts from business activities) between the Company and stakeholder(s).

Niks Professional is committed to addressing any potential negative impacts arising from business activities and operations and will cooperate with the relevant parties to undertake remedial actions. Feedback and complaint can be directed to management via any modes of communication, not restricted to telephone, email and enquiry form in our website. Stakeholders raising feedback or complaint shall be protected from reprisal and his/her identity shall be kept confidential as far as is practicable.

The Company also actively monitor our social media channels and popular online review platforms for negative comments or reviews. For genuine concerns, we would reply publicly to acknowledge the feedback and/or offer our perspectives to clear any misunderstanding. We may seek to contact the stakeholder in private for a more in-depth communication.

#### **Data Privacy**

During the course of work, our clinic assistants and retail associates collect, record and process personal information and medical records of our patients and customers electronically. We are required to protect these personal information and medical records of under the Personal Data Protection Act ("PDPA") and other relevant legislation such as the Healthcare Services Act 2020 of Singapore.

Personal information and medical records collected and/or generated and retained by the Group are highly sensitive and any unauthorised access or disclosure may have severe consequences for us and our patients and customers. Accordingly, we have taken security measures to prevent, detect, address and mitigate the risk of potential data security breaches. These measures include storing the data collected and/or generated on reputable third-party platforms with industry-standard security features and conducting penetration tests, if required. Additionally, we have also formalised a PDPA policy and published it on our website (Link: www.nikspro.com/personal-data-protection-policy). Anyone who wish to report data breaches (Actual or potential) and have any question in relation to our PDPA policy can contact our data protection officer via email: pdpa@nikspro.com.

During FY2024, there is no substantiated complaints concerning breaches of data privacy and losses of personal data.

#### Laws and Regulations

There is no significant instance of non-compliance with laws and regulations during FY2024. In determining the significance of instance of non-compliance with laws and regulations, severity of the impact resulting from the instance of non-compliance would be considered.

### PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND TARGET SETTING

Pillar – Material Topic	Targets and/or plans for FY2024	Performance in FY2024	Targets and/or plans for FY2025
Economic – Customer satisfaction	<ul> <li>(a) Enhance presence in China's e-commerce marketplace</li> <li>(b) Recruit regional agents in China for provinces where the Group is not currently represented</li> <li>(c) Opening of 4th clinic in the northern region of Singapore</li> </ul>	The Group made inroads for the stated business plans for FY2024. Please refer to 'Economic – Customer Satisfaction' section of this report for more details.	Seek suitable regional agents to expand our network in China and support existing agents in enhancing their customer outreach programmes  Enhance presence on social media and e-commerce platforms and strengthen engagement with new and the younger consumers
Environmental – Packaging Management	Submit the Company's first annual reporting of packaging data and 3R plans in year 2025 (in relation to FY2024) under the MPR scheme of NEA	No submission is required for FY2024. The Company achieved more than S\$10 million of revenue for FY2024 and is required to submit packaging data for FY2025 and its 3R plans to the NEA by 31 March 2026.	Report packaging data for FY2025 and its 3R plans to the NEA by 31 March 2026
Social – Consumer health and safety	Ongoing and long-term target:  Zero incident of non-compliance concerning the health and safety of products and services	Zero incident of non-compliance concerning the health and safety of products and services	Zero incident of non-compliance concerning the health and safety of products and services
Social – Responsible marketing and labelling	Ongoing and long-term target:  Zero incident of non-compliance concerning product and service information and labelling and marketing communications	Zero incident of non-compliance concerning product and service information and labelling and marketing communications	Zero incident of non-compliance concerning product and service information and labelling and marketing communications

Pillar – Material Topic	Targets and/or plans for FY2024	Performance in FY2024	Targets and/or plans for FY2025
Governance – Code of conduct/Anti-corruption	Formalise and conduct in-house training on the Code of Conduct (including anti-corruption) for employees	The Code of Conduct was distributed via email to all directors, executive officers, doctors, managers and finance personnel. Key requirements of the Code of Conduct were highlighted to ensure clarity.	Management will continue to remind employees of the key requirements of the Code of Conduct from time to time. These efforts aim to embed the values of fairness, transparency and ethical behaviour into our daily operations and decision-making.
Governance – Data privacy	Ongoing and long-term target:		
	Zero incident of substantiated complaints concerning breaches of data privacy and losses of personal data	Zero incident of substantiated complaints concerning breaches of data privacy and losses of personal data	Zero incident of substantiated complaints concerning breaches of data privacy and losses of personal data
Governance – Laws and regulations	Ongoing and long-term target:		
	Zero incident of significant instance of non-compliance with laws and regulations	Zero incident of significant instance of non-compliance with laws and regulations	Zero incident of significant instance of non-compliance with laws and regulations
	Prepare for enhanced mandatory climate-related disclosures ("CRD") and conduct of external limited assurance on Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions that would be applicable from FY2025 to FY2027	In preparation for ISSB-aligned CRD, the chief financial officer attended ISCA Sustainability Professional Certification course and other briefings during FY2024 to enhance understanding of IFRS S1 and S2. General Manager (Singapore) and Senior Accounting Manager attended relevant training to be further accustomed to sustainability reporting	Report ISSB-aligned CRD from FY2025 onwards

#### SUPPORTING THE TCFD

We are committed to support the recommendations by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ("TCFD"). The following table describes the Company's approach in managing climate-related risks and opportunities.

TCFD's pillars	Our approach
Governance	Please refer to 'Board Statement - Sustainability Governance' section in this report for:
	<ul> <li>Board's oversight of material EESG topics and climate-related risk and opportunities;</li> <li>and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Sustainability Committee's role in the assessment and management of material EESG topics and climate-related risk and opportunities.</li> </ul>
Strategy	Please refer to 'Climate Change – Risks, Opportunities and Financial Implications' section of this report for:
	- Climate-related risks and opportunities identified;
	- Relating potential impact to the business and potential financial impact; and
	- Group's response to these potential impacts.
	The Company may perform scenario analysis, in line with TCFD recommendations, using commonly used market standards in future.
Risk management	Please refer to 'Climate Change – Risks, Opportunities and Financial Implications – Climate-Related Risks' section of this report for:
	- Group's processes for identifying and assessing climate-related risks; and
	- How the above processes integrate with the Group's ERM framework.
Metrics and targets	Please refer to 'Climate Change – Risks, Opportunities and Financial Implications' section of this report for how the Group is managing climate-related risks and opportunities.
	The Group has not to date, set targets for GHG emissions, electricity and water usage, taking into consideration of the Group's mode and scale of operations which do not create significant climate impact but will continually review this in light of prevailing regulations and guidance.
	The Group is committed to continually monitoring and disclosing our Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions, electricity and water usage and focus on ways to minimising GHG emissions, electricity usage, water usage and packaging waste. Please refer to 'Environmental' section – GHG Emissions/Electricity Consumption/Water Consumption/Packaging Management' section of this report.

### **GRI CONTENT INDEX**

Statement of use	Niks Professional Ltd. (the "Company" and, together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") has reported with reference to the GRI Standards for the reporting period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.
GRI 1 used	GRI 1: Foundation 2021
Applicable GRI Sector Standard(s)	The available GRI Sector Standards are not applicable to the Group.

	Disclosure	Annual report	Requirement(s) omitted and
Ref	Description	section reference	reason/explanation for omission
GRI 2: G	General Disclosures 2021		
1. The	organisation and its reporting	g practices	
2-1	Organisational details	Corporate Profile Corporate Information Sustainability Report ("SR") - Board Statement Statistics of Shareholdings	_
2-2	Entities included in the organisation's sustainability reporting	SR - Board Statement	-
2-3	Reporting period, frequency and contact point	SR - Board Statement	_
2-4	Restatements of information	SR - Board Statement	-
2-5	External assurance	SR - Board Statement	2.5 – N/A: The SR is not externally assured. Company is expected to seek external assurance for Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions from FY2027 and may consider expanding coverage of external assurance for our future SRs.
2. Activ	rities and workers		
2-6	Activities, value chain and other business relationships	Corporate Profile SR – Organisational Profile SR – Economic: Customer Satisfaction	2-6d - N/A: No significant change in the Group's activities and supply chain.
2-7	Employees	SR – Social: Workforce Profile	-
2-8	Workers who are not employees	_	N/A: NIKS medical skincare products are manufactured by GMP-compliant factories overseas but work of the manufacturers are not controlled by the Group.

Disclosure		Annual report	Requirement(s) omitted and	
Ref	Description	section reference	reason/explanation for omission	
3. Gove	rnance			
2-9	Governance structure and composition	Board of Directors Corporate Information SR – Board Statement Corporate Governance Report ("CG Report") (Introduction paragraphs and disclosures under Provision 2.4 of the Code of Corporate Governance 2018 (the "Code"))	_	
2-10	Nomination and selection of the highest governance body	CG Report (Disclosures under Provision 4.3 of the Code)	-	
2-11	Chair of the highest governance body	Board of Directors CG Report (Disclosures under Provision 1.1, 3.1 and 3.2 of the Code)	_	
2-12	Role of the highest governance body in overseeing the management of impacts	SR – Board Statement SR – Stakeholder Engagement SR – Material Topics	_	
2-13	Delegation of responsibility for managing impacts	SR - Board Statement	-	
2-14	Role of the highest governance body in sustainability reporting	SR – Board Statement SR – Material Topics	_	
2-15	Conflicts of interest	CG Report (Disclosures under Provision 1.1 of the Code and 'Interested Person Transactions') SR – Organisational Profile Statistics of Shareholdings	_	
2-16	Communication of critical concerns	CG Report (Disclosures under 'Whistle-Blowing Policy') SR – Governance: Whistle-Blowing	_	
2-17	Collective knowledge of the highest governance body	SR – Board Statement CG Report (Disclosures under Provision 1.2 of the Code)	_	

	Disclosure	Annual report	Requirement(s) omitted and
Ref	Description	section reference	reason/explanation for omission
2-18	Evaluation of the performance of the highest governance body	CG Report (Disclosures under Provision 5.1 and 5.2 of the Code)	2-18c – N/A: The performance of Board and Board Committees and each individual director during FY2024 were evaluated and noted to be consistently good. No action plan is proposed in response to the evaluations.
2-19	Remuneration policies	CG Report (Disclosures under Provision 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 of the Code)	_
2-20	Process to determine remuneration	CG Report (Disclosures under Provision 6.4, 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 of the Code)	2-20b – N/A: Remuneration policies and proposals are usually approved by the Board.
2-21	Annual total compensation ratio	CG Report (Disclosures under Provision 8.1 and 8.3 of the Code)	-
4. Strat	egy, policies and practices		
2-22	Statement on sustainable development strategy	Chairman's Statement SR – Board Statement; Economic, Environmental; Social; Governance; Performance Review and Target Setting	_
2-23	Policy commitments	SR – Stakeholder Engagement SR – Governance: Business Ethics – Code of Conduct and Anti-Corruption	-
2-24	Embedding policy commitments	SR – Stakeholder Engagement SR – Governance: Business Ethics – Code of Conduct and Anti-Corruption	-
2-25	Processes to remediate negative impacts	SR – Governance: Grievance Mechanism	2-25d/e - N/A: Stakeholders are able to raise feedbacks easily via various existing online and offline channels.
2-26	Mechanism for seeking advice and raising concerns	CG Report (Disclosures under 'Whistle-Blowing Policy') SR – Governance: Whistle-Blowing	

Ref	Disclosure  Description	Annual report section reference	Requirement(s) omitted and reason/explanation for omission
2-27	Compliance with laws and regulations	SR - Governance: Laws and Regulations	-
2-28	Membership associations	-	N/A: The Group does not participate significantly in industry/membership associations and advocacy organisation.
5. Stake	eholder engagement		
2-29	Approach to stakeholder engagement	SR – Stakeholder Engagement	-
2-30	Collective bargaining agreement	-	N/A: No employee of the Group is covered by collective bargaining agreement.
GRI 3: M	laterial Topics 2021		
3-1	Process to determine material topics	SR - Material Topics	-
3-2	List of material topics	SR - Material Topics	-
3-3	Management of material topics	SR - Material Topics; Economic; Environmental; Social; Governance	-
Material	Topics (GRI 201: Economic	Performance 2016)	
201-1	Direct economic value generated and distributed	Financial Review Financial Statements	-
201-2	Financial implications and other risks and opportunities due to climate change	SR – Economic: Climate Change – Risks, Opportunities and Financial Implications	-
201-3	Defined benefit plan obligations and other retirement plans	Note 8 to the Financial Statements	N/A: The retirement plans offered to employees are not based on defined benefit plans.
			The Group is obliged to contribute, for employees who are Singaporeans or Singapore Permanent Residents, to the Central Provident Fund, a defined contribution retirement benefit plan managed by the Singapore government.
201-4	Financial assistance received from government	SR – Economic: Economic Performance Note 7 to the Financial Statements Statistics of Shareholdings	201-4c - N/A: No government is present in the shareholding structure of the Company.

Disclosure		Annual report	Requirement(s) omitted and	
Ref	Description	section reference	reason/explanation for omission	
Topics (	Covered in Report (GRI 205:	Anti-Corruption 2016)		
205-1	Operations assessed for risks related to corruption	SR – Governance: Business Ethics – Code of Conduct and Anti-Corruption	-	
205-2	Communication and training about anti-corruption policies and procedures	SR – Governance: Business Ethics – Code of Conduct and Anti-Corruption	205-2c – N/A: Anti-corruption policies and procedures are not formally communicated to business partners. However, such policies and procedures are available on the Company's website.	
205-3	Confirmed incidents of corruption and actions taken	SR – Governance: Business Ethics – Code of Conduct and Anti-Corruption	-	
Materia	l Topics (GRI 416: Customer	Health and Safety 2016)		
416-1	Assessment of the health and safety impacts of products and service categories	SR – Social: Consumer Health and Safety	_	
416-2	Incidents of non-compliance concerning the health and safety impacts of products and services	SR – Social: Consumer Health and Safety	_	
Materia	l Topics (GRI 417: Marketing	and Labelling 2016)		
417-1	Requirements for product and service information and labelling	SR – Social: Responsible Marketing and Labelling	-	
417-2	Incidents of non-compliance concerning product and service information and labelling	SR – Social: Responsible Marketing and Labelling	_	
417-3	Incidents of non-compliance concerning marketing communications	SR – Social: Responsible Marketing and Labelling	-	
Material	Topics (GRI 418: Customer	Privacy 2016)		
418-1	Substantiated complaints concerning breaches of customer privacy and losses of customer data	SR – Governance: Data Privacy	_	

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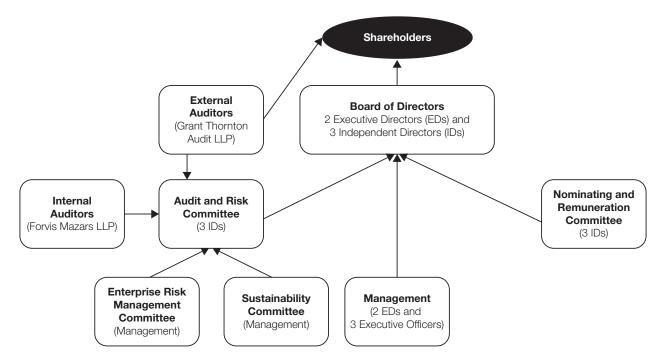
Niks Professional Ltd. (the "Company" and, together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") is committed to maintaining a high standard of corporate governance within the Group. The Company views corporate accountability, transparency and sustainability as strategic tools for enhancing long-term shareholders' value and are committed to observing high standards of corporate governance to protect the interests of the Company's shareholders.

In compliance with Rule 710 of the Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") (the "Catalist Rules"), this report describes the Company's corporate governance practices with specific reference to both the principles and provisions set out in the Code of Corporate Governance 2018 (the "Code") issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the "MAS"), as well as the accompanying practice guidance.

### **Statement of Compliance**

The Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") is pleased to confirm that for the year ended 31 December 2024 ("FY2024"), the Group has generally adhered to the principles and provisions set out in the Code. Where there are deviations from the provisions of the Code, appropriate explanations are provided in this report.

As at the date of this report, the Company's corporate governance framework is as follows:



#### **BOARD MATTERS**

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

The Company is headed by an effective Board, comprising individuals with diversified backgrounds and who collectively brings with them a wide range of business, legal and financial experience to lead and contribute to the success of the Group. The Board oversees the Group's overall policies, strategies, key operational initiatives, performance and measurement, internal controls and risk management to protect and enhance long-term shareholders' value. The Board and management are committed to conducting business with integrity, consistent with high standards of business ethics, and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulatory requirements. Board members are entrusted to discharge their duties and responsibilities objectively, act in the best interest of the Company and hold management accountable for performance. The primary roles and responsibilities of the Board, apart from its statutory duties, include:

- Overseeing the overall management and corporate affairs of the Group;
- Formulating the Group's strategies, focusing on value creation and innovation and considering sustainability issues (e.g. economic, environmental, social and governance ("EESG") factors) and climate change;
- Ensuring that the necessary resources are in place for the Group to meet its strategic objectives;
- Setting financial objectives and monitoring the Group's financial performance and management's performance;
- Reviewing and approving the Group's business plan, including annual budgets and major funding proposals;
- Overseeing the evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of financial reporting, internal controls (including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls) and risk management framework;
- Setting the Group's approach to corporate governance, including the establishment of ethical values and standards;
- Monitoring and ensuring compliance with the Catalist Rules and laws and regulations relevant to the Group;
- Monitoring the Company's risk of becoming subject to, or violating, any sanctions law and ensuring that disclosures to/via the SGX-ST and other relevant authorities are made accurately and in a timely manner; and
- Balancing the demands of the business with those of the Company's stakeholders and ensuring obligations to material stakeholder groups (including shareholders) are met.

The Board has put in place a 'Code of Business Conduct and Ethics' which establishes the fundamental principles of professional and ethical conduct expected of all employees and Board members when carrying out their duties. It includes guidelines on matters relating to conflicts of interest.

A director is required to promptly disclose any actual, potential and perceived conflict of interest in relation to any transaction or matter discussed or contemplated by the Group, and must recuse himself/herself from participating in discussions and decisions involving the matter, unless his/her presence and participation is necessary to enhance the efficacy of such discussion. Nevertheless, he/she shall abstain from voting on resolutions in relation to the conflict-related matters and such abstention shall be duly recorded in the respective minutes and/or resolutions of the Board and/or the Board Committees.

### Principle 1: THE BOARD'S CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS

Provision 1.1 of the Code:

Directors are fiduciaries who act objectively in the best interests of the Company

All directors are aware of their fiduciary duties and are committed to exercising due care and diligence in decision-making and to objectively discharge their duties and responsibilities in the best interest of the Company. Aside from their statutory duties, the key roles of the different classes of directors are set out below:

- Provision 1.2 of the Code: Directors' duties. induction, training and development
- Executive directors are members of management who are involved in the day-to-day running of the Group's business operations. They work closely with the independent directors on the long-term sustainability and success of the Group. They provide insights and recommendations on the Group's operations at the Board and Board Committee meetings.
- Independent directors do not participate in the Group's business operations. They provide independent and objective advice and insights to the Board and management. They constructively challenge management on its decisions and contribute to the development of the Group's strategic goals and policies. They review management's performance in achieving the strategic goals as well as the appointment, assessment and remuneration of the executive directors and key management personnel.

New directors would be briefed on the Group's industry, business, organisation structure and strategic plans and objectives. Minutes of the Board and Board Committees' meetings, Constitution of the Company, terms of reference of the Board Committees together with the relevant policies and procedural guidelines, where appropriate, would also be provided. Orientation for new directors includes visits to the Group's key premises and meet-ups with key executives. This would enable new directors to be acquainted with the key executives and facilitate their independent access to the key executives in future.

In addition to the comprehensive and tailored induction orientation programmes as detailed above, first-time directors who have no prior experience as director of a listed company in Singapore must attend mandatory training courses prescribed by the SGX-ST which focuses on compliance, regulatory and governance matters of Singapore listed companies and should provide first-time directors with broad understanding of roles and responsibilities of a director of a listed company as required under Rule 406(3)(a) of the Catalist Rules. The fees for mandatory training courses for first-time directors will be borne by the Company. No new directors were appointed during FY2024.

All directors had attended and completed the mandatory training on sustainability matters prescribed under Rule 720(6) of the Catalist Rules in order to meet the enhanced sustainability reporting rules.

The directors are provided with updates from time to time by professional advisers, auditors and the company secretary in areas such as directors' duties and responsibilities, corporate governance practices, relevant legislations and regulations, risk management and financial reporting standards. In addition, management regularly updates the directors on the business development of the Group during Board and Board Committee meetings.

Briefings, updates, seminars and trainings attended by the directors in FY2024 and up to the date of this report include:

- Executive directors and officers updated the independent directors on business developments and future plans of the Group;
- 'Listed Entity Director Programme (Core Modules)' organised by the Singapore Institute of Directors ("SID");
- 'Non-Executive Directors Arrested: What Can Go Wrong?' organised by SID;
- 'Behind Closed Doors: Key Decisions and Insights from Nominating and Remuneration Committees' organised by SID;
- 'A Briefing for SGX ListCo Directors on CG Watch Asean' organised by SID;
- 'SID Directors Conference 2024' organised by SID;
- 'Putting Sustainability into Practice for Business' organised by Singapore Environment Council:
- 'Sustainability Training for Directors of a REIT Manager' organised by REIT Association of Singapore; and
- 'Rules & Ethics Course 2024' organised by REIT Association of Singapore.

The Nominating and Remuneration Committee evaluates the individual directors' competencies and recommends to the Board on training and development programmes for each director. Our directors are also encouraged to attend relevant seminar and training programmes to enhance their skills and knowledge.

Although the day-to-day management of the Company is delegated to the executive directors, there are matters which need to be decided by the Board as a whole.

Provision 1.3 of the Code: Matters requiring Board's approval

The Group has in place an internal guide on matters that require the Board's approval and these matters include:

- Changes to the Group's capital structure and corporate structure;
- Material investments, acquisitions and divestments;
- Material operating and capital expenditure;
- Interested person transactions;
- Significant policies and strategic plans;
- Recommendation/declaration of dividend;
- Annual budgets, financial statements, annual reports, sustainability reports, circulars to shareholders and SGXNet announcements; and
- Appointment or removal of directors, company secretary and key management personnel of the Company.

Management is fully apprised of the matters which require the approval of the Board and/or Board Committees.

Certain important matters could be subject to the recommendation by the respective Board Committees. Matters which the Board considers suitable for delegation to a Board Committee are contained in the terms of reference of the respective Board Committees.

With effect from 8 February 2024, the Nominating Committee ("NC") and the Remuneration Committee ("RC") were merged to streamline their respective functions for greater efficiency in reviewing the appointment, performance and remuneration of directors and key management personnel. Notwithstanding that the NC and RC were merged, the roles and responsibilities of the respective functions were not compromised and the Company continues to adhere to the principles of the Code in relation to the NC and the RC.

Provision 1.4 of the **Board Committees** 

Board Committees, namely the Audit and Risk Committee ("ARC") and the Nominating and Remuneration Committee ("NRC") have been established to assist the Board. Each Board Committee has its own terms of reference, setting out the operating procedures, composition, authorities and duties, which are approved by the Board. All Board Committees are chaired by an independent director. The activities of the Board Committees are reported to the Board by the respective committee chairman after each meeting.

The Board accepts that while these Board Committees have the authority to examine particular issues and will report back to the Board with their decisions and/or recommendations, the ultimate responsibility on all matters lies with the Board.

The terms of reference of the respective Board Committees, which are reviewed by the Board on a regular basis, as well as other relevant information on the Board Committees can be found in the subsequent sections of this report.

#### Composition of Board and Board Committees

Name of director	ARC	NRC
Mr Cheng Shoong Tat (Chairman and CEO)	_	_
Mr Mark Andrew Yeo Kah Chong (Deputy Chairman and Lead Independent Director)	Chairman	Member
Dr Ong Fung Chin (President and Chief Medical Officer)	_	_
Mr Manu Bhaskaran (Independent Director)	Member	Chairman
Mr Tan Teck Huat (Independent Director)	Member	Member

Note: Mr Cheng and Dr Ong are spouses.

Profiles of the directors are set out in the 'Board of Directors' section of Annual Report 2024.

The Board meets on a half yearly basis and as and when necessary, to address any specific significant matters that may arise. Board and Board Committee meetings and annual general meeting are scheduled well in advance in consultation with the directors to ensure maximum attendance.

In accordance with Regulation 107(1) of the Constitution of the Company, a director who is unable to attend a Board meeting in person can participate in the meeting via telephone conference or other forms of audio, audio-visual, electronic or instantaneous communication by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and be heard by all other participants. Important matters concerning the Group can also be put to the Board and Board Committees for decision by way of written resolutions.

The directors attend and actively participate in Board and Board Committee meetings. The independent directors contribute to the board process by monitoring and reviewing management's performance in meeting the Group's goals and objectives.

The attendance of the directors at the meetings held during FY2024 are set out as follows:

	Board (No. of meetings held: 2)	Audit and Risk Committee (2)	Nominating and Remuneration Committee (1)	Annual General Meeting (1)
Directors	Numbers of meeting attended			
Mr Cheng Shoong Tat	2	2*	1*	1
Mr Mark Andrew Yeo Kah Chong	2	2	1	1
Dr Ong Fung Chin	2	2*	1*	1
Mr Manu Bhaskaran	2	2	1	1
Mr Tan Teck Huat	2	2	1	1

#### By invitation

The NRC considers whether the directors are able to and have adequately carried out their duties, taking into consideration their other listed company board representations and other principal commitments. More details can be found under Principle 4 of this report.

Management recognises that relevant, complete and accurate information needs to be provided to the directors prior to meetings and on an on-going basis to enable the directors to make informed decisions and discharge their duties and responsibilities effectively and efficiently. As such, management takes initiative to brief the Board on potential business development at an early stage before formal Board approval is sought.

Management provides the Board with half-yearly financial information and relevant background information and materials relating to the matters that will be discussed at the Board and Board Committee meetings. This enables the directors to better understand the subject matters before the meetings, allowing for more time at such meetings for questions that directors may have. Any additional materials or information requested by the directors are promptly furnished. If necessary, key management personnel who are able to explain and provide insights to the matters to be discussed are invited to make the appropriate presentation and address the concerns of the directors.

Provision 1.5 of the Code: Attendance and participation in Board and Board Committee meetings

Provision 1.6 of the Code: Complete, adequate and timely information to

make informed decisions

In respect of the annual budget of the Group, material variance between budgeted results and actual results are highlighted and explained by management at ARC and/or board meetings.

Management will also inform the Board of all significant events as and when they occur and circulate board papers and/or salient information on material transactions to facilitate a robust discussion before the transactions are entered into.

All meeting agenda and materials are circulated in advance of the Board and each Board Committee meeting to allow board members sufficient time to read and prepare for discussions. The minutes of Board and Board Committees meetings are circulated to all Board members for review and approval.

The Board has separate and independent access to management, the company secretaries and external professionals, including legal counsels and auditors. Any materials or information requested by the directors would be promptly furnished.

The role of the company secretary is clearly defined and includes:

- Attending Board and Board Committee meetings, ensuring that meeting procedures are adhered to and preparing meeting minutes;
- Together with management, ensuring that the Company complies with all relevant requirements of the Companies Act 1967, Securities and Futures Act 2021 of Singapore and the Catalist Rules;
- Advising the Board on all corporate governance matters; and
- Assisting the Chairman in ensuring adequate and flow of information in a timely manner within the Board and Board Committees and between management and the Board.

The appointment and removal of the company secretary is subject to the approval of the Board. The corporate secretarial function is outsourced to Impetus Corporate Solutions Pte. Ltd. (formerly known as Atlas Business Solutions Pte. Ltd.) (with effect from 1 February 2025) and Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte. Ltd. (up to 31 January 2025).

The Company will seek appropriate advice or opinion from qualified external professional or expert, if deemed necessary by the Board. The directors, whether as a group or individually, are entitled to seek independent professional advice at the expense of the Company, if required.

Provision 1.7 of the Code: Separate independent access to management, company secretary and external advisers; Appointment and removal of the company secretary

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 Independence

The Board opines that the role of the independent directors is particularly important in ensuring that the strategies proposed by management are constructively challenged, thoroughly considered and examined, and take into account the long-term interests of the Group's stakeholders, which includes shareholders, employees, customers, suppliers and regulators.

As at the date of this report, the Board comprises 5 directors, 3 of whom are independent. The independent element on the Board is thus strong and enables the Board to exercise objective and independent judgement on corporate affairs and provide management with diverse and objective perspectives on issues.

The independence of each director is reviewed annually by the NRC. Each independent director is required annually to complete a checklist to confirm his independence. The checklist is drawn up based on the guidelines provided in Practice Guidance 2 of the Code and Rule 406(3)(d) of the Catalist Rules. The NRC refers to the circumstances set out in Practice Guidance 2 of the Code as well as Rule 406(3)(d) of the Catalist Rules in which a director should be deemed to be non-independent in its review. The existence of any of the following relationships or circumstances would deem the director as not independent:

- (a) if he/she is employed by the Company or any of its related corporations for the current or any of the past 3 financial years;
- (b) if he/she has an immediate family member who is or has been employed by the Company or any of its related corporations for the past 3 financial years and whose remuneration is determined by the NRC of the Company;
- (c) if he/she has been a director of the Company for an aggregate period of more than 9 years (whether before or after listing) from the date of first appointment;
- (d) if he/she, or his/her immediate family member, had provided to or received from the Company or any of its subsidiaries any significant payments or material services (which may include auditing, banking, consulting, and legal services), other than compensation for board service, in the current or immediate past financial year. The amount and nature of the service, and whether it is provided on a one-off or recurring basis, are relevant in determining whether the service provided is material. As a guide, payments aggregated over any financial year in excess of S\$50,000 (to an individual) should generally be deemed significant;

### Principle 2: BOARD COMPOSITION AND GUIDANCE

Provision 2.1 of the Code:

Director independence

Provision 2.2 of the Code:

Independent directors make up a majority of the Board

Provision 2.3 of the Code:

Non-executive directors make up a majority of the Board

- (e) If he/she, or his/her immediate family member, in the current or immediate past financial year, is or was a substantial shareholder/partner (with stake of 5% or more)/ an executive officer/a director of any organisation which provided to or received from the Company or any of its subsidiaries any significant payments or material services (which may include auditing, banking, consulting and legal services). The amount and nature of the service, and whether it is provided on a one-off or recurring basis, are relevant in determining whether the service provided is material. As a guide, payments aggregated over any financial year in excess of S\$200,000 (to a firm) or S\$50,000 (to an individual) should generally be deemed significant irrespective of whether they constitute a significant portion of the revenue of the organisation in question; or
- (f) if he/she is or has been directly associated with a substantial shareholder of the Company, in the current or immediate past financial year.

The above examples are not exhaustive and the NRC and Board would determine whether there is any circumstances or relationships which might impact a director's independence, or the perception of his/her independence. The NRC and Board may still consider a director to be independent notwithstanding the existence of any of the above-mentioned circumstances. If the Board does so, it will fully disclose the nature of the director's relationship and why the Board has determined the director to be independent.

An independent director shall immediately disclose to the NRC and/or company secretary any relationship (whether familial, business, financial, employment or otherwise) with the Company, its related corporations, substantial shareholders or officers, or circumstances that could interfere, or be reasonably perceived to interfere, with his/her independent judgement.

The NRC and the Board have reviewed and ascertained that all independent directors are independent according to the Code and its Practice Guidance and the Catalist Rules and noted that none of the independent directors has any relationship with the Company, its related corporations, substantial shareholders or officers, which could interfere or be perceived to interfere with the independent director's independent judgement.

The NRC is of the view that no individual or small groups of individuals dominate the Board's decision-making processes. All matters put forth to the Board for decision need majority of the directors to approve.

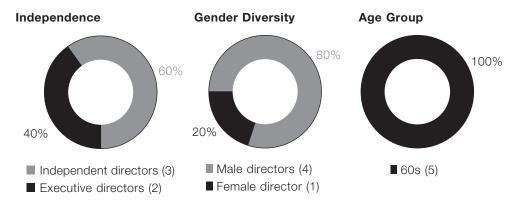
#### **Board Diversity**

The Company recognises that a diverse Board can better support the Company's sustainable development by enhancing the decision-making process of the Board through perspectives derived from the different skills, experience and other aspects of diversity (such as gender and age) of the directors, as well as an expanded network to new markets, partnerships and opportunities.

Provision 2.4 of the Code: Size and composition of the Board and Board Committee; Board diversity policy

In compliance with Rule 710A(1) of the Catalist Rules, the Company has a Board Diversity Policy ("BDP") in place that set out the framework for promoting diversity on the Board in terms of gender, age, educational background, skills, professional experience, knowledge and other relevant aspects. The BDP provides that the NRC shall consider all aspects of diversity when reviewing and assessing the composition of the Board and when making recommendations to the Board for the appointment of directors. The ultimate decision for new appointment(s) of directors will be based on merits of the selected candidate, the needs of the Board (having due regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board) and the potential contributions that the selected candidate will bring to the Board. The Company ensures that at least 2 members of the ARC (including the ARC chairman) have recent and relevant accounting or financial management expertise or experience.

#### Board Composition, Diversity and Balance



The NRC has put in place a skills matrix to help identify gaps in the Board and Board Committees. In the skills matrix, the skills, experience and knowledge expected of the directors are classified into broad categories, namely business, regulatory, finance, information technology and other functions. Other aspects of diversity (such as age, gender, qualification and educational background) are included in the skills matrix for reference. This enables the Board to assess and evaluate the current composition of the Board in relation to the BDP and the Company's business strategies and needs.

The following table shows the diversity of skills, experience and knowledge possessed by the current board members:

Core competencies	Number of directors (Total: 5)	Proportion of Board %
Accounting and finance	4	80
Business management	5	100
Regulatory compliance and corporate governance	5	100
Relevant industry knowledge or experience	2	40
Strategic planning	5	100
Customer experience	3	60

The Board and Board Committees have an appropriate balance and mix of skills, knowledge and experience. All directors of the Company have individually more than 30 years of professional and/or corporate experience, working with employers and clients spanning diverse industries and backgrounds, enabling them to provide diverse and objective perspectives on the Group's business and direction. The NRC will continue to assess on an annual basis the skillsets of the directors to ensure that their skillsets remain relevant to the business of the Group. Profiles of the directors are set out in the 'Board of Directors' section of Annual Report 2024.

Having considered the scope and nature of operations of the Group, the Board is satisfied that the current size and composition of the Board and Board Committees are appropriate for effective decision-making which support the Company's sustainable development.

#### Diversity Targets and Progress for FY2024

Targets	Progress		
Expand/enhance the Board skill set which support the Company's sustainable development	In progress – The Board would conduct regular reviews on its members' competencies, which includes considering factors such as the expertise, skills and experience, so as to ensure that the board dynamics remain optimal to meet ongoing challenges and exploit opportunities swiftly in the medical skincare sector in Singapore and China. The following steps would be taken to maintain or enhance the Board's balance of skillsets and diversity:		
	Annual review by the NRC to assess if the existing attributes and core competencies of the Board are complementary and whether they are adequate and relevant to business strategies and needs of the Company; and		
	b) Annual evaluation of the skillsets of each director to understand the type of expertise which is lacking in the Board.		
	Although there is no immediate need to appoint new directors or replace existing directors, the Board would take progressive steps to review and consider opportunities to refresh the Board as and when deemed necessary. Such review shall be made in the context of the Company's current plans and future strategies.		

Targets	Progress
Female representation on the Board	Achieved – Female representation of 20% on the Board is appropriate for the current size of the Board and business scope of the Company. Nevertheless, taking into consideration the Council for Board Diversity's recommendation for female representation on boards (25% by 2025; and 30% by 2030), the NRC shall ensure that there is no overt and covert discrimination and no impediments to the Board considering female candidates for appointment to the Board in future.
Independent majority on the Board	Achieved – 60% of the directors are independent. As the chairman of the Board is not independent, a lead independent director is appointed. To enhance his standing in the Board, the lead independent director is also appointed as the deputy chairman of the Board.
Improvement of age diversity	In progress – As the Company is newly listed and with management focusing on driving growth, the Board is of the view that it is important for the Board to comprise members who have vast corporate experience with core competencies in corporate governance and regulatory compliance. Naturally, the more experienced candidates would be older. The Board would improve its age diversity in due course and targets to appoint at least 1 director below the age of 50 by 2032.

The benefits of board diversity could only be fully realised if directors adopt an independent mindset when carrying out their responsibilities. In this aspect, the Chairman and CEO strive to foster a culture of inclusion where different views are heard, respected and leveraged on for board performance and positive outcomes.

The NRC will continue to review the BDP to ensure its effectiveness, and will recommend appropriate revisions to the Board for consideration and approval. Any updates or progress made towards implementing the BDP will be disclosed in the Company's Corporate Governance Report, as appropriate.

To facilitate a more effective check on management, the independent directors meet at least once a year with the internal and external auditors without the presence of management. The independent directors would also communicate with each other from time to time without the presence of management to discuss the performance of management and any matters of concern. Feedback arising from such meetings or discussions would be provided by the Lead Independent Director to the Board and/or Chairman and CEO as appropriate.

Provision 2.5 of the Code: Independent directors meet regularly without the presence of management

To-date, none of the independent directors of the Company have been appointed as a director of the Company's principal subsidiaries, in Singapore or overseas.

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

Mr Cheng Shoong Tat is the Chairman and CEO of the Company. As Chairman, Mr Cheng's responsibilities include:

- Leading the Board to ensure its effectiveness on all aspects of its role;
- Setting the agenda and ensuring that adequate time is available for discussion on all agenda items, in particular strategic issues;
- Ensuring effective communication between the Board and shareholders and other stakeholders;
- Ensuring appropriate relations within the Board and between the Board and management and promoting a culture of openness and constructive debate at the Board;
- Exercising control over the quality, quantity and timely flow of information between management and the Board; and
- Promoting high standards of corporate governance.

As CEO, Mr Cheng is responsible for the overall management, strategic planning and business development of the Group.

The Board is of the view that it is in the best interests of the Group to adopt a single leadership structure, whereby the Chairman and the CEO are the same person, as Mr Cheng is knowledgeable in the business of the Group and can provide the Group with a strong and consistent leadership, to allow for more effective planning and execution of business strategies. This is also taking into account the current corporate structure, size and nature of the Group's operations; and that the majority of the board members and all Board Committees members are independent directors. Furthermore, the appointment of Mr Mark Andrew Yeo Kah Chong as the lead independent director ("Lead ID") and Deputy Chairman enhanced the independent element of the Board. The Lead ID serves as a sounding board for the Chairman and as an intermediary between the independent directors and the Chairman. The Lead ID is available to shareholders should they have concerns which they prefer not to raise through the normal communication channels of the chairman and management. No query or request on any matter which requires the Lead ID's attention was received from shareholders during FY2024 and up to the date of this report.

All major proposals and decisions made by the Chairman and CEO are discussed, reviewed and approved by the Board. In addition, the performance and effectiveness of Mr Cheng as Chairman and as CEO will be reviewed periodically and separately by the NRC, which will also from time to time assess the need for separate persons to take on the roles of Chairman and CEO and make its recommendations when necessary. There are thus sufficient safeguards and checks to ensure that the process of decision making by the Board is independent and based on collective decisions without any individual exercising any considerable concentration of power or influence.

### Principle 3: **CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Provision 3.1 of the Chairman and CEO are separate persons

Provision 3.2 of the Code: Division of responsibilities between Chairman and

As the Chairman is part of management and therefore not independent, Mr Mark Andrew Yeo Kah Chong has been appointed as the Lead ID as recommended by the Code. To enhance his standing on the Board, Mr Yeo has also been appointed as the Deputy Chairman of the Board. His responsibilities include:

Provision 3.3 of the Code: Lead independent director

- coordinating and leading the independent directors to provide a non-executive perspective in certain matters and to provide leadership in situations where the Chairman and CEO is conflicted:
- chairing board meetings in the absence of the Chairman;
- leading meetings with the independent directors (without the presence of management) and providing feedback to the Chairman after such meetings; and
- acting as principal liaison to address shareholders' concerns and for which contact through the normal channels of communication with management (including executive directors) are inappropriate or inadequate.

Lead ID, Mr Yeo, can be contacted directly via the Company's whistleblowing email: whistle@nikspro.com. No guery or request on any matter which requires the Lead ID's attention was received from any stakeholders during FY2024 and up to the date of the report.

### 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.

### Principle 4: **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

The NRC comprise 3 independent directors, including the lead independent director.

The NRC's responsibilities, as set out in its terms of reference, include the following:

- Developing and maintaining a formal process for the selection, appointment and re-appointment of directors, taking into account the need for progressive renewal of the Board;
- Assessing the effectiveness of the Board, Board Committees and individual contributions by each individual director;
- Reviewing and making recommendations to the Board relating to matters such as:
  - · succession plans for directors and executive officers;
  - · process and criteria for evaluation of the performance of the Board, Board Committees and directors;
  - training and professional development programmes for the directors;
  - appointment and re-appointment of directors;
  - · composition of the Board to ensure that the Board is of appropriate size, has an appropriate balance and mix of skills, knowledge, experience and other aspects of diversity; and
  - · reasonable and maximum number of listed company directorship and principal commitments for each director (or type of director).
- Determining annually, and as and when circumstances require, whether or not a director is independent in accordance with the Code and its practice guidance, the Catalist Rules and any other salient factors;
- Setting the objectives for achieving board diversity and reviewing the Company's progress towards achieving these objectives; and
- Reviewing and approving any new employment of related employees (being employees who are related to the directors, executive officers and/or substantial shareholders) and the proposed terms of employment.

Provision 4.1 of the

Code:

NC to make

recommendations to the Board on relevant matters

Provision 4.2 of the

Code:

Composition of NC

The NRC annually reviews the size of the Board and Board Committees, balance of skills, knowledge, experience and other aspects of diversity such as gender and age, to determine whether any changes are required in relation to the board composition.

**Process for the Selection and Appointment of New Directors** The NRC, in consultation with the Board, Determine selection criteria identifies the needs of the Board in terms of directors' skillsets and experience. 2 Search for suitable candidates Candidates would first be sourced through the directors' and/or key management personnels' network of contacts and referrals. The NRC may engage an external search firm, if necessary. Assess shortlisted candidates Suitable candidates would be shortlisted for interview by the NRC and for assessment for suitability as director of the Company. Appoint candidate as director The NRC would recommend the selected candidate to the Board for consideration and approval.

Provision 4.3 of the Code:

Process for the selection, appointment and re-appointment of directors

Proc	Process for the Re-Election of Directors						
1	Assess director	The NRC assesses the performance of the director and ensures that he/she is able to contribute to the ongoing effectiveness of the Board.					
2	Re-appoint director	The NRC would recommend the re-appointment of the director to the Board for consideration and approval.					

In recommending to the Board on appointment and re-appointment of directors, the NRC will consider the following factors:

- Needs of the Group, BDP, competencies and experience of the candidate and his/her commitment, contribution and performance as director of the Company, an officer of other companies and/or a professional in his/her area of expertise;
- Number of public listed company directorships and other principal commitments held by the candidate;
- Whether the candidate served on the Board of a company with adverse track record or a history of irregularities or is/was under investigation by regulators and the candidate's involvement therein;
- Whether the candidate is a fit and proper person (in accordance with the MAS' fit and proper guidelines as a reference point), which broadly considers the candidate's competence, honesty, integrity and financial soundness; and
- Independence of the candidate (for independent directors) with regard to the provisions in Catalist Rule 406(3)(d) and Provision 2.1 of the Code.

The Constitution of the Company provides that:

- One-third of the directors, or if their number is not a multiple of 3, the number nearest to but not less than one-third with a minimum of 1, shall retire from office and subject themselves to re-election by the shareholders at each Annual General Meeting ("AGM") (Regulation 117);
- The directors to retire at each AGM shall be those who have been longest serving in office since their last re-election or appointment (Regulation 118); and
- New directors appointed during the year but not appointed in a general meeting, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director, shall hold office only until the next AGM and shall then be eligible for re-election. Retirement in this circumstance shall not be taken into account in determining the number of directors who are to retire by rotation at each AGM under Regulation 117 (Regulation 122).

Catalist Rule 720(4) provides that all directors are required to stand for re-election at least once every three years.

Each member of the NRC shall abstain from making any recommendations and/or voting on any resolutions in respect to his re-nomination as a director.

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Company, the following directors will be retiring from the Board at the forthcoming AGM and, being eligible for re-election, have offered themselves for re-election:

- Dr Ong Fung Chin (Appointed to 26 April 2003)
- Mr Manu Bhaskaran (Appointed on 27 September 2023 and re-elected on 26 April 2024)

The NRC, having considered various factors (such as competence and experience of directors) and directors' contribution and participation during discussions at the Board and Board Committees meetings, has recommended their re-election at the forthcoming AGM. The Board has concurred with the NRC's recommendation.

The details of the directors who are seeking re-election are set out in the 'Disclosure of Information on Directors Seeking Re-Election' section of Annual Report 2024 as required under Rule 720(5) of the Catalist Rules.

As described under Principle 2 of this report, the Company has put in place a process to ensure the continuous monitoring of the independence of the independent directors. Each independent director is required annually to complete a checklist to confirm his independence. Furthermore, an independent director shall immediately disclose to the NRC and/or company secretary any relationships or circumstances that could interfere, or be reasonably perceived to interfere, with the exercise of his/her independent business judgement in the best interests of the Company.

As at the date of this report, there is no relationship or circumstance set forth in Provision 2.1 of the Code and Rule 406(3)(d) of the Catalist Rules which put the independence of the independent directors in question. The NRC reviewed the independence status of the independent directors during FY2024, and is satisfied that the independent directors are independent.

Provision 4.4 of the

Circumstances affecting director's independence

To address the issue of competing time commitments faced by the directors, the Board and the NRC have established a guideline for multiple directorships as follows:

Type of directors Maximum number of listed company directorships and other principal commitments allowed 3 Executive director 3 Non-executive director who is an executive director of another listed company Non-executive director with full-time employment 5 Non-executive director without full-time employment 8

Provision 4.5 of the Code:

Multiple listed company directorships and other principal commitments

In addition, a director shall not assume more than 1 executive directorship in a listed company at any point in time.

The above guideline is reviewed by the NRC annually. The NRC requires each director to declare changes in listed company directorships or other principal commitments as soon as possible to enable the on-going monitoring of the commitment of the directors to the Company.

In addition to the number of listed company directorships and other principal commitments, the NRC also consider the results of the annual evaluation of each director's effectiveness and the respective directors' candour and participation during discussions at the Board and Board Committees meetings to determine whether the director is able to discharge his/her duties diligently.

The number of listed company directorships and other principal commitments held by each director is within the maximum limits stipulated. Notably, the executive directors do not hold directorship in other listed companies and do not have other principal commitments.

In respect of FY2024, the NRC is of the view that the listed company directorships and other principal commitments held by the independent directors did not impede their ability to discharge their duties to the Company diligently. Please refer to the 'Board of Directors' section of Annual Report 2024 for the listed company directorships and other principal commitments of the independent directors.

Alternate directors would only be appointed in exceptional circumstances. No alternate director has been appointed to the Board during FY2024 and as at the date of this report.

The Board undertakes a formal annual assessment of its effectiveness as a whole, and that of each of its Board Committees and individual directors.

Principle 5: BOARD PERFORMANCE

The NRC would assess the effectiveness of the Board and Board Committees and the contribution by each director annually using evaluation checklists. In addition to self-assessment, each director is subject to peer evaluation to assess his/her effectiveness and contribution to the Company. Directors' responses in the evaluation checklists would be consolidated by the company secretary and summarised into a report that is to be reviewed and recommended by the NRC and tabled to the Board for approval. The Chairman will act on the results of the performance evaluation and the recommendation of the NRC, and where appropriate, in consultation with the NRC, new members may be appointed or resignation of directors may be sought.

Provisions 5.1 and 5.2 of the Code:
Assessment of effectiveness of the Board and Board Committees and assessing the contribution by the chairman and each director

In assessing the Board's and Board Committees' effectiveness, the NRC would consider factors such as:

- Board's and Board Committees' composition, including balance of skills;
- Board's and Board Committees' practices and conduct, including flow of information, communication with the shareholders and management and how the Chairman and CEO and Board Committees' chairpersons provide effective leadership to the Board and Board Committees respectively;
- Board's contribution to formulation of strategies and in ensuring effective risk management and consideration of EESG factors; and
- Board Committees' contribution in facilitating effective and efficient decision-making by the Board.

In assessing the contribution by each director, the NRC would consider factors such as:

- Commitment demonstrated by each director, including attendance at Board and Board Committees meetings and how well each director prepares for meetings;
- Willingness and ability to constructively challenge and contribute effectively in discussions;
- Technical and business knowledge; and
- Interaction with fellow directors and management.

Where appropriate, the NRC will review and make changes to the evaluation checklists to align with prevailing regulations and requirements.

Each member of the NRC shall abstain from deliberating and voting on any resolutions in respect of the assessment of his/her performance or re-nomination as director.

The NRC reviewed the performance of each director, Board Committees and the Board as a whole for FY2024 and concluded that the Board and Board Committees have been effective and each director had discharged their duties diligently and contributed to the effective functioning of the Board and Board Committees.

Although no external independent facilitator is expected to be engaged for performance evaluation, the NRC has full authority to do so at the Company's expense, if the need arises.

#### **REMUNERATION MATTERS**

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.

The NRC comprises 3 independent directors of the Company.

The NRC's responsibilities, as set out in its terms of reference, include the following:

- Review and recommend to the Board for approval a framework of remuneration for the directors and executive officers and ensure that a significant and appropriate proportion of the remuneration is structured so as to link rewards to corporate and individual performance and thus, avoid rewarding poor performance;
- Review annually the remuneration, bonuses, pay increase and/or promotions of related employees (being employees who are related to the directors, executive officers and/ or substantial shareholders) to ensure that their remuneration packages are in line with staff remuneration guidelines and commensurate with their respective job scopes and level of responsibilities;
- Ensure that the remuneration of the non-executive directors is appropriate to the level of contribution, taking into account factors such as effort, time spent and responsibilities;
- Review annually the remuneration packages of the directors and executive officers in order to maintain the attractiveness of the remuneration packages so as to retain and motivate the directors and executive officers and align their interests with the interests of the shareholders and other stakeholders and promote long-term success of the Group;
- Propose, for adoption by the Board, measurable, appropriate and meaningful performance targets for assessing the performance of key management personnel, individual directors and of the Board as a whole;
- Review the remuneration policies, level and mix of remuneration, the procedures for setting remuneration, and the relationships between remuneration, performance and value creation and ensure the mentioned aspects of remuneration are clearly disclosed in the annual report;
- Review the Company's obligations arising in the event of termination of service contracts entered into between the Group and the directors and executive officers, as the case may be, to ensure that the service contracts contain fair and reasonable termination clauses which are not overly generous; and
- If necessary, seek expert advice outside the Group on remuneration matters and ensure that relationships between the Company and its appointed expert (for example, remuneration consultants) will not affect the independence and objectivity of the expert.

The recommendations of the NRC shall be submitted for endorsement by the Board. Each NRC member/board member shall abstain from reviewing, deliberating and voting on any resolution in respect of his/her remuneration package or that of any employees who are related to him/her.

Principle 6: **PROCEDURES** FOR DEVELOPING **REMUNERATION POLICIES** 

Provision 6.1 of the Code: RC to recommend remuneration framework and packages

Provision 6.2 of the Code: Composition of RC

The NRC ensures that formal and transparent procedures for determination of remuneration packages of directors and key management personnel are in place. All aspects of remuneration (including director's fees, salaries, allowances, bonuses, share-based compensation, benefits in kind and termination terms) of directors and key management personnel (including employees who have family relationship with any director and/or substantial shareholder) are reviewed for fairness by the NRC annually. Recommendations of the NRC are then tabled at board meeting for approval. The above procedures are reviewed periodically to ensure that they remain relevant.

Provision 6.3 of the Code:

RC to consider and ensure all aspects of remuneration are fair

Employment contracts signed between the Company and the executive directors and key management personnel can be terminated by the Company without prejudice by providing notice no shorter than 2 to 6 months. These employment contracts do not contain onerous termination clauses and are reviewed periodically.

The independent directors receive directors' fees in accordance with their contributions and considering factors such as effort and time spent and their responsibilities. The directors' fees are recommended by the NRC and endorsed by the Board for approval by the shareholders at the Company's AGM.

The NRC members are familiar with remuneration matters as they hold/held key executive positions with remuneration responsibilities, and they are regularly updated of market practices. During FY2024 and up to the date of this report, the Company did not engage any remuneration consultant to seek advice on remuneration matters.

Provision 6.4 of the Code: Expert advice on remuneration

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.

Principle 7: **LEVEL AND MIX OF REMUNERATION** 

Remuneration of executive directors and key management personnel comprise fixed components, including salaries and allowances, and a variable component. Variable discretionary bonuses (if any) are determined based on the individual's performance, the Group's performance for each financial year against key performance indicators on revenue and profit targets, as well as other factors such as market conditions. Their remuneration is linked to their roles and responsibilities and aligned with shareholders' and other stakeholders' interests to promote long-term success of the Group. The Group's remuneration policy is to ensure that the remuneration offered is competitive and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate the directors and the key management personnel of the required experience and expertise.

Provisions 7.1 and 7.3 of the Code: Remuneration of executive directors and key management personnel are appropriately structured to encourage good stewardship and promote long-term success of the Company

#### Linking Sustainability Performance to Remuneration

Under the 'Remuneration Policy for Executive Officers' of the Company, sustainability-related KPIs are embedded within the executive officers' performance evaluation scorecard to drive group-wide accountability in steering the Group's sustainability performance. Sustainability performance objectives relating to the Company's sustainability pillars are tied to performance of the respective executive officers as shown below:

Pillars	KPIs	CEO	СМО	CFO	GM	SAM
Economic	Economic performance	$\sqrt{}$	√	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
	Customer satisfaction	$\sqrt{}$	√		$\sqrt{}$	
Environment	Packaging management	√	√			
Social	Occupational health and safety	√	√		$\sqrt{}$	
	Consumer health and safety	√	√		$\sqrt{}$	
	Responsible marketing and labelling	√	√			
	Responsible supplier policy	√	√			
Governance	Cyber/data security	√	√	V		√
	Anti-corruption and ethics	√	√	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
	Corporate governance rating	√	√	√ V		√ V

#### Notes:

CEO - Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

CMO - President and Chief Medical Officer

CFO - Chief Financial Officer

GM - General Manager (Singapore)

SAM - Senior Accounting Manager

#### Contractual Provision to Reclaim Incentive Components of Remuneration

Although there is no contractual provisions in the executive officers' service agreements and employment letters that allows the Company to reclaim incentive components of remuneration in exceptional circumstances, there is clawback provision in the Company's 'Remuneration Policy for Executive Officers' that serves the same purpose. According to the Company's 'Remuneration Policy for Executive Officers', in the exceptional circumstances of misstatement of financial results, or of misconduct resulting in financial loss to the Group, the NRC will have the discretionary authority to recommend to the Board the recovery (claw back) of performance bonus and variable bonus that were paid to the executive officers.

### Long-Term Incentive Scheme

The Board and NRC recognises that long-term incentive schemes reinforce the delivery of long-term growth and shareholders' value and recommended the NIKS Employee Share Option Scheme ("NIKS ESOS 2023") and NIKS Performance Share Plan ("NIKS PSP 2023"). These schemes were approved by the shareholders on 13 October 2023 and provide directors and employees with the opportunity to participate in the equity of the Company to motivate them towards better work performance. Details of the above schemes are set out in disclosures under Provision 8.3 of this report.

The independent directors are paid directors' fees which take into consideration of their contribution, effort, time spent and responsibilities. They are not overly remunerated to the extent that their independence may be compromised.

The independent directors are remunerated according to the following structure:

Fee per year as:	Board S\$'000	ARC S\$'000	NRC S\$'000
Chairman	_	2	2
Lead independent director	2	_	_
Member	16	10	10

Provision 7.2 of the Code: Remuneration of non-executive directors dependent on contribution, effort, time spent and responsibilities

Each independent director receives a base director's fee. The Lead ID and chairmen of Board Committees receive additional fees to reflect their expanded responsibility. However, such additional fee is not substantial as candour and participation in discussions and decision-making by each independent director is not expected to differ materially, taking into consideration of their competencies and experience.

Breakdown of directors' fee for FY2024 is as follows:

Name of independent directors	Board/Board Committees appointments	FY2024 S\$'000
Mark Andrew Yeo Kah Chong	Lead ID ARC Chairman NRC member	40
Manu Bhaskaran	NRC Chairman ARC member	38
Tan Teck Huat	ARC member NRC member	36

On 13 October 2023, the Company adopted the NIKS ESOS 2023 and NIKS PSP 2023 which independent directors can participate in. As at the date of this report, no grant of options and awards was made to any independent director.

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.

A separate annual remuneration report is not prepared as the matters which need to be disclosed in such annual remuneration report have been sufficiently disclosed in this report and in the financial statements of the Company.

#### Directors' Remuneration

Tan Teck Huat

The remuneration of each director and the Chairman and CEO for FY2024, including the breakdowns in exact amounts and in percentage terms of the components of the remuneration, are set out below:

#### **Fixed CPF** salary and Performance (Employer's Directors' allowance Total bonus portion) fee Name of director (S\$'000) (S\$'000) (S\$'000) (S\$'000) (S\$'000) Cheng Shoong Tat 624 9 633 (Chairman & CEO) Mark Andrew Yeo 40 40 Kah Chong Ong Fung Chin 624 9 633 Manu Bhaskaran 38 38

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Name of director	Fixed salary and allowance (%)	Performance bonus (%)	CPF (Employer's portion) (%)	Directors' fee (%)	Total (%)
Cheng Shoong Tat (Chairman & CEO)	98.5	_	1.5	-	100.0
Mark Andrew Yeo Kah Chong	_	_	-	100.0	100.0
Ong Fung Chin	98.5	_	1.5	-	100.0
Manu Bhaskaran	-	_	_	100.0	100.0
Tan Teck Huat	_	_	-	100.0	100.0

### Principle 8: **DISCLOSURE ON** REMUNERATION

Provisions 8.1 and 8.3 of the Code: Remuneration disclosures of Directors and key management personnel; Details of employee share schemes

#### Service Agreement of Executive Directors

The service agreements entered into between the Company and the executive directors are for an initial period of 3 years commencing with effect from the Company's listing date (i.e. 27 October 2023) and shall be automatically renewed on a yearly basis unless otherwise agreed in writing between the parties to the respective service agreements or terminated by either party to the respective service agreements by giving notice in writing of not less than 6 months to the other party.

Pursuant to the terms of the service agreements, each executive director shall receive a monthly fixed remuneration and car allowance. Each executive director is also entitled to an annual performance bonus in respect of each financial year based on the audited consolidated profit before tax (excluding fair value gain or loss to properties and securities, profit before tax attributable to non-controlling interest, any non-recurring exceptional items and accrual for directors' performance bonus) ("Adjusted PBT") as set out below:

Adjusted PBT	Amount of performance bonus
S\$3.0 million or below	NIL
Above S\$3.0 million and up to S\$5.0 million	3.5% of Adjusted PBT
Above S\$5.0 million	3.5% of S\$5.0 million, plus 4.0% of Adjusted PBT in excess of S\$5.0 million

#### Key Management Personnel's Remuneration

In view of confidentiality of remuneration policies of the Group, sensitive nature of remuneration matters and competitive pressures in the talent market, the Board is of the view that it is in the best interest of the Company to disclose the remuneration of its key management personnel in salary bands.

A breakdown showing the band and mix of each of the key management personnel's remuneration for FY2024 is as follows:

Remuneration band and name/designation of key management personnel <sup>(1)</sup>	Fixed salary (%)	Variable or performance- related bonus (%)	CPF (Employer's portion) (%)	Total (%)
Less than or equal to S\$25	50,000:			
Wu Peicong Chief Financial Officer	83.9	7.0	9.1	100.0
Ong Huey Jwu General Manager (Singapore)	85.5	7.1	7.4	100.0
Anbhu Selvem Senior Accounting Manager	79.6	6.6	13.8	100.0

#### Note:

Given the size of the Group's operations, the abovenamed executive officers are the only key management personnel of the Group, excluding the executive directors.

The total remuneration paid to the abovenamed key management personnel of the Group (who are not directors or the CEO of the Company) for FY2024 amounted to S\$477,000.

The above remuneration to executive directors and executive officers for FY2024 has been approved by the Board.

During FY2024, no termination and post-employment benefits were granted to the directors, the CEO and the key management personnel.

Except as disclosed in this report, no other payments and benefits were paid by the Company and its subsidiaries to the directors and key management personnel of the Company for FY2024.

#### Annual Total Remuneration Ratio

The annual total remuneration ratio for FY2024 and FY2023 are 4.4 and 5.4 respectively. This ratio is calculated using the following formula:

#### Annual total remuneration for the Group's highest-paid individual

Median annual total remuneration for all employees of the Group excluding the highest-paid individual

2 executive directors are the highest-paid individuals of the Company who were equally remunerated during FY2024 and FY2023. For the above computation, annual remuneration for 1 executive director is used as the numerator and both executive directors are excluded when deriving the median annual total remuneration of all employees ("Median Remuneration"). The Median Remuneration increased by 3.2% in FY2024 compared to that of FY2023.

The above ratio is lower for FY2024 compared to FY2023 by 19.4% mainly because the remuneration of the executive directors was S\$256,000 or 16.8% lower in FY2024 compared to FY2023, in the absence of performance bonus for FY2024.

During FY2024, there was no significant fluctuation in the fixed remuneration of all employees of the Group.

#### NIKS ESOS 2023 and NIKS PSP 2023

The NIKS ESOS 2023 and the NIKS PSP 2023 of the Company were approved and adopted by the shareholders via shareholders' resolutions by written means on 13 October 2023 and are administered by the NRC of the Company.

The aggregate number of shares which may be issued or transferred pursuant to options and awards granted under the above schemes on any date, when aggregated with the aggregate number of shares over which options or awards are granted under any other share option schemes or share schemes of the Company, shall not exceed 15% of the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings (if any) on the day preceding that date.

Key information about NIKS ESOS 2023 and NIKS PSP 2023 are disclosed below. Full details can be found in the Company's offer document dated 18 October 2023 (Page 169 to 193, Appendix I and Appendix J).

#### **NIKS ESOS 2023**

The objectives of NIKS ESOS 2023 are as follow:

- (a) to motivate participants to optimise his/her performance standards and efficiency and to maintain a high level of contribution to the Group;
- (b) to retain key employees whose contributions are essential to the long-term growth and profitability of the Group;
- (c) to instil loyalty to, and a stronger identification by participants with the long-term prosperity of the Group;
- (d) to attract potential employees with relevant skills to contribute to the Group and to create value for the shareholders; and
- (e) to align the interests of participants with the interests of the shareholders.

The purpose of adopting NIKS ESOS 2023 in addition to NIKS PSP 2023 is to give the Company greater flexibility to align the interests of employees, especially key executives, with interests of the shareholders.

Information in relation to NIKS ESOS 2023 are as follow:

- All employees (including executive directors), non-executive directors and controlling shareholders and their associates shall be eligible to participate in the scheme at the absolute discretion of the NRC, subject to conditions.
- The exercise price of the options can be set at a maximum discount of 20% (or such other discount percentage or amount as may be determined by the NRC) of the average last dealt prices for the Company's shares on the SGX-ST over the 5 consecutive trading days immediately preceding the date of grant of the options.

As at the date of this report, no option has been granted under NIKS ESOS 2023.

#### NIKS PSP 2023

The objectives of NIKS PSP 2023 are as follows:

- (a) to provide an opportunity for participants of NIKS PSP 2023 to participate in the equity of the Company, thereby inculcating a stronger sense of identification with the long-term prosperity of the Group and promoting organisational commitment, dedication and loyalty of participants towards the Group;
- (b) to motivate participants to strive towards performance excellence and to maintain a high level of contribution to the Group;
- (c) to give recognition to contributions made or to be made by participants by introducing a variable component into their remuneration package; and
- (d) to make employee remuneration sufficiently competitive to recruit new participants and/or to retain existing participants whose contributions are important to the long-term growth and profitability of the Group.

Information in relation to NIKS PSP 2023 are as follow:

- All employees (including executive directors), non-executive directors and controlling shareholders and their associates shall be eligible to participate in the scheme at the absolute discretion of the NRC, subject to conditions.
- Awards represent the right of a participant to receive fully-paid shares free of charge, upon satisfying performance conditions (determined at the discretion of the NRC) which may be time-based or performance-related.

As at the date of this report, no award has been granted under NIKS PSP 2023.

The following employee is an immediate family member of a director and substantial shareholder of the Company and whose remuneration exceeded \$\$100,000 during FY2024:

Name of related employee **Designation in the Company** Relationship Above S\$100,000 and up to S\$200,000: Ong Huey Jwu General Manager (Singapore) Sister and sister-in-law of Dr Ong Fung Chin and Mr Cheng Shoong Tat respectively

Provision 8.2 of the Code: Remuneration disclosure of related employees

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT**

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.

Principle 9: **RISK MANAGEMENT** AND INTERNAL **CONTROLS** 

One of the Board's principal duties is to protect and enhance the long-term value and returns to the shareholders of the Company. The accountability of the Board to the shareholders is demonstrated through the presentation of the periodic financial statements as well as the announcement of significant corporate developments and activities in a timely manner so that the shareholders can have a detailed explanation and balanced assessment of the Group's financial position and prospects.

Provision 9.1 of the Code: Board determines the

nature and extent of significant risks

Management presents to the ARC the quarterly, half-yearly and full-year condensed interim financial statements ("Interim FS") for their review and recommendation to the Board for approval. The Board approves the Interim FS and authorises the release of the half-yearly and full-year Interim FS to the public via SGXNet.

#### Risk Management

The Board considered the size of the Group's operations and decided that the ARC (instead of a separate Board Risk Committee) shall oversee the Group's risk management framework, policies and processes. The ARC assists the Board in providing oversight of risk management in the Company and is responsible for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management systems and internal controls, including financial, operational, compliance (including sanctions-related risks) and information technology controls. The ARC reports to the Board its observations on the matters as it considers necessary and makes recommendations to the Board.

The Company has in place an enterprise risk management ("ERM") framework which includes a set of processes to ensure that the Group is aware of, and attends to, current and emerging risks. Management constantly reviews the business operations and environment to identify key risks and ensure that mitigating measures, including preventive, detective and corrective controls, are promptly implemented to address these risks. These key risks and mitigating measures taken, together with the risk owners and action plans to address any gaps, are documented in a risk register.

An overview of key risks and the approach to mitigating these risks are set out in the 'Risk Management' section of Annual Report 2024.

The ARC, with the assistance of the internal and external auditors, annually reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems, including financial, operational, compliance (including sanctions-related risks) and information technology controls.

For FY2024, the internal auditor, Forvis Mazars LLP, conducted internal audit review of the key areas on the Company's Singapore operation according to standards set out by the Institute of Internal Auditors and reported the findings to the ARC. The external auditor, Grant Thornton Audit LLP, has also, in the course of FY2024 statutory audit, gained or enhanced their understanding of the key internal accounting controls assessed to be relevant to the statutory audit. The ARC has reviewed the findings of both the internal and external auditors and will ensure that the Company follows up on the auditors' recommendations raised during the audits.

#### Internal Controls

The Board recognises the importance of maintaining a sound system of internal controls to safeguard the shareholders' interest and investments and the Group's assets. The internal control measures also aim to ensure that proper accounting records are maintained and financial information to be used within the business and/or to be published are accurate and complete. The Board notes that no system of internal controls could provide absolute assurance against the occurrence of material errors, poor judgement in decision making, human errors, losses, fraud or other irregularities. As such, the Company's risk management and internal controls systems are regularly evaluated and improved to ensure its relevance to the Company's operations.

The Board received assurance from the CEO and the Chief Financial Officer that:

- the financial records have been properly maintained and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Group's operations and finances; and
- the Group's risk management systems and internal control systems (including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls) are adequate and effective.

Based on the internal controls established and maintained by the Group, work performed by the internal and external auditors, reviews performed by management, various Board Committees and the Board, and the written assurance from the CEO and the Chief Financial Officer, the Board with the concurrence of the ARC, is of the opinion that the Group's internal controls, addressing key financial, operational, compliance (including sanctions-related risks) and information technology controls, and risk management systems were adequate and effective as at 31 December 2024 to address the risks that the Group considers relevant and material to its operations. The Group will review its internal control systems and processes on an on-going basis and make further improvements when necessary.

Provision 9.2 of the Code:

Assurance from CEO, CFO and other key management personnel

#### Sanctions-Related Risks

As a member of the United Nations, Singapore implements the resolutions passed by the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC") through Singapore laws. Activities which contravene the decisions of the UNSC in their resolutions are prohibited.

The Group does not transact with any party in sanctioned nations. The Group does not have a physical presence in any sanctioned nation and no substantial shareholder, director or executive officer is located or incorporated in a sanctioned nation. Considering the above factors, the Company has minimal or no exposure to sanctions-related risks.

The Board and the ARC are responsible for: (i) monitoring the Company's risk of becoming subject to, or violating any sanctions law; and (ii) ensuring accurate disclosures to the SGX-ST and other relevant authorities in a timely manner.

#### The Board has an AC which discharges its duties objectively.

The ARC comprises 3 independent directors of the Company.

All members of the ARC, including the ARC Chairman, are appropriately qualified and have recent and relevant accounting or financial management expertise and experience. They are not former partners or directors of the Company's auditing firm, Grant Thornton Audit LLP, and do not hold any financial interest in the firm.

During FY2024, the ARC conducted activities in line with its term of reference and its statutory duties prescribed under Section 201B(5) of the Companies Act 1967.

The ARC's responsibilities, as set out in its terms of reference, include the following:

- review the relevance and consistency of accounting standards, the significant reporting issues, recommendations and judgements made by external auditors so as to ensure the integrity of the financial statements of the Group;
- review with the external auditors:
  - · the audit plan;
  - · their evaluation of the system of internal accounting controls and effectiveness of the Company's audit function;
  - significant financial reporting issues and judgements;
  - · audit report issued by the external auditors; and
  - management letter issued by the external auditors and management's response;
- review the periodic financial statements of the Group including the half year and full year interim financial statements before submission to the Board for approval;
- review the assurance for the Chairman and CEO and the Chief Financial Officer on the financial records and financial statements of the Group:
- meet with the internal auditors and external auditors at least annually without the presence of management and review the co-operation given by management to the
- consider the independence and objectivity of external auditors annually and the aggregate amount of fees paid to the external auditors and a breakdown of the fees paid for audit and non-audit services;
- consider and recommend to the Board, the appointment/re-appointment and removal of the external auditors, and approving the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditors;

### Principle 10: **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Provision 10.1 of the Code:

Duties of AC

Provision 10.2 of the Code:

Composition of AC

Provision 10.3 of the Code:

AC does not comprise former partners or directors of the Company's auditing firm

- pre-approve all audit and non-audit services to be provided to the Group by the external auditors;
- review and report to the Board at least annually on the effectiveness and adequacy of the Company's risk management and internal controls, including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls (such review to be carried out internally or with the assistance of any competent third parties);
- review the risk profile of the Group and the appropriate steps to be taken to mitigate and manage risks at acceptable levels determined by the Board;
- review the internal audit plan and report, adequacy, effectiveness and independence of the internal audit function and monitor management's responsiveness to the internal audit findings and recommendation;
- review the appointment, removal, evaluation and compensation of the internal audit function:
- review interested person transactions falling within the scope of Chapter 9 of the Catalist Rules;
- review policies and arrangements for concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting and other matters to be safely raised, ensure that such policies and arrangements continue to be in place for independent investigation and appropriate follow-up, and ensure that the Group publicly discloses, and clearly communicates, to employees the existence of a whistle-blowing policy and the procedures for raising such concerns;
- 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;
- monitor the implementation of a policy and procedures for sustainability reporting;
- undertake such other functions and duties as may be required by statute, the Catalist Rules or as recommended by the Code.

The ARC is authorised to investigate any matter within its terms of reference, and has full access to, and co-operation of, management. The ARC has full discretion to invite any director, key management personnel or employee to attend its meetings and has access to reasonable resources, including independent professional advice, to enable it to discharge its functions.

The ARC shall also commission and review the findings of internal investigations into matters where there is any suspected fraud or irregularity, or failure of internal controls or infringement of any rules or regulations which has or is likely to have a material impact on the Group's operating results and/or financial position.

The Group has complied with Rules 712 and 715 of the Catalist Rules in relation to the appointment of external auditor. The aggregate amount of fees paid/payable to the external auditor of the Company, Grant Thornton Audit LLP, for FY2024 are as follow:

External auditors	Audit fees S\$'000	Non-audit fees S\$'000
External auditors of the Company (Grant Thornton Audit LLP)	88	_
Other external auditors	5	-
Total	93	-

The ARC, having reviewed the scope and value of the audit and non-audit services provided by Grant Thornton Audit LLP, is satisfied that the independence and objectivity of Grant Thornton Audit LLP is not impaired. Grant Thornton Audit LLP have confirmed that they are public accounting firm registered with ACRA and provided a confirmation on their independence to the ARC.

In recommending the re-appointment of Grant Thornton Audit LLP as external auditor for the financial year ending 31 December 2025, the ARC considered the adequacy of their resources, training and quality control, experience of the engagement team and the firm as a whole and quality of work carried out by the external auditors.

In evaluating the performance of Grant Thornton Audit LLP, the ARC used the Audit Quality Indicators ("AQIs") of the firm in the format and manner set out in ACRA's AQIs Disclosure Framework to guide conversation with the firm on audit quality matters.

The Company has outsourced its internal audit function to Forvis Mazars LLP, a corporate member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Singapore. The primary reporting line of the internal auditors is to the ARC on any material non-compliance and internal control weaknesses identified in the course of internal audit. The appointment, removal, evaluation of the internal auditors and compensation to be paid to them is recommended by the ARC and approved by the Board.

The internal audit team have unrestricted access to the Company's documents, records, properties and personnel. The internal audit team is staffed with personnel with relevant qualifications and experience and takes reference from the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing set by the Institute of Internal Auditors when performing their reviews. The engagement partner-in-charge has more than 20 years of internal audit experience. He manages a portfolio of outsourced internal audits of various listed companies and government bodies. The engagement team comprises of staff who are accountancy graduates with relevant professional certifications such as CA (Singapore), CPA, CIA and CISA. The ARC reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit function at least once a year, and as and when the situation calls for it. The ARC is satisfied that the internal auditors is independent, effective, have adequate resources to perform its functions and have appropriate standing within the Group. The Internal Auditors has provided a confirmation of their independence to the ARC.

For FY2024, Forvis Mazars LLP conducted internal audit review of the key areas on the Company's Singapore operation. They will conduct a follow-up review of management's implementation of audit recommendations during FY2025 internal audit.

The internal audit plan for FY2024 and FY2025 was presented to the ARC in February 2024 and approved by the ARC. The internal review of sustainability reporting process was incorporated into the internal audit plan.

The chief financial officer and external and internal auditors were among the attendees of the ARC meeting that was convened in February 2025 to discuss the Group's unaudited financial results. During this meeting, the ARC had a private session with the external auditors and internal auditors to discuss, amongst other matters, the conduct of external and internal audit for FY2024.

The ARC endeavours to meet at least once a year with the external auditors and internal auditors without the presence of management so that any concern and/or issue can be raised directly and privately.

Provision 10.4 of the

Primary reporting line of the internal audit function is to AC; Internal audit function has unfettered access to Company's documents, records, properties and personnel

Provision 10.5 of the Code: AC meets with the auditors without the presence of management annually

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING MATTERS

In the review of the financial statements for FY2024, the ARC discussed with management and the external auditors the significant accounting principles that were applied and their judgement of items that might affect the integrity of the financial statements.

The following key audit matters were discussed between management and the external auditor and were reviewed by the ARC.

Key audit matters	How the matters were addressed by the ARC
Allowance for inventories obsolescence	The ARC considered management's approach, methodology and judgement applied when estimating the impairment allowance for slow-moving and obsolete inventories and considered the observation and findings presented by the external auditors with reference to the adequacy of allowance for impairment of inventories. The above provided the ARC with the assurance and the ARC concurred with management's conclusion that as at 31 December 2024, allowance for impairment of inventories was adequately made.

#### WHISTLE-BLOWING POLICY

The Company has in place a whistle-blowing policy and procedures for employees of the Group and other stakeholders to report serious concerns and possible corporate improprieties related to fraud, misconduct, governance or ethics directly to the Lead ID and chairman of the ARC (Email: <a href="whistle@nikspro.com">whistle@nikspro.com</a>). The ARC has been designated as the independent function responsible for oversight and monitoring of whistleblowing, as well as investigating reported concerns.

According to the Company's whistle-blowing policy, whistle-blowers shall be protected from reprisal and the identity of the whistle-blower and the concern raised would be kept confidential.

Concerns can be conveyed anonymously. However, anonymous report may be difficult to verify and investigation may be hindered due to insufficient information. Accordingly, the Company will consider and decide if anonymous reports should be further investigated based on the individual merit of each circumstance. Whistleblowers are encouraged to provide their contact details so that clarifications could be sought during the course of investigation.

This policy is disseminated to employees of the Group and available on the Company's website (Link: www.nikspro.com/whistle-blowing-policy/).

During FY2024 and up to the date of this report, no significant matter was raised through the Group's whistle-blowing channels.

#### SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND ENGAGEMENT

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.

**SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS** 

Principle 11:

The Board ensures that the shareholders are treated fairly and equitably. All material information which would likely affect the price or value of the Company's shares shall be disclosed adequately and in a timely manner. Presentations to shareholders will be made available on SGXNet and the Company's website.

Provision 11.1 of the Code:

In presenting the Group's financial results to shareholders, it is the aim of the Board to provide shareholders with a balanced and understandable assessment of the Company's financial performance, position and prospects.

Company provides shareholders with the opportunity to participate effectively and vote at general meetings

The Company's principal form of dialogue with shareholders takes place at general meetings. Shareholders are given the opportunity to participate effectively and vote at general meetings of the Company, where relevant rules and procedures governing the meetings are clearly communicated. Notices of general meetings are dispatched to shareholders within the notice period as prescribed by the relevant regulations. Where necessary, additional explanatory notes will be provided for relevant resolutions which are to be tabled at general meetings to enable shareholders to exercise their vote on an informed basis. The Company strives to hold general meetings at venues which are accessible to shareholders and provide shareholders with the opportunity to voice their views and direct their questions to the Board.

All shareholders are entitled to vote in accordance with the established voting rules and procedures. The rules, including the voting process, will be explained by the scrutineers at such general meetings. The Constitution of the Company permits a shareholder to appoint up to two proxies to attend and vote in his/her stead at these meetings. Furthermore, the Company allows shareholders, which are relevant intermediaries to appoint more than two proxies to attend and vote on their behalf at general meetings. The Company will put all resolutions to vote by poll and make an announcement of the detailed results showing the number of votes cast for and against each resolution and the respective percentages. The Company will employ electronic polling, if necessary.

The Board notes that the best practice is to have separate resolutions on each substantially separate issue. The Company shall avoid 'bundling' resolutions unless the resolutions are interdependent and linked so as to form one significant proposal. In situations where resolutions are inter-conditional, the Company will provide clear explanations.

Provision 11.2 of the Code: Separate resolution on each substantially separate issue

All directors and the relevant key management personnel shall attend general meetings to address shareholders' queries and receive feedback from shareholders.

Provision 11.3 of the Code:
All directors attend

general meetings

The external auditor of the Company shall also be invited to attend the AGMs and shall assist in addressing shareholders' queries relating to the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the independent auditor's report.

The chairman of the general meeting will facilitate constructive dialogue between shareholders and the Board, management, external auditors and other relevant professionals.

The Company's AGM on 26 April 2024 was attended by all directors (including the Chairman and CEO and the ARC Chairman), executive officers (including the chief financial officer), sponsor and external auditors. Minutes of the AGM was broadcasted on the SGXNet on 26 May 2024.

The Constitution of the Company does not permit voting in absentia except only by appointment of proxy. As the authenticity of shareholders' identity information and other related integrity issues still remain a concern, the Company has decided not to amend its Constitution for the time being to allow voting in absentia by mail or electronic means.

Provision 11.4 of the Code:
Company's Constitution allow for absentia voting

Provision 11.5 of the

of shareholders

Minutes of general meetings which include substantial and relevant comments or queries from shareholders relating to the agenda of the meeting and responses from the Board and the relevant key management personnel would be available to shareholders upon their written request.

on Minutes of general meetings are published on the Company's

Code:

npany's website as soon as practicable

The minutes of the forthcoming AGM would be posted on the SGXNet and the Company's website within 1 month from the date of AGM.

Provision 11.6 of the Code:

The Company does not have a fixed dividend policy. The form, frequency and amount of future dividend of the Company's shares will depend on the amount of retained earnings and cash flow, actual and projected business and financial performance, projected levels of capital expenditure and other investment plans, working capital needs and general financial conditions, and other factors as the Board may deem appropriate.

Dividend policy

The Board has proposed a final dividend of S\$1,300,000 (Based on 1.0 Singapore cent per ordinary share), equivalent to 63% of the Group's net profit attributable to owners ("NPAT") for FY2024, to be approved in the forthcoming AGM. This is according to the intended dividend recommendation (i.e. not less than 40% of the Group's NPAT) as disclosed on page 63 of the Company's offer document dated 18 October 2023.

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.

Principle 12: **ENGAGEMENT WITH SHAREHOLDERS** 

The Company is committed to treating all shareholders fairly and equitably and keep all its shareholders and other stakeholders promptly informed of its corporate activities which would likely affect the price or value of its shares materially. The Company does not practise selective disclosure. Information is mainly communicated to shareholders via SGXNet announcements and the Company's annual reports. Announcements released on the SGXNet include the half yearly and full year results, material transactions and other developments of the Group which require disclosure. Other announcements are also made on an ad-hoc basis where applicable as soon as possible.

Provision 12.1 of the Code: Company provides avenues for communication between the Board and shareholders and discloses steps taken to solicit and understand the views of shareholders

The investor relations function is overseen by the Chairman and CEO who leads the Investor Relations team which comprises the executive directors and executive officers of the Company. The Investor Relations team takes an active role in communications with shareholders and the investment community to address their queries or concerns and to update them on the latest corporate development.

The Company has in place an investor relations policy which advocates the dissemination of relevant information to the Company's shareholders and prospective investors in a timely manner to enable them to make well-informed investment decisions and to ensure a level playing field. The Company's investor relations policy is available at the Company's website. The dedicated website link for investor relations is: www.nikspro.com/ir-overview/.

Shareholders and the investment community can contact the Company's Investor Relations team by telephone at +65 6294 1802 or email at ir@nikspro.com. The Investor Relations team endeavours to reply to shareholders' queries or requests within 3 business days.

Provisions 12.2 and 12.3 of the Code: Company has in place an investor relations policy; Investor relations policy sets out mechanism of communication between the shareholders and the Company

#### MANAGING STAKEHOLDERS RELATIONSHIPS

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.

Principle 13: **ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS** 

The Company endeavours to communicate effectively and regularly with our stakeholders. Our engagement with material stakeholder groups, including key area of focus and engagement channels, are disclosed in 'Stakeholder Engagement' section of Sustainability Report 2024 which forms part of Annual Report 2024.

Provisions 13.1 and 13.2 of the Code: Engagement with material stakeholder groups

The Group seizes opportunities to engage our stakeholders and welcomes feedback on our sustainability report. The Company's Sustainability Committee, which comprise all executive directors and executive officers of the Company, can be contacted via telephone (+65 6294 1802) and email (ir@nikspro.com).

Stakeholders who wish to know more about the Group and our business can visit the Company's website (www.nikspro.com). The Company's website has a dedicated section on investor relations where the Group's latest financial results, annual reports, SGXNet announcements, key policies and investor relations contacts are disclosed. The dedicated website link for investor relations is: www.nikspro.com/ir-overview/.

Provision 13.3 of the Code: Corporate website to engage stakeholders

#### **DEALINGS IN SECURITIES**

The Company has put in place policy on dealings in the Company's securities by the Company, its directors, officers and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The Company prohibits its directors, officers and employees from dealing in the Company's shares on short-term considerations or when they are in possession of unpublished price-sensitive information. The Company and all its directors, officers and employees of the Group are not allowed to deal in the Company's shares during the periods commencing 1 month before the announcement of the Company's half year and full year Interim FS.

The Company's officers and employees are also expected to adhere to insider trading laws at all times. Directors are required to report all dealings in securities of the Company to the company secretary and/or Chief Financial Officer immediately.

#### **INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTIONS ("IPTs")**

Review procedures are implemented by the Group to ensure that all IPTs are carried out on normal commercial terms which are generally no more favourable than those extended to unrelated third parties and on an arm's length basis, and will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Group and its minority shareholders.

All IPTs are documented and submitted periodically to the ARC for their review. The IPTs during FY2024 which amounted to S\$100,000 and above in value are as follow:

		Aggregate value of all IPTs during FY2024 (excluding transactions less than \$\$100,000)	
		Not conducted under shareholders' shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920 of the Conducted under shareholders' to Rule 920 of the	
Name of interested persons	Nature of	Catalist Rules	Catalist Rules
and nature of transactions	relationship	S\$'000	S\$'000
Dr Ong Fung Chin: Rental of premises	Director	156	-

Pursuant to rental agreement dated 22 June 2023 entered into between Dr Ong and the Company, Dr Ong agreed to lease the property situated at 825 Tampines Street 81 #01-64, Tampines Grove, Singapore 520825 to the Company at a monthly rental of S\$13,000 per month for a term of 3 years from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2026. This rental rate is based on an independent rental valuation of the said premises dated 16 June 2023. The rental agreement and the lease hereunder do not require shareholders' approval as it is exempted under Rule 916(1) of the Catalist Rules.

The Company does not have a general mandate from shareholders for IPTs.

#### **MATERIAL CONTRACTS AND LOANS**

Pursuant to Rule 1204(8) of the Catalist Rules, the Company confirms that there was no material contract (including loan agreement) of the Company and its subsidiaries involving the interests of the CEO, each director or controlling shareholder, either still subsisting at the end of FY2024 or, if not then subsisting, entered into since the end of FY2023.

#### **NON-SPONSORSHIP FEES**

With reference to Rule 1204(21) of the Catalist Rules, no non-sponsorship fees was paid to the Sponsor, SAC Capital Private Limited, during FY2024.

### **USE OF INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING ("IPO") PROCEEDS**

The Company raised gross proceeds of S\$5.0 million from its IPO in October 2023. As at the date of this report, the utilisation of the gross proceeds are as follows:

Use of proceeds (as set out in offer document dated 18 October 2023)	Amount allocated per offer document S\$'000	Re-allocation as announced on 9 August 2024 \$\$'000	Revised amount after re-allocation S\$'000	Amount utilised as at the date of this report \$\$'000	Amount balance S\$'000
Organic expansion of business through:  a) Opening of new clinics and outlets, recruitment of healthcare and management professionals, purchase of new equipment; and  b) Expansion of medical skincare products distribution business in China	800	500	1,300	(1,080)	220
Expansion of business through acquisitions, joint ventures and/or strategic alliances	2,200	(500)	1,700	-	1,700
General working capital purposes	327	_	327	_	327
Net proceeds  Share issue and listing expenses	3,327 1,687	-	3,327 1,687	(1,080) (1,687)	2,247
Gross proceeds	5,014	_	5,014	(2,767)	2,247

The above utilisation of gross proceeds is in line with the intended use and allocation of gross proceeds as set out in the offer document dated 18 October 2023 and the Company's announcement dated 9 August 2024.

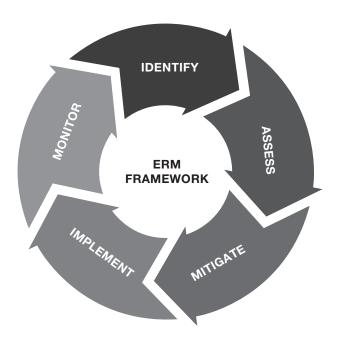
The Company will make further periodic announcements via SGXNet on the utilisation of the above IPO proceeds as and when such balance of proceeds is materially disbursed and will also provide a status report on the use of proceeds in the next annual report.

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Niks Professional Ltd. (the "Company" and, together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") aims to foster a risk-aware corporate culture in all decision-making. Through skilled application of integrated risk analysis and management, management not only aims to manage negative risks, but seeks to identify and exploit positive risks in order to enhance opportunities, reduce threats, and to sustain its competitive advantage.

Risk refers to the potential for loss, harm or deviation from expected outcomes. It encompasses the assessment of the likelihood of adverse consequences and their potential impact on business goals and objectives. Understanding and managing risks allow individuals and organisations to make informed decisions and allocate resources effectively. The Group is committed to managing risks in a proactive and effective manner and adopts an enterprise risk management ("ERM") framework which includes a set of processes to ensure the Group is aware of, and attends to, current and emerging risks.

The Group's ERM framework is devised with reference to certain principles of the ERM Framework published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) and covers the following areas:



Risk identification – Identify potential threats and vulnerabilities that arise from internal operations and external factors.

Risk prioritisation - Consider the likelihood and impact of identified risks, and comparing against a defined risk acceptance threshold.

Risk mitigation - Make decisions and implement measures in relation to the known risks, to minimise the likelihood of the risks crystallising or minimise the impact if they do crystallise and keep our risk profile at a low or acceptable level.

Risk reporting - Document key risks, mitigating measures and action plans to further address these risks in a risk register, to be reviewed by the Board annually. Key risks and mitigating measures shall also be disclosed in the 'Risk Management' section of the Company's annual report.

Risk monitoring - Assess existing and potential key risks while ensuring that mitigating measures are in place or will be implemented in a timely manner. Keep up with changes and opportunities in the business environment, update the risk register if required and at least once a year.

#### Key Risks and Mitigating Measures

Management constantly reviews the business environment to identify key risks to the Group's operations and to promptly implement mitigating measures to address identified risks. The Audit and Risk Committee, which assists the Board in providing oversight of risk management of the Group, reviews the risk register annually and monitors the overall risk environment of the Group. An overview of the key risks identified, its potential impacts and the mitigation measures in place are set out below.

During FY2024, the Group's risk profile remains broadly unchanged and none of the key risks identified is expected to adversely affect the Group's cash flows and operations in FY2025.

### Strategic risks

Potential of not achieving business goals due to poor business planning and strategic positioning and adverse external factors.

Risk description	Mitigating measures
Strategy and attendant risk – The Group intends to drive growth through organic expansion as well as through acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic alliances. It is thus exposed to risks associated with expansion, such as lower than expected returns on investments, difficulties in integrating newly acquired businesses and realising expected synergies and unforeseen legal and regulatory issues.	<ul> <li>Performance of pre-acquisition due diligence exercise</li> <li>Carefully managed integration processes (which commence at due diligence stage)</li> <li>Cooperation with parties whose businesses are synergistic or complementary with the Group's business</li> <li>Board's approval of major business initiatives and proposals</li> <li>Where relevant, shareholders' approval for major business initiatives in accordance to the relevant listing rules</li> <li>Monitoring to ensure investments meet objectives and expected returns</li> </ul>
Competition risk – New entrants and growth of existing competitors may dilute the Group's competitive edge, leading to declining revenue and margins.	<ul> <li>Continual focus on efficacy and safety of the Group's products and services</li> <li>Keeping up to date with skincare product trends and new ingredients that can be leveraged upon to formulate new and improved products to cater to evolving market demands</li> <li>Regular dialogues with skin practitioners and patients to identify market needs and gaps</li> <li>Regular upkeep of medical equipments to ensure quality treatment is provided to patients</li> <li>Sales and marketing initiatives to enhance brand awareness</li> </ul>

### **Operational risks**

Potential for flow of business operations to be disrupted due to ineffective or failed internal processes, people, systems or external events.

Risk description	Mitigating measures
Key person dependency risk – The loss of key management personnel and doctors may result in business interruption and potentially impede the Group's growth objectives.	<ul> <li>Document key processes and procedures which successors can follow in the absence of key persons</li> <li>Promote knowledge sharing to reduce reliance on any single individual</li> <li>Periodic review of remuneration packages to ensure continued competitiveness</li> <li>Employee empowerment</li> </ul>

#### Financial risks

Potential for financial loss due to volatility in the financial markets and poor investment and hedging decisions. It is also related to financial reporting and compliance.

Risk description	Mitigating measures		
Financial reporting risk – Encompassing fraud and overriding of controls resulting in financial losses and/or material misstatement of financial statements.	Relevant polices and procedures, such as Whistleblowing Policy and Conduct of Business Conduct and Ethics for Employees		
	<ul> <li>Segregation of duties in key business processes</li> </ul>		
Financial reporting risk is recognised as a key risk,	<ul> <li>Delegation of authority matrix</li> </ul>		
reflecting the Board and management's commitment	Matters reserved for Board's approval		
to sound business governance and adherence to accounting standards and practices.	Annual external and internal audits		

### **Compliance risks**

Potential of negative consequences stemming from non-compliance with applicable laws, regulations and ethical

standards.	
Risk description	Mitigating measures
Laws and regulations – Some of our business operations are regulated and non-compliance could lead to penalties and adverse publicity. These laws and regulations cover operations of clinics, registration and regulation of doctors, promotion and advertising and product labelling.  In addition to the Companies Act 1967 of Singapore, the Company must comply with the Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited and the Code of Corporate Governance 2018. Non-compliance may result in reputational damage, eroding investors' confidence.	<ul> <li>Hiring and admission of doctors with clean records with the Singapore Medical Council</li> <li>Keeping up to date with regulatory changes in the medical landscape and keeping all the doctors and relevant parties apprised to ensure compliance</li> <li>Qualified and experienced directors and key management personnel</li> <li>Keep updated on changes in laws and regulations through relevant training and seminars and updates by the sponsor, company secretaries and auditors</li> </ul>

#### Information technology risks

Potential for adverse outcomes arising from the failure or misuse of IT systems, failure to safeguard IT assets (including data) and including risks such as cyberattacks, human errors and technical failure.

#### **Risk description** Mitigating measures Data breaches - As a healthcare provider, the Group • Storing information collected or generated on must protect personal information and medical records reputable third-party platforms with industry-standard of our patients under relevant legislation such as the security features Personal Data Protection Act 2012 ("PDPA") and • IT data security policy implemented to minimise the Healthcare Services Act 2020 of Singapore. Any breach risk of privacy breaches or leakage of data may result in reputational damage, PDPA policy which governs how personal data should heavy regulatory fines and/or penalties. be collected, used and disclosed according to PDPA Implement access controls to ensure that only authorised individuals can access designated data and systems

We are pleased to present the accompanying financial statements of Niks Professional Ltd. (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

#### 1 Opinion of the directors

In the opinion of the directors,

- (a) the accompanying financial statements are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Company as at 31 December 2024 and the financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2024; and
- (b) at the date of the 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:

Cheng Shoong Tat
Mark Andrew Yeo Kah Chong
Ong Fung Chin
Manu Bhaskaran
Tan Teck Huat

#### 3 Directors' interests in shares and debentures

According to the register of director's shareholdings kept by the Company under Section 164 of the Companies Act 1967 (the "Act"), none of the directors of the Company holding office at the end of the financial year had an interest in the shares of the Company except as follows:

	At beginning of	At end of	
Name of directors	the financial year	the financial year	At 21 January 2025
The Company	Nur	nber of shares of no par val	<u>ue</u>
Cheng Shoong Tat	53,180,435	53,436,935	53,736,935
Ong Fung Chin	52,180,435	53,235,435	53,535,435

By virtue of section 7 of the Act, Cheng Shoong Tat and Ong Fung Chin are deemed to have interest in all related body corporates of the Company.

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

Neither at the end of the financial year nor at any time during the financial 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 Share options and awards

The NIKS Employee Share Option Scheme ("NIKS ESOP 2023") and the NIKS Performance Share Plan ("Niks PSP 2023") of the Company were approved and adopted by its members via members' resolutions by written means on 13 October 2023.

The NIKS ESOP 2023 and NIKS PSP 2023 are administered by the Nominating and Remuneration Committee ("NRC") whose members are as follow:

Manu Bhaskaran (Chairman)
Mark Andrew Yeo Kah Chong (Member)
Tan Teck Huat (Member)

#### NIKS ESOP 2023

Information in relation to the NIKS ESOP 2023 are as follow:

- All employees (including executive directors), non-executive directors and controlling shareholders and their associates shall be eligible to participate in the scheme at the absolute discretion of the NRC, subject to conditions.
- The exercise price of the options can be set at a maximum discount of 20.0% (or such other discount percentage or amount as may be determined by the NRC) of the average last dealt prices for the Company's shares on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") over the 5 consecutive trading days immediately preceding the date of grant of the options.

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

During the financial year, no shares were issued by virtue of the exercise of an option to take up unissued shares of the Company.

As at 31 December 2024, there were no unissued shares under option.

## NIKS PSP 2023

Information in relation to the NIKS PSP 2023 are as follow:

- All employees (including executive directors), non-executive directors and controlling shareholders and their associates shall be eligible to participate in the scheme at the absolute discretion of the NRC, subject to conditions.
- Awards represent the right of a participant to receive fully-paid shares free of charge, upon satisfying performance conditions (determined at the discretion of the NRC) which may be time-based or performance-related.

During the financial year, no performance shares were granted, vested and cancelled under the NIKS PSP 2023.

As at 31 December 2024, there were no unissued shares under shares awards granted by the Company.

#### Report of Audit and Risk Committee

The members of the Audit and Risk Committee at the date of this report are as follows:

Mark Andrew Yeo Kah Chong (Chairman and Lead Independent Director)

Manu Bhaskaran (Independent Director) Tan Teck Huat (Independent Director)

The Audit and Risk Committee performs the functions specified by section 201B (5) of the Act, the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST and the Code of Corporate Governance. 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 that are relevant to their statutory audit, their report on the financial statements and the assistance given by management to them;
- Reviewed with the internal auditor the scope and results of the internal audit procedures (including those relating to financial, operational, compliance, information technology controls and risk management) and the assistance given by the 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; and
- Reviewed the interested person transactions (as defined in Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST).

Other functions performed by the Audit and Risk Committee are described in the Corporate Governance Report included in the annual report of the Company. It also includes an explanation of how independent external auditor's objectivity and independence are safeguarded when the independent external auditor provides non-audit services.

The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed the independence of the auditors as required under Section 206(1A) of the Act and determined that the auditors were independent in carrying out their audit of the financial statements.

The Audit and Risk Committee has recommended to the board of directors that the independent auditor, Grant Thornton Audit LLP, be nominated for re-appointment as the independent auditor at the next annual general meeting of the Company.

In appointing our auditors of the Company and subsidiaries, we have complied with Rules 712 and 715 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST.

#### 7 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 and Risk 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.

#### 8 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 21 February 2025, which would materially affect the Group's and Company's operating and financial performance as of the date of this report.

#### 9 Independent auditor

The independent auditor, Grant Thornton Audit LLP, has expressed its willingness to accept re-appointment.

On behalf of the directors	
Cheng Shoong Tat	Ong Fung Chin
Director	Director
Singapore	

Singapore 28 March 2025

TO THE MEMBERS OF NIKS PROFESSIONAL LTD

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Niks Professional Ltd ("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, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows of the Group for the 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 statement of financial position 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)s") so as to give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group and 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 for the 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 Group in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority ("ACRA") Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities (the "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.

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#### **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 financial 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.

#### Allowance for inventories obsolescence

Refer to Note 2 and Note 18 to the financial statements

#### Key audit matter

As at 31 December 2024, the total inventories (net of allowance for obsolete and slow-moving inventories) and the related allowance for obsolete inventories amounted to \$2.06 million (2023: \$1.84 million) and \$0.13 million (2023: \$0.09 million) respectively. The determination of allowance for inventories obsolescence requires management to exercise judgement in identifying slow-moving or obsolete inventories and making estimates of their net realisable values. As such we determined this is a key audit matter.

#### How the matter was addressed in the audit

Our audit procedures included, amongst others:

- attended and observed management's inventory counts at all material inventory locations and observed management's identification of obsolete or slow-moving inventories.
- tested the accuracy of management's inventory costing.
- reviewed inventory turnover days.
- evaluated the assessment made by management with respect to obsolete or slow-moving inventories, taking into consideration expected demand and selling price after year end.
- corroborated management assessment with historical sales and sales after year end for indication of inaccurate allowance made for inventories obsolescence.
- assessed the adequacy of the disclosures related to inventories.

#### Other Information

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

We have obtained all other information prior to the date of this auditor's report.

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.

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#### 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 SFRS(I)s, and for devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised 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:

- 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.
- 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 controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- 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.

TO THE MEMBERS OF NIKS PROFESSIONAL LTD

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

- 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.
- 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.

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, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

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 year 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 G Arull.

Grant Thornton Audit LLP Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants

Singapore 28 March 2025

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF** COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Group	Notes	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Revenue	5	11,190	10,854
Interest income	6	206	210
Other income and gains	7	301	577
Changes in inventories		260	(25)
Purchases and related costs		(2,074)	(1,593)
Employee benefits expense	8	(5,033)	(4,768)
Depreciation	14	(1,023)	(740)
Other losses	9	(43)	(111)
Finance costs	10	(74)	(76)
Other expenses	11	(1,224)	(2,099)
Profit before income tax		2,486	2,229
Income tax expense	12	(407)	(488)
Profit for the year		2,079	1,741
Profit attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		2,079	1,686
Non-controlling interest			55
Profit for the year		2,079	1,741
Other comprehensive income:			
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Foreign currency translation differences		15	(40)
Other comprehensive income		15	(40)
Total comprehensive income for the year		2,094	1,701
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			<u> </u>
Owners of the Company		2,094	1,646
Non-controlling interest			55
		2,094	1,701

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Group	Notes	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	14	11,699	10,970
Deferred tax assets	12	44	44
Other assets	17	145	102
Total non-current assets		11,888	11,116
<u>Current assets</u>			
Inventories	18	2,059	1,842
Trade and other receivables	19	364	586
Cash and cash equivalents	20	9,180	9,086
Total current assets		11,603	11,514
Total assets		23,491	22,630
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity Share capital	21	6 475	6,475
Retained earnings	۷ ا	6,475 13,845	13,066
Foreign currency translation reserve	22	(4)	(19)
Share-based payment reserve	21(c)	157	157
Other reserves	22	(297)	(297)
Equity, attributable to owners of the Company		20,176	19,382
Non-controlling interest			
Total equity		20,176	19,382
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	23	892	912
Provision	24	80	
Total non-current liabilities		972	912
<u>Current liabilities</u>			
Income tax payable		400	445
Trade and other payables	25	993	1,070
Lease liabilities	23	675	522
Other liabilities	26	275	299
Total current liabilities		2,343	2,336
Total liabilities		3,315	3,248
Total equity and liabilities		23,491	22,630

# **STATEMENT OF** FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Company	Notes	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	14	11,674	10,918
Investment property	15	_	_
Investment in subsidiaries	16	800	1,050
Deferred tax assets	12	44	44
Other assets	17	145	102
Total non-current assets		12,663	12,114
Current assets			
Inventories	18	1,669	1,582
Trade and other receivables	19	948	596
Cash and cash equivalents	20	8,502	7,632
Total current assets		11,119	9,810
Total assets		23,782	21,924
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
<u>Equity</u>			
Share capital	21	6,475	6,475
Retained earnings		13,897	12,367
Share-based payment reserve	21(c)	157	157
Total equity		20,529	18,999
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	23	892	889
Provision	24	80	
Total non-current liabilities		972	889
Current liabilities			
Income tax payable		393	414
Trade and other payables	25	962	828
Lease liabilities	23	651	495
Other liabilities	26	275	299
Total current liabilities		2,281	2,036
Total liabilities		3,253	2,925
Total equity and liabilities		23,782	21,924

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Attribu	table to owner	rs of the Cor	npany			
Group	Share capital \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Foreign currency translation reserve \$'000	Share- based payment reserve \$'000	Other reserves \$'000	Total \$'000	Non- controlling interest \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Balance at 1 January 2023	1,220	20,880	21	-	_	22,121	205	22,326
Profit for the year Other comprehensive income: Foreign currency translation	_	1,686	-	-	-	1,686	55	1,741
differences arising from foreign operations	_	_	(40)	_	_	(40)	_	(40)
Total comprehensive income for the year Transactions with owners, recognised	-	1,686	(40)	-	_	1,646	55	1,701
directly in equity Dividends (Note 13) Issue of shares for acquisition of non-	-	(9,500)	-	-	-	(9,500)	(116)	(9,616)
controlling interest (Note 16) Conversion of	441	-	-	_	(297)	144	(144)	-
convertible loans (Note 21(c)) Share-based	236	-	-	_	-	236	-	236
payment, equity- settled (Note 21(c)) Issue of new shares	-	_	_	157	-	157	-	157
(Note 21) Share issue expenses	5,014 (436)					5,014 (436)		5,014 (436)
Balance at 31 December 2023	6,475	13,066	(19)	157	(297)	19,382		19,382
Balance at 1 January 2024	6,475	13,066	(19)	157	(297)	19,382	-	19,382
Profit for the year Other comprehensive income: Foreign currency translation differences arising from foreign	-	2,079	-	-	-	2,079	-	2,079
operations	_	_	15	_	_	15	_	15
Total comprehensive income for the year Transactions with owners, recognised	-	2,079	15	-	-	2,094	-	2,094
directly in equity Dividends (Note 13)		(1,300)				(1,300)		(1,300)
Balance at 31 December 2024	6,475	13,845	(4)	157	(297)	20,176	_	20,176

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

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before income tax	2,486	2,229
Adjustments for:		
Interest income	(206)	(210)
Interest expense	74	76
Share-based payment, equity-settled	_	157
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,023	740
Allowance for impairment of inventories	43	85
Other payables written back	31	
Operating cash flows before changes in working capital	3,451	3,077
Change in working capital:		
Inventories	(247)	25
Trade and other receivables	167	(97)
Other assets	(43)	(2)
Trade and other payables	(291)	(254)
Other liabilities	(24)	(1)
Net cash generated from operations	3,013	2,748
Income tax paid	(452)	(555)
Net cash from operating activities	2,561	2,193
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(808)	(300)
Interest received	261	131
Net cash used in investing activities	(547)	(169)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid to owners of the Company	(1,300)	(9,500)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interest	_	(116)
Proceeds from convertible loans	_	236
Payment of lease liabilities	(590)	(430)
Interest paid	(74)	(76)
Issue of shares, net of share issue expense		4,578
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,964)	(5,308)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	50	(3,284)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning balance	9,086	12,371
Effect of exchange rate fluctuation	44	(1)
Cash and cash equivalents, ending balance	9,180	9,086

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#### 1. **GENERAL**

Niks Professional Ltd (the "Company") is incorporated in Singapore with its principal place of business at 16 Kallang Place #03-27 Singapore 339156 and registered office at 825 Tampines Street 81 #01-64, Tampines Grove, Singapore 520825.

The principal activities of the Company are operation of medical clinics focusing on aesthetic medical and family practice dermatology services as well as to carry on the business as wholesalers, retailers, importers, exporters and distribution of cosmetics and skincare products. The principal activities of the subsidiaries are set out in Note 16.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of accounting

The 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. The Group has adopted all the new and revised standards of the SFRS(I) which are effective beginning on or after 1 January 2024. The adoption of these standards did not have any effect on the financial performance or position of the Group.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention except where an SFRS(I)s requires an alternative treatment (such as fair values) as disclosed where appropriate in these financial statements.

#### Basis of preparation of the consolidated financial statements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the financial year. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Apart from those involving estimations, management has made judgements in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed at the end of this note, where applicable. The financial statements are presented in Singapore dollar and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand (\$'000), except when otherwise stated.

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#### 2. **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

### Standards issued but not yet effective

A number of new standards and amendments to standard have been issued and are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025 and, as such, have not been applied in preparing these financial statements.

Effective for

Standard	Title	annual periods beginning on or after
SFRS (I) 1-21	Amendments to SFRS(I) 1-21: Lack of Exchangeability	1 January 2025
SFRS(I) 7	Amendments to SFRS(I) 7 and SFRS(I) 9: Amendments to the	1 January 2026
SFRS(I) 9	Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments	
Various	Annual Improvements to FRSs – Volume 11	1 January 2026
SFRS(I) 9	Amendments to SFRS(I) 9 and SFRS (I) 7: Contracts Referencing	1 January 2026
SFRS (I) 7	Nature-dependent Electricity	
SFRS(I) 18	Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	1 January 2027
SFRS(I) 19	Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures	1 January 2027
SFRS(I) 10	Amendments to SFRS(I) 10 and SFRS(I) 1-28: Sale or Contribution of	To be determined
SFRS(I) 1-28	Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	

The adoption of these new and amended standards is not expected to have a material impact on the financial statements in the year of initial application except for the following:

SFRS(I) 18 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027 with earlier application permitted. SFRS(I) 18 requires retrospective application with specific transition provisions. Management anticipates that the new requirements will change the current presentation and disclosure in the financial statements.

SFRS(I) 18 introduces new requirements to:

- present the statement of profit or loss with specified categories and defined subtotals. Entities are required to classify all income and expenses into one of the five categories in the statement of profit or loss: operating, investing, financing, income taxes and discontinued operations, whereof the first three are new.
- provide disclosures on management-defined performance measures (MPMs) in the notes to the financial statements.
- improve aggregation and disaggregation of financial information which apply to the primary financial statements and notes in general.

#### Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and rendering of services in the ordinary course of the Group's activities. Revenue is presented, net of goods and services tax, rebates and discounts.

Revenue is recognised when the Group satisfies a performance obligation by transferring a promised good or service to the customer, which is when the customer obtains control of the good or service. A performance obligation may be satisfied at a point in time or over time. The amount of revenue recognised is the amount allocated to the satisfied performance obligation.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Revenue recognition (Continued)

#### Sale of goods

The Group distributes skincare and beauty products. Revenue is recognised when the goods are transferred or delivered to the customer and all criteria for acceptance have been satisfied.

The amount of revenue recognised is based on the transaction price, which comprises the contractual price. Based on the Group's experience with similar types of contracts, variable consideration is typically constrained and is included in the transaction only to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

The Group has a customer loyalty programme that enables end-customers to earn loyalty points based on the amount of purchases of skincare products. The loyalty points are redeemable for a discount on purchases within the next 1 year. The Group recognises revenue for the loyalty points redeemed and recognises a contract liability for unredeemed points as at the end of the financial period. The contract liability is recognised until the corresponding loyalty points are redeemed or expire.

#### Rendering of services

The Group provides family practice dermatology and aesthetic medical services. Revenue from services are recognised as and when the services are performed and rendered.

#### Interest income

Interest on interest-bearing bank accounts and fixed deposits are recognised in the financial statements using the effective interest method.

#### Rental income

Rental income from operating lease on premise is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

## Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the dividend will flow to the Company, and the amount of the dividend can be reliably measured.

#### **Government grants**

Government grants are recognised as a receivable when there is reasonable assurance that all attached conditions will be complied with and that the grant will be received. When the grant relates to an expense item, it is recognised as income on a systematic basis over the periods that the related costs, for which it is intended to compensate, are expensed. When the grant relates to a depreciable asset, the fair value is recognised as deferred income on the statement of financial position and is recognised as income in equal amounts over the expected useful life of the related asset.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Employee benefits**

#### Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid under short-term cash bonus if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee, and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

#### Defined contribution plan

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit plans are charged as an expense when employees have rendered the services entitling them to the contributions. Payments made to state-managed retirement benefit schemes, such as the Singapore Central Provident Fund, are dealt with as payments to defined contribution plans where the Group's obligation under the plans are equivalent to those arising in a defined contribution retirement benefit plan.

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has 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 the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are reviewed at the end of each financial period and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. If it is no longer probable that an outflow of economic resources will be required to settle the obligation, the provision is reversed. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. When discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

### Contingencies

A contingent liability is:

- (a) A possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Company; or
- (b) A present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because:
  - (i) It is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; or
  - (ii) The amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability.

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group.

Contingent liabilities and assets are not recognised on the statement of financial position of the Group, except for contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination that are present obligations and which the fair values can be reliably determined.

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#### 2. **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### Foreign currency transactions

The currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates, or functional currency, is the Singapore dollar. The financial statements are presented in the functional currency of the Company.

#### Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Currency translation differences from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the closing rates at the financial year end date are recognised in profit or loss, unless they arise from borrowings in foreign currencies, other currency instruments designated and qualifying as net investment hedges and net investment in foreign operations. Those currency translation differences are recognised in the foreign currency translation reserve in the financial statements and transferred to profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on disposal of foreign operation. Non-monetary items measured at fair values in foreign currencies are translated using the exchange rates at the date when fair values are determined.

#### Translation of Group entities' financial statements

Each entity in the Group determines the appropriate functional currency. In translating the financial statements of Group entity for incorporation in the financial statements in the presentation currency:

- Assets and liabilities are translated at the currency exchange rates at the financial year end date; (a)
- Income and expenses are translated at average currency exchange rates for the financial period (unless (b) the average rates are not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated using the currency exchange rates at the dates of the transactions); and
- (C) All resulting currency translation differences are recognised in the foreign currency translation reserve.

#### **Taxes**

## Current income tax

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authority. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted at the financial year end date.

Current income taxes are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that the tax relates to items recognised outside profit or loss, either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Taxes (Continued)

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on temporary differences at the end of the financial year between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all temporary differences, except:

- where the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in
  a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the
  accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised except:

- where the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each financial period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at the end of each financial period and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the financial period.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset, if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current income tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Current and deferred income taxes are recognised as income or expense in profit or loss, except to the extent that the tax arises from a business combination or a transaction which is recognised directly in equity. Deferred tax arising from a business combination is adjusted against goodwill on acquisition.

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#### 2. **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost and subsequently carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent expenditure relating to property, plant and equipment that has already been recognised is added to the carrying amount of the asset only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the entity and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance expenses is recognised in profit or loss when incurred.

Depreciation is provided on the straight-line method to allocate the gross carrying amounts of the assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives are as follow:

60 to 95 years (based on remaining lease periods) Leasehold properties

Right-of-use assets 1 to 6 years Computers 3 years Furniture and fittings 3 years Machinery 3 to 5 years Medical equipment 3 to 5 years Motor vehicle 3 years Office equipment 3 years Renovation 3 years

The residual values, estimated useful lives and depreciation method of property, plant and equipment are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each financial year end date. The effects of any revision are recognised in profit or loss when the changes arise.

Fully depreciated assets are retained in the financial statements until they are disposed of or written off and no further charge for depreciation is made in respect of these assets.

On disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment, the difference between the disposal proceeds and its carrying amount is recognised in profit or loss. Any amount in revaluation reserve relating to that asset is transferred to retained earnings directly upon disposal of that asset.

## **Investment property**

Investment property is property held for long-term rental yields and/or for capital appreciation, rather than for: (a) use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes; or (b) sale in the ordinary course of business.

Investment property is initially recognised at cost and subsequently carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is calculated using a straight-line method to allocate the depreciable amounts over the estimated useful lives of 95 years. The residual values, useful lives and depreciation method of investment property are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each financial year end date.

Investment property is subject to renovations or improvements at regular intervals. The cost of major renovations and improvements is capitalized as addition and the carrying amounts of the replaced components are written off to profit or loss. The cost of maintenance, repairs and minor improvement is charged to profit or loss when incurred.

On disposal of an investment property, the difference between the disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in profit or loss.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Investment in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses in the company's statement of financial position. On disposal of investments in subsidiaries, the difference between net disposal proceeds and the carrying amounts of the investments are recognised in profit or loss.

#### Consolidation

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, intercompany transactions and balances and realized gains on transactions between group entities are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment indicator of the transferred asset. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Non-controlling interest ("NCI") comprise the portion of a subsidiary's net results of operations and its net assets, which is attributable to the interests that are not owned directly or indirectly by the owners of the Company. They are shown separately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, and statement of financial position. Total comprehensive income is attributed to the NCI based on their respective interests in a subsidiary, even if this results in the NCI having a deficit balance.

#### Acquisitions

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for business combinations by the Group.

The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary or business comprises the fair value of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred and the equity interests issued by the Group. The consideration transferred also includes the fair value of any contingent consideration arrangement and the fair value of any pre-existing equity interest in the subsidiary.

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are, with limited exceptions, measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date.

On an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, the Group recognises any NCI in the acquiree at the date of acquisition either at fair value or at the NCI's proportionate share of the acquiree's net identifiable assets.

The excess of (i) the consideration transferred, the amount of any NCI in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the (ii) fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill.

#### Loss of control

When the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, and any related NCI and other components of equity. Any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any interest retained in the former subsidiary is measured at fair value when control is lost.

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#### 2. **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

### **Consolidation (Continued)**

#### Transactions with non-controlling interests

Changes in the Group's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control over the subsidiary are accounted for as transactions with owners of the Company. Any difference between the change in the carrying amounts of the NCI and the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognised within equity attributable to the owners of the Company.

#### Leases

The Group assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

#### As lessee

The Group applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Group recognises lease liabilities representing the obligations to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying leased assets.

#### Right-of-use assets

The Group recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e. the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets.

If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the Group at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset. The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment. The accounting policy for impairment is disclosed in 'Impairment of non-financial assets' section below.

The Group's right-of-use assets are presented within property, plant and equipment.

#### Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Group recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising the option to terminate. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expenses (unless they are incurred to produce inventories) in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Leases (Continued)

#### Lease liabilities (Continued)

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g. changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

#### Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption for leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option. The lease of low-value assets recognition exemption may also be applied to leases that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### As lessor

Leases in which the Group does not transfer automatically all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset are classified as operating leases. Rental income arising from operating leases on the Group's leasehold properties is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms.

### Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined using the weighted average method. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and applicable variable selling expenses.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and deposits with financial institutions which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

Property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment whenever there is any objective evidence or indication that these assets may be impaired.

For the purpose of impairment testing, the recoverable amount (i.e. the higher of the fair value less cost to sell and the value-in-use) is determined on an individual asset basis unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets. If this is the case, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash generating units ("CGU") to which the asset belongs.

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#### 2. **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

## Impairment of non-financial assets (Continued)

If the recoverable amount of the asset (or CGU) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or CGU) is reduced to its recoverable amount.

The difference between the carrying amount and recoverable amount is recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case, such impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

An impairment loss for an asset other than goodwill is reversed if, and 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 amount of this asset is increased to its revised recoverable amount, provided that this amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of any accumulated depreciation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years.

A reversal of impairment loss for an asset other than goodwill is recognised in the profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case, such reversal is treated as a revaluation increase. However, to the extent that an impairment loss on the same revalued asset was previously recognised as expense, a reversal of that impairment is also credited to profit or loss.

### Financial instruments - Financial assets

## Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are recognised when, and only when, the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL"), transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at FVPL are expensed in profit or loss.

Trade receivables (without a significant financing component) are measured at the amount of consideration to which the Group expects to receive in exchange for transferring promised goods or services to a customer.

## Subsequent measurement

Financial assets mainly comprise cash and cash equivalents, deposits and trade and other receivables (excludes prepayments and advance payment to suppliers). Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Group's business model for managing the asset and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the asset. The three measurement categories for classification of debt instruments are amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") and FVPL. The Group only has debt instruments at amortised cost.

### Amortised cost

Financial assets that are held for the collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. Financial assets are measured at amortised cost using effective interest method, less impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the assets are derecognised or impaired, and through the amortisation process.

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### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## Financial instruments - Financial assets (Continued)

### Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognised where the contractual right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired. On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income for debt instruments is recognised in profit or loss.

### Financial instruments - Financial liabilities

## Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are recognised when, and only when, the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. The Group determines the classification of its financial liabilities at initial recognition.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value plus in the case of financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss, directly attributable transaction costs.

### Subsequent measurement

After initial recognition, financial liabilities that are not carried at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised and through the amortisation process.

### **Derecognition**

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. On derecognition, the difference between the carrying amounts and consideration paid is recognised in profit or loss.

## Offsetting arrangements

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when the Group has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts; and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. A right to set-off must be available today rather than being contingent on a future event and must be exercisable by any of the counterparties, both in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy.

### Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares are recognised as share capital in equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issuance of ordinary shares are deducted against share capital. Dividends to the Company's shareholders are recognised when the dividends are approved for payment.

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#### 2. **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

## Impairment of financial assets

The Group recognises an allowance for expected credit losses ("ECLs") for all debt instruments not held at FVPL. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

For trade receivables, the Group applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the Group does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on the lifetime ECLs at each financial year end date. The Group has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment which could affect debtors' ability to pay.

For all other financial assets, ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months. For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is recognised for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of timing of the default ("lifetime ECL").

The Group considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 60 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Group may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual 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 financial period during which the change occurred.

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### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## Fair value measurement (Continued)

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 significant differences at the end of the financial year and in the event the fair values are disclosed in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

### Critical judgements, assumptions and estimation uncertainties

The critical judgements made in the process of applying the accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and the key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the financial year, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities currently or within the next financial year are discussed below.

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.

Critical judgments in applying the Group's accounting policies

Management is of the opinion that any instances of application of judgement are not expected to have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainties

## Nik\$ Scheme

The Group's Nik\$ Scheme allows customers to pay for purchases of Niks skincare products at any Niks Maple Clinic or Niks Shop Salon, at the rate of 1 NIK\$ = \$1. A portion of revenue attributable to the Nik\$ Scheme benefits is deferred until they are utilised and recognised as a contract liability. The deferment of the revenue is estimated based on historical trends of breakage, which is then used to project the expected utilisation of these benefits.

## Allowance for inventories obsolescence

Inventory write-down is made based on the current market conditions, historical experience and selling goods of similar nature. It could change significantly as a result of changes in market conditions. A review is made periodically on inventories for excess inventories and obsolescence, and an allowance is recorded against the inventory balances for any such instances.

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### 3. RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS AND TRANSACTIONS

SFRS(I) 1-24 on related party disclosures requires the Company 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 shareholders are Cheng Shoong Tat and Ong Fung Chin.

### 3A. Related companies

Related companies in these financial statements include the members of the Company's group of companies.

## 3B. Related party transactions

There are transactions and arrangements between the Company and related parties and the effects of these on the basis determined between the parties are reflected in these financial statements. The related party balances (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 financial statements are not disclosed as related party transactions and balances below.

Significant related party transactions, in addition to transactions and balances disclosed elsewhere in the notes to the financial statements, include:

	Gro	Group	
	2024	2023	
	\$'000	\$'000	
<u>Director:</u>			
Rental expenses	156	120	

## 3C. Key management compensation

	Group	
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Directors of the Company:		
Short-term employee benefits expense	1,362	1,552
Contributions to defined contribution plan	19	27
	1,381	1,579
Other key management personnel:		
Short-term employee benefits expense	432	370
Contributions to defined contribution plan	45	40
	477	410
Total key management compensation	1,858	1,989

Key management personnel are the directors and those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Group, directly or indirectly. The above amounts are included under employee benefits expense.

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### 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

## 4A. Information about reportable segments

Disclosure of information about operating segments, products and services, the geographical areas, and the major customers are made as required by SFRS(I) 8 Operating Segments. This disclosure standard has no impact on the reported results or financial position of the Group.

For management purposes, the Group is organised into the following key operating segments: (1) Clinics; (2) Retail; and (3) Headquarters. 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 segment requires different strategies.

The segments and types of products and services are as follows:

- (1) Clinics: Provision of family practice dermatology and aesthetic medical services and sale of skincare and beauty products and medicines at the Group's medical clinics.
- (2) Retail: Sale of skincare and beauty products and provision of facial services at the Company's salons and retail outlets.
- (3) Headquarters: Distribution of skincare and beauty products to customers (including medical clinics and beauty salons) in Singapore and China and sale of the products to end-customers in Singapore through the Company's online sale platforms.

'Others' comprise mainly corporate activities and items relating to investment activities including rental generated from and expenses incurred on leasehold properties.

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

The management reporting system evaluates performances based on a number of factors. However, the primary profitability measurement to evaluate segment's operating results comprises two major financial indicators: (1) earnings from operations before depreciation, interest expenses and income taxes ("Recurring EBITDA"); and (2) operating result before income taxes and other unallocated items ("PBT").

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## **SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

#### 4B. **Profit and loss**

	Clinics \$'000	Retail \$'000	HQ \$'000	Others \$'000	Total \$'000
2024					
Revenue by segment	6,868	2,211	3,691	_	12,770
Intersegment sales			(1,580)		(1,580)
Total revenue	6,868	2,211	2,111		11,190
Recurring EBITDA	2,975	928	604	(1,130)	3,377
Depreciation	(651)	(213)	(49)	(110)	(1,023)
Interest income	_	_	_	206	206
Finance costs	(52)	(18)	(3)	(1)	(74)
PBT	2,272	697	552	(1,035)	2,486
Income tax expense					(407)
Profit, net of income tax					2,079
2023					
Revenue by segment	6,808	2,216	3,066	_	12,090
Intersegment sales			(1,236)		(1,236)
Total revenue	6,808	2,216	1,830		10,854
Recurring EBITDA	2,956	1,023	723	(1,867)	2,835
Depreciation	(394)	(184)	(50)	(112)	(740)
Interest income	-	_	_	210	210
Finance costs	(46)	(23)	(4)	(3)	(76)
PBT	2,516	816	669	(1,772)	2,229
Income tax expense					(488)
Profit, net of income tax					1,741

## 4C. Assets and liabilities

	Clinics \$'000	Retail \$'000	HQ \$'000	Others \$'000	Total \$'000
31 December 2024					
Segment assets	6,806	2,693	848	3,920	14,267
Deferred tax assets Cash and cash equivalents					44 9,180
Total assets					23,491
Segment liabilities**	1,895	526	224	270	2,915
Income tax payable					400
Total liabilities					3,315
31 December 2023 Segment assets Deferred tax assets Cash and cash	5,898	2,662	652	4,288	13,500 44
equivalents					9,086
Total assets					22,630
Segment liabilities	1,605	578	357	263	2,803
Income tax payable					445
Total liabilities					3,248

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## 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

## 4C. Assets and liabilities (Continued)

\*\* As of 31 December 2024, the allocation proportion of other liabilities, which comprises contract liabilities related to the Company's customer loyalty programme, was adjusted across all three key operating segments. This change reflects the expanded applicability of the loyalty programme, which now encompasses all three segments, in contrast to 31 December 2023, when the programme was only applicable to the clinic and retail segments.

### 4D. Other material items and reconciliations

	Clinics \$'000	Retail \$'000	HQ \$'000	Others \$'000	Total \$'000
Capital expenditure:					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment					
31 December 2024	812	146	2	_	960
31 December 2023	212	57	_	31	300
Additions to right-of-use assets					
31 December 2024	571	82	43	107	803
31 December 2023	432	_	75	_	507

## 4E. Geographical segments

In presenting information on the basis of geographical segments, segment revenue is based on the geographical location of customers and segment assets are based on the geographical location of the assets.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue:		
Singapore	9,396	9,272
China	1,794	1,582
	11,190	10,854
Non-current assets:		
Singapore	11,863	11,064
China	25	52
	11,888	11,116

## 4F. Information about major customers

No single external customer contributed more than 10% of the Group's revenue.

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#### 5. **REVENUE**

		Gro	up
		2024	2023
		\$'000	\$'000
Sale of goods			
- Clinic		4,949	5,005
- Retail		1,865	1,887
<ul><li>Headquarters</li></ul>		2,111	1,830
		8,925	8,722
Rendering of services:			
- Clinic		1,919	1,803
- Retail		346	329
		2,265	2,132
Total		11,190	10,854
Timing of revenue recognition:			
At a point in time		11,190	10,854
Contract balances			
		Group	
	31 December	31 December	1 January
	2024	2023	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade receivables (Note 19)	97	100	52
Contract liabilities (Note 26)	275	299	300
		Company	
	31 December	31 December	1 January
	2024	2023	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade receivables (Note 19)	721	116	148
Contract liabilities (Note 26)	275	299	251

#### 6. **INTEREST INCOME**

	Group		
	2024	2023	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Interest income from interest bearing bank accounts	206	210	

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## 7. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

	Group	
	2024	
	\$'000	\$'000
Foreign exchange adjustment gains	47	_
Government grant income	46	410
Other payables written back	31	_
Rental income	155	135
Sundry income	22	32
	301	577

### 8. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

	Group	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Short-term employee benefits expense	4,736	4,477
Contributions to defined contribution plan	297	291
	5,033	4,768

## 9. OTHER LOSSES

	Group	
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Allowance for impairment of inventories (Note 18)	43	85
Foreign exchange adjustment losses		26
	43	111

## 10. FINANCE COSTS

	Group	
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest expenses on lease liabilities	74	76

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### **OTHER EXPENSES**

Other expenses include the following major items:

	Gro	oup
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Auditors' remuneration	93	93
Advertising and marketing expenses	137	46
Exhibition expenses	38	88
Listing expenses	118	40
NETS and credit card processing fees	200	175
Professional fee	82	36
Rental expense	_	42
Repair and maintenance	86	113
Initial public offering ("IPO") related professional fees	_	931
IPO related share-based payment		157

#### TAX 12.

## 12A. Components of tax expense included:

Gro	up
2024	2023
\$'000	\$'000
396	376
(11)	112
385	488
22	
407	488
	2024 \$'000 396 (11) 385

A reconciliation between the income tax expense and the product of accounting profit multiplied by the applicable tax rate were as follows:

	Gro	up
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Profit before income tax	2,486	2,229
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 17%	423	379
Different tax rates in other countries	149	(82)
Tax effect of income that are not taxable	(103)	(84)
Tax effect of expenses that are not deductible	5	250
Statutory income tax exemption	(57)	(70)
Under provision of income tax in respect of prior years	(11)	112
Withholding tax expense	22	_
Others	(21)	(17)
Total income tax expense	407	488

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### 12. TAX (CONTINUED)

## 12B. Deferred tax balances in the statements of financial position are attributable to the following:

	Group and	Company
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Property, plant and equipment:		
- Excess of tax values over book values	1	1
Provisions	43	43
Net deferred tax assets	44	44

### 13. DIVIDENDS ON EQUITY SHARES

	Group and	Company
	2024	2023
Tax exempt (1-tier) dividends:		
Dividend per share (\$)	0.01	7.79
Total dividends (\$'000)	1,300	9,500

Dividends for 2023 were declared in respect of 1,220,002 ordinary shares in issue prior to the commencement of internal restructuring (Note 21). There are no income tax consequences of the dividends to shareholders.

The directors have proposed that a dividend of \$0.01 per share with a total of \$1,300,000 be paid to shareholders after the forthcoming annual general meeting. This dividend is subject to approval by shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting and has not been included as a liability in these financial statements. The proposed dividend is payable in respect of all ordinary shares in issue at the end of the financial year and including any new qualifying shares issued up to the date the dividend becomes payable.

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	70000	- + de: 0		Furniture		To City	<b>M</b>	90		
Group	properties \$'000	assets \$'000	Computers \$'000	fittings \$'000	Machinery \$'000	equipment \$'000	wehicle \$'000	equipment \$'000	Renovation \$'000	Total \$'000
Cost:										
At 1 January 2023	10,166	2,073	282	94	106	1,780	54	72	914	15,541
Additions	1	202	145	ı	1	154	1	-	1	807
At 31 December 2023	10,166	2,580	427	94	106	1,934	54	73	914	16,348
Additions	I	803	64	-	I	764	I	10	121	1,763
Write-off	I	I	(6)	I	ı	I	I	I	(31)	(40)
Foreign exchange										
differences	1	15	1	I	1	1	ı	(1)	1	14
At 31 December 2024	10,166	3,398	482	96	106	2,698	54	82	1,004	18,085
-										
Accumulated depreciation:										
At 1 January 2023	694	833	256	94	86	1,768	o	64	821	4,637
Depreciation	145	433	32	I	9	37	တ	9	72	740
Foreign exchange										
differences	1	-	1	I	1	1	ı	1	1	-
At 31 December 2023	839	1,267	288	94	104	1,805	18	70	893	5,378
Depreciation	144	610	77	I	C/	146	o	თ	45	1,036
Write-off	I	I	(6)	I	I	I	I	I	(31)	(40)
Foreign exchange										
differences	1	17	ı	I	1	ı	ı	(3)	(2)	12
At 31 December 2024	983	1,894	356	94	106	1,951	27	70	902	986,9
Carrying amounts:										
At 31 December 2023	9,327	1,313	139	I	2	129	36	ო	21	10,970
At 31 December 2024	9,183	1,504	126	-	1	747	27	12	66	11,699

Right-of-use assets pertain to leasing arrangements for office, warehouse, clinic and retail premises. For the financial period ended 31 December 2024, \$13,000 of depreciation are considered component of production overheads and capitalised in inventories.

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				Furniture						
	Leasehold	Right-of-use		and		Medical	Motor	Office		
Company	properties \$'000	assets \$'000	Computers \$'000	fittings \$'000	Machinery \$'000	equipment \$'000	vehicle \$'000	equipment \$'000	Renovation \$'000	Total \$'000
Cost:										
At 1 January 2023	6,291	2,007	282	94	106	1,642	54	28	992	11,300
Additions	I	432	145	I	I	154	I	-	I	732
Transfer from investment										
property (Note 15)	3,875	1	1	ı	I	I	ı	ı	ı	3,875
At 31 December 2023	10,166	2,439	427	94	106	1,796	54	29	299	15,907
Additions	I	803	64	-	I	764	I	10	121	1,763
Write-off	ı	1	(6)	ı	I	I	ı	1	(31)	(40)
At 31 December 2024	10,166	3,242	482	96	106	2,560	54	69	856	17,630
Accumulated depreciation:										
At 1 January 2023	463	770	257	94	86	1,630	0	51	671	4,043
Depreciation	107	410	31	I	9	37	0	2	72	229
Transfer from investment										
property (Note 15)	269	1	1	ı	1	1	1	ı	1	269
At 31 December 2023	839	1,180	288	94	104	1,667	18	56	743	4,989
Depreciation	144	581	77	I	2	146	<b>o</b>	က	45	1,007
Write-off	1	1	(6)	ı	1	1	1	ı	(31)	(40)
At 31 December 2024	983	1,761	356	94	106	1,813	27	69	757	5,956
Carrying amounts:	0000	C T	C		C	C	Q C	C	C	0
At 31 December 2023	9,527	807,1	80	I	7	87	20	0	22	0,0
At 31 December 2024	9,183	1,481	126	-	ı	747	27	10	66	11,674

Right-of-use assets pertain to leasing arrangements for office, warehouse, clinic and retail premises. For the financial period ended 31 December 2024, \$13,000 of depreciation are considered component of production overheads and capitalised in inventories.

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#### 15. **INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

	Company	
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Cost:		
At 1 January	_	3,875
Transfer to property, plant and equipment		(3,875)
At 31 December		
Accumulated depreciation:		
At 1 January	_	231
Depreciation	_	38
Transfer to property, plant and equipment		(269)
At 31 December		
Carrying amounts:		
At 31 December	_	_

Description of the valuation techniques and the significant other observable inputs used in the fair value measurement (Level 3) of the investment property are as follows:

Description of asset: Leasehold retail shop

2 Venture Drive #01-27 Vision Exchange Singapore 608526 Location:

Gross floor area: 861 square feet \$3.7 million Fair value:

Valuation date: 31 December 2022

Valuation technique used: Comparison with market evidence of recent transaction prices and offer of

sale prices for similar properties

The fair value of the investment property was measured based on the the highest and best use method to reflect the actual market state and circumstances as at the valuation date. The fair value was based on a valuation made by Kiong Chai Woon & Co Pte Ltd, a firm of independent professional valuers. The valuer holds a recognised and relevant professional qualification with sufficient recent experience in the location and category of the investment property being valued.

As at 31 December 2022, the investment property was leased out to a subsidiary under operating leases and the management has not entered into contractual obligations for the maintenance or enhancement of the investment property. In September 2023, the subsidiary became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company after the Company acquired the non-controlling interest of the subsidiary. On 1 December 2023, the Company took over the operations of the subsidiary at the above premises and recognised the leasehold property as property, plant and equipment.

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### 16. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES

	Company		
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	
Unquoted equity shares, at cost	843	1,412	
Less: Allowance for impairment loss	(43)	(362)	
	800	1,050	
Movements in unquoted equity shares, at cost:			
At 1 January	1,412	971	
Acquisition of non-controlling interest (Note 21(b))	_	441	
Derecognition of a subsidiary	(569)		
At 31 December	843	1,412	
Movements in allowance for impairment loss:			
At 1 January	362	43	
Charged to profit or loss included in other losses	_	319	
Impairment loss utilised	(319)		
At 31 December	43	362	

Investments in subsidiaries are reviewed at the end of each financial year to determine whether there is any indication of impairment by assessing the factors that affect the recoverable amount of an investment, and the financial health of and business outlook for the subsidiary. Impairment loss recognised during FY2023 was in relation to Niks Maple West Pte Ltd which became an inactive company after its operations were transferred to the Company following the Company's acquisition of its non-controlling interest.

Management has estimated the recoverable value of the investment in Niks Maple West Pte Ltd using its fair value less cost of disposal (Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy). The fair value less cost of disposal is based on the expected realisable value of the net current assets which mainly comprises monetary assets and liabilities of Niks Maple West Pte Ltd.

Details of the subsidiaries are as follows:

Names of subsidiaries		Owne	ership
(Country of incorporation)	Principal activities	2024	2023
		%	%
Niks Professional (Shanghai) Co., Limited (China) <sup>(a)</sup>	Distribution of skincare and beauty products	100	100
Niks Maple West Pte. Ltd. (Singapore) <sup>(b)</sup>	Provision of family practice dermatology and aesthetic medical services (Inactive with effect from 1 December 2023)	100	100
Niks Professional Sdn Bhd (Malaysia) <sup>(c)</sup>	Inactive	100	100
Niks Professional LLC (United States of America)(c)	Inactive and dissolved in 2024	_	100

- (a) Audited by PKF Shenzhen, China.
- (b) Audited by Grant Thornton Audit LLP, Singapore.
- (c) Not required to be audited in the country of incorporation.

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## **INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)**

Niks Maple West Pte. Ltd. was derecognised during 2024 following a share capital return exercise and submission of application for striking off its name from ACRA's register.

The following schedule shows the effects of changes in the group's ownership interest in Niks Maple West Pte. Ltd. that did not result in change of control, on the equity attributable to owners of the parent:

	Gro	up
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Amount paid on changes in ownership interest in subsidiary	_	441
Non-controlling interest acquired		(144)
Difference recognised in an equity reserve (Note 22)		297

### **OTHER ASSETS**

	Gro	oup	Comp	oany
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Rental deposits	145	102	145	102

#### 18. **INVENTORIES**

	Group		Company	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Medicine, skincare and beauty products,		<del></del> _		
and packaging materials	1,843	1,815	1,453	1,555
Goods-in-transit	216	27	216	27
	2,059	1,842	1,669	1,582

Inventories are stated after deducting an allowance for impairment of slow-moving inventories. Movements in allowance for impairment are as follow:

	Group		Company	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
At 1 January Charged to profit or loss included in other	85	_	85	_
losses (Note 9)	43	85	43	85
At 31 December	128	85	128	85

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### 19. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Group		Com	pany
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade receivables				
<ul> <li>Outside parties</li> </ul>	97	100	86	99
<ul><li>Subsidiaries</li></ul>	_	_	635	17
Other receivables				
<ul> <li>Outside parties</li> </ul>	44	386	25	380
Deposits	74	15	74	15
Financial assets at amortised costs	215	501	820	511
Advance payment to suppliers	112	72	112	72
Prepayments	37	13	16	13
Total trade and other receivables	364	586	948	596

The Group and the Company's exposure to credit and currency risks, and impairment losses for trade and other receivables, are disclosed in Note 28.

## 20. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Group		Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash and bank balances	6,180	3,710	5,502	2,256
Fixed deposits with financial institutions	3,000	5,376	3,000	5,376
	9,180	9,086	8,502	7,632

Fixed deposits are held with financial institutions which are subject to insignificant risk of change in value.

## 20A. Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

			Non			
Lease liabilities	1 January \$'000	Cash flows	Addition <sup>(a)</sup> \$'000	Interest expense \$'000	Others \$'000	31 December \$'000
Group						
2024	1,434	(664)	723 <sup>(b)</sup>	74	-	1,567
2023	1,357	(506)	507	76		1,434
Company						
2024	1,384	(636)	723 <sup>(b)</sup>	72	_	1,543
2023	1,350	(472)	432	74		1,384

<sup>(</sup>a) Capitalisation of lease arrangements within the scope of SFRS(I) 16 Leases.

<sup>(</sup>b) Does not include provision for restoring sites which has been disclosed separately in Note 24.

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#### 21. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of ordinary	
	shares	Share capital
	'000	\$'000
Company		
Balance at 1 January 2023	1,220	1,220
Issue of shares pursuant to internal restructuring:		
a) Subdivision of 1,220,002 shares	103,141	_
b) Issue of shares for acquisition of subsidiary	2,130	441
c) Conversion of convertible loans	1,709	236
Issue of shares pursuant to IPO	21,800	5,014
Less: Capitalisation of IPO expenses		(436)
Balance at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023	130,000	6,475

The ordinary shares of no par value are fully paid, carry one vote each and have no right to fixed income. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

In preparation for the Company's IPO and to rationalise the Group structure, the Company underwent an internal restructuring which involves:

- Subdivision of 1,220,002 shares in the issued and paid-up share capital of the Company into 104,360,870 a) shares on 13 October 2023;
- Acquisition of the remaining 49% of the issued and paid-up share capital of subsidiary, Niks Maple West b) Pte. Ltd., for a consideration of \$441,000 on 27 September 2024 which was satisfied by the issue of 2,130,435 new shares of the Company to the non-controlling shareholders; and
- Conversion of convertible loans amounting to \$235,800 extended by 4 doctors of the Group (who are C) not directors of the Company) in ordinary shares of the Company. According to the convertible loan agreement, the convertible loans shall be mandatorily converted into new shares of the Company at a 40.0% discount from invitation price of \$0.23 per share upon the receipt of notification from the SGX-ST for the registration of the offer document in relation to the IPO. The convertible loans were to mature on 8 August 2024 and bear no interest unless the Company elects not to proceed with the IPO or an event of default (as stipulated in the convertible loan agreement) occurs. On 13 October 2024, the convertible loans were convertible into 1,708,695 ordinary shares at the conversion price of \$0.138 per share. The aggregate discount of \$157,200 was recognised as an IPO-related share-based payment expense in profit or loss and with a corresponding increase in equity (Share-based payment reserve).

Pursuant to the IPO, 21,800,000 new shares were issued on 26 October 2023 and gross proceeds of \$5,014,000 was raised. \$436,000 of IPO expenses were capitalised against share capital according to SFRS(I).

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### 21. SHARE CAPITAL (CONTINUED)

## Capital management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are:

- (a) To safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern;
- (b) To support the Group's stability growth; and
- (c) To provide capital for the purpose of strengthening the Group's risk management capability.

The Group actively and regularly reviews and manages its capital structure to ensure optimal capital structure and shareholders returns, taking into consideration the future capital requirements of the Group and capital efficiency, prevailing and projected profitability, projected operating cash flows, projected capital expenditure and projected strategic investment opportunities.

No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the financial years ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

### 22. RESERVES

Foreign currency translation reserve comprises foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations whose functional currency is different from that of the Group's presentation currency.

Other reserves represent the excess of consideration paid for 49% shareholding of a subsidiary over carrying amount of non-controlling interest as at the date of acquisition during FY2023.

## 23. LEASES

## As a lessee

Lease liabilities are presented in the statements of financial position as follows:

	Group		Com	pany
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Current liabilities	675	522	651	495
Non-current liabilities	892	912	892	889
	1,567	1,434	1,543	1,384

The carrying amounts of lease liabilities and the movements during the financial years are disclosed in Note 20A and maturity analysis of lease liabilities is disclosed in Note 28E.

## As a lessor

The Group leases out its properties to outside parties. The leases contain an initial non-cancellable period of 2 to 5 years with a fixed annual rent. Subsequent renewals are negotiated with the lessee and with a renewal period of 2 to 3 years.

The Group has classified these leases as operating leases, because they do not transfer substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to the ownership of the assets.

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#### 23. **LEASES (CONTINUED)**

As a lessor (Continued)

The undiscounted lease payments to be received as at the end of the respective financial years are as follows:

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Not later than 1 year	133	113
Between 1 and 3 years	184	38
Between 3 and 5 years	58	
	375	151

#### 24. **PROVISION**

	Group		Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Provision for restoring sites relating to				
property, plant and equipment	80	_	80	_
Movements in the above provision:				
At 1 January	_	_	_	_
Addition	80		80	
At 31 December	80		80	

The provision is based on the present value of costs to be incurred to remove the leasehold improvements from leased premises. The estimate is based on amounts charged for reinstatement works previously procured by the Company and quotations from external contractors.

#### TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES 25.

	Group		Com	pany
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade payables	146	146	146	146
Accrued liabilities	425	546	418	543
Other payables	173	5	172	_
Advance received	59	63	45	63
Deposit received	95	248	41	27
Financial liabilities at amortised costs	898	1,008	822	779
GST payables	95	62	140	49
Total trade and other payables	993	1,070	962	828

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### 26. OTHER LIABILITIES

Other liabilities comprise contract liabilities. The Group has a customer loyalty programme (Nik\$ Scheme) that enables end-customers to earn loyalty points, in the form of Nik\$, each time they purchase the Group's skincare products. Each Nik\$ awarded is redeemable for a \$1 discount on skincare product purchase by the end-customer at the Group's clinics and retail outlets in Singapore within the next 1 year. Consideration equivalent to Nik\$ awarded for a sale transaction would be allocated to future product sale on a relative price proportionate basis, treated as deferred revenue and recognised as a contract liability. When the Nik\$ are redeemed or expire, the corresponding contract liability would be reversed to revenue.

			Group		
			2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	
Contract liabilities			275	299	
			Comp	oany	
			2024	2023	
			\$'000	\$'000	
Contract liabilities			275	299	
	Gro	oup	Comp	oany	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Revenue recognised from amounts included in contract liabilities at					
beginning of year	299	300	299	251	

## 27. EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARES ("EPS")

	Group		
	2024	2023	
Profit attributable to owners of the Company (\$'000)	2,079	1,686	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares ('000)	130,000	130,000	
EPS (Basic and diluted) (cents)	1.60	1.30	

For comparative and illustrative purposes, the weighted average number of ordinary shares used for the calculation of EPS for the financial periods under review is based on the post-invitation number of shares of 130,000,000 ordinary shares.

As there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares, basic and diluted EPS for the financial periods under review are the same.

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#### 28. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

## 28A. Categories of financial assets and liabilities

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

	Group		Com	pany
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	9,180	9,086	8,502	7,632
Trade and other receivables*	215	501	820	511
Financial assets at amortised cost	9,395	9,587	9,322	8,143
Financial liabilities:				
Trade and other payables#	898	1,008	822	779
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	898	1,008	822	779

Excludes advance payment to suppliers and prepayments

### 28B. Financial risk management

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks from its operations. These financial risks include credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including foreign currency risk).

The directors review and agree policies and procedures for the management of these risks, which are executed by the management team. It is, and has been throughout the current and previous financial years, the Group's policy that no trading in derivatives for speculative purposes shall be undertaken.

The following sections provide details regarding the Group's exposure to the abovementioned financial risks and the objectives, policies and processes for the management of these risks.

There has been no change to the Group's exposure to these financial risks or the manner in which it manages and measures the risks.

## 28C. Fair values of financial instruments

The analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequently to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Level 1 to 3 are disclosed in the relevant notes to the financial statements. These include the significant financial instruments stated at amortised cost in the financial statements.

Management has determined that the carrying amounts of deposits, trade and other receivables (excluding prepayments and advance payment to suppliers), cash and cash equivalents and trade and other payables (excluding GST payables) reasonably approximate their fair values because these are short-term in nature.

Excludes GST payables

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## 28. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 28D. Credit risk on financial assets

The Group's exposure to credit risk arises primarily from cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables. Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligation, resulting in financial loss to the Group.

A default on a financial asset is when the counterparty fails to make contractual payments as per agreed terms. This definition of default is determined by considering the business environment in which the entity operates and other macro-economic factors.

As the Group does not hold any collateral, the maximum exposure to credit risk for each class of financial instruments is the carrying amount of that class of financial instruments presented on the statement of financial position.

To minimise credit risk, the Group has developed and maintained the Group's credit risk gradings to categorise exposures according to their degree of risk of default. The credit rating information is supplied by publicly available financial information and the Group's own trading records to rate its other debtors. The Group considers available reasonable and supportive forward-looking information which includes the following indicators:

- Internal and external credit ratings
- Actual or expected significant adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant adverse change to the debtor's ability to meet its obligations
- Significant increases in credit risk on other financial instruments of the same debtor
- Significant adverse changes in the expected performance and behaviour of the debtor, including changes
  in the payment status and operating results of the debtor

Regardless of the analysis above, a significant increase in credit risk is presumed if a debtor is more than 90 days past due in making contractual payment.

The Group determined that its financial assets are credit-impaired when:

- The debtor is encountering significant difficulty
- A breach of contract, such as a default or past due event
- It is becoming probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation
- There is a disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulty

The Group categorises a receivable for potential write-off when a debtor fails to make contractual payments more than 180 days past due. Financial assets are written off when there is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the debtor has no realistic prospect of recovery.

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## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 28D. Credit risk on financial assets (Continued)

The Group's current credit risk grading framework comprises the following categories:

Category of internal credit rating	Definition of category	Basis for recognition of expected credit losses ("ECL")
Performing	Customers have a low risk of default and a strong capacity to meet contractual cash flows.	12-month expected credit losses
Underperforming	Customers for which there is a significant increase in credit risk; as significant in credit risk is presumed if interest and/or principal repayment are 90 days past due.	Lifetime expected credit losses
Write-off	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the debtor has no realistic prospect of recovery.	Asset is written off

The table below details the credit quality of the Group's and the Company's financial assets, as well as maximum exposure to credit risk by credit risk rating categories:

Group	Note	12 month or lifetime ECL	Gross carrying amount \$'000	Loss allowance \$'000	Net carrying amount \$'000
31 December 2024					
Trade receivables	19	Lifetime ECL (simplified)	97	-	97
Other receivables	19	12-month ECL	44	_	44
Deposits	19	12-month ECL	74		74
				_	
31 December 2023					
Trade receivables	19	Lifetime ECL (simplified)	100	_	100
Other receivables	19	12-month ECL	386	_	386
Deposits	19	12-month ECL	15		15

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## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 28D. Credit risk on financial assets (Continued)

Company	Note	12 month or lifetime ECL	Gross carrying amount \$'000	Loss allowance \$'000	Net carrying amount \$'000
31 December 2024					
Trade receivables	19	Lifetime ECL (simplified)	776	(55)	721
Other receivables	19	12-month ECL	129	(104)	25
Deposits	19	12-month ECL	74		74
				(159)	
31 December 2023					
Trade receivables	19	Lifetime ECL (simplified)	171	(55)	116
Other receivables	19	12-month ECL	483	(103)	380
Deposits	19	12-month ECL	15		15
				(158)	

For trade receivables, the Group has applied the simplified approach in SFRS(I) 9 to measure the loss allowance at lifetime ECL. The Group determines the ECL by using a provision matrix, estimated based on historical credit loss experience based on the past due status of the debtors, adjusted as appropriate to reflect current conditions and estimates of future economic conditions. Accordingly, the credit risk profile of trade receivables is presented based on their past due status in terms of the provision matrix.

				ceivables ast due		
	Not past	Within	31-60	61-90	More than	
Group	due	30 days	days	days	90 days	Total
31 December 2024						
ECL rate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Estimated total gross						
carrying amount at default	97	_	_	_	_	97
ECL	_	_	_	-	_	
						97
31 December 2023						
ECL rate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Estimated total gross						
carrying amount at default	100	_	_	_	_	100
ECL	_	_	_	_	_	
						100

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#### 28. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 28D. Credit risk on financial assets (Continued)

	Days past due					
	Not past	Within	31-60	61-90	More than	
Company	due	30 days	days	days	90 days	Total
31 December 2024						
ECL rate	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	
Estimated total gross						
carrying amount at default	721	_	_	_	55	776
ECL	_	_	_	_	(55)	(55)
						721
31 December 2023						
ECL rate	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	
Estimated total gross						
carrying amount at default	116	_	_	_	55	171
ECL	-	-	-	_	(55)	(55)
						116

## Exposure to credit risk

The Group has no significant concentration of credit risk. The Group has credit policies and procedures in place to minimise and mitigate its credit risk exposure.

### Other receivables and deposits

The Group assessed the latest performance and financial position of the counterparties, adjusted for the future outlook of the industry in which the counterparties operate in, and concluded that there has been no significant increase in the credit risk since the initial recognition of the financial assets. Accordingly, the Group measured the impairment loss allowance using 12-month ECL and determined that the ECL is insignificant.

## 28E. Liquidity risk - financial liabilities maturity analysis

Liquidity risk refers to the risk that the Group will encounter difficulties in meeting its short-term obligations due to shortage of funds. The Group's exposure to liquidity risk arises primarily from mismatches of the maturities of financial assets and liabilities.

The Group monitors its liquidity risk and ensures that it has sufficient cash to meet expected operational expenses, including the servicing of financial obligations, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation.

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## 28. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 28E. Liquidity risk - financial liabilities maturity analysis (Continued)

Non-derivative financial liabilities by remaining contractual maturity (contractual and undiscounted cash flows) at the end of the financial years are as follow:

		Undiscounted contractual cash flows				
Group Financial liabilities	Carrying amount \$'000	Contractual cash flows \$'000	Less than 1 year \$'000	2-5 years \$'000	More than 5 years	
31 December 2024						
Trade and other						
payables*	898	898	898	_	_	
Lease liabilities	1,567	1,665	736	929		
	2,465	2,563	1,634	929		
31 December 2023						
Trade and other						
payables*	1,008	1,008	1,008	_	_	
Lease liabilities	1,434	1,548	585	963		
	2,442	2,556	1,593	963		

		Undiscounted contractual cash flows				
Company Financial liabilities	Carrying amount \$'000	Contractual cash flows \$'000	Less than 1 year \$'000	2-5 years \$'000	More than 5 years	
31 December 2024						
Trade and other payables*	822	822	822	_	_	
Lease liabilities	1,543	1,640	711	929		
	2,365	2,462	1,533	929		
31 December 2023						
Trade and other						
payables*	779	779	779	_	_	
Lease liabilities	1,384	1,495	556	939	<u> </u>	
	2,163	2,274	1,335	939		

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes GST payables

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#### 28. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 28F. Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates will affect the Group's income. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

## Foreign currency risks

Currency risk is the risk that value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Group has transactional currency exposures arising from purchases that are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Group entities, primarily United States Dollar ("USD"). The Group does not use any financial derivatives such as foreign currency forward contracts and foreign currency options for hedging purpose.

The Group's currencies exposure to USD at the end of the respective financial years are as follows:

	Group and Company	
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,558	1,383
Trade and other receivables		138
Net currency exposure	1,558	1,521
Sensitivity analysis:		
Adverse effect on pre-tax profit of a hypothetical 5% strengthening in		
the exchange rate of the functional currency against USD with all other		
variables held constant	78	76

A 5% weakening in the exchange rate of the functional currency against USD would have had equal but opposite effect to the amounts shown above, on the basis that all other variables remain constant.

#### 29. **AUTHORISATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors on 28 March 2025.

# **STATISTICS OF SHAREHOLDINGS**

AS AT 28 MARCH 2025

Ordinary and fully paid Class of shares Voting rights One vote per share Number of shares 130,000,000

Number of treasury shares and subsidiary holdings NIL

## **DISTRIBUTION OF SHAREHOLDINGS**

	Number of		Number of	
Size of shareholdings	shareholders	%	shares	%
1 – 99	1	0.41	65	0.00
100 – 1,000	31	12.70	25,600	0.02
1,001 - 10,000	128	52.46	757,200	0.58
10,001 - 1,000,000	77	31.56	10,411,017	8.01
1,000,001 and above	7	2.87	118,806,118	91.39
Total	244	100.00	130,000,000	100.00

### REGISTER OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND DIRECTORS' SHAREHOLDINGS

	Direct interest		Deemed interest		
	Number of		Number of		
	shares	%	shares	%	
Cheng Shoong Tat <sup>(1)</sup>	53,736,935	41.34	53,535,435	41.18	
Ong Fung Chin <sup>(2)</sup>	53,535,435	41.18	53,736,935	41.34	

## Notes:

- (1) Mr Cheng Shoong Tat is deemed interested in 53,535,435 shares held by his spouse and director of the Company, Dr Ong Fung Chin, pursuant to Section 4 of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore.
- (2) Dr Ong Fung Chin is deemed interested in 53,736,935 shares held by her spouse and director of the Company, Mr Cheng Shoong Tat, pursuant to Section 4 of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore.

# **STATISTICS OF SHAREHOLDINGS**

AS AT 28 MARCH 2025

### **20 LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS**

		Number of	
S/n	Name of shareholder	shares	%
1	Cheng Shoong Tat	53,736,935	41.34
2	Ong Fung Chin	53,535,435	41.18
3	OCBC Securities Private Limited	5,137,900	3.95
4	Ng Yew Nam	2,612,300	2.01
5	Lau Chin Hoh (Liu Zhenhao)	1,483,548	1.14
6	Lim Guan Pheng	1,200,000	0.92
7	Citibank Nominees Singapore Pte Ltd	1,100,000	0.85
8	UOB Kay Hian Pte Ltd	704,000	0.54
9	KGI Securities Singapore Pte Ltd	640,500	0.49
10	Phillip Securities (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.	522,800	0.40
11	Yap Chien Yu Lynette	521,739	0.40
12	Ken Tan Khim Sing	500,000	0.38
13	Thomas Hong @ Hong Meng San	441,000	0.34
14	Koh Eng Lin	434,000	0.33
15	Tan Cher Keow	434,000	0.33
16	CGS International Securities Singapore Pte. Ltd.	419,100	0.32
17	Goh Guan Siong (Wu Yuanxiang)	400,000	0.31
18	Lim Chye Huat @ Bobby Lim Chye Huat	400,000	0.31
19	Law Teng Hwa	338,000	0.26
20	Tan Wei Ping (Chen Weibin)	302,900	0.23
	Total	124,864,157	96.05

## PERCENTAGE OF SHAREHOLDINGS IN PUBLIC'S HANDS

17.42% of the Company's shares are held in the hands of the public. Accordingly, the Company has complied with Rule 723 of Catalist Rules of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") of Niks Professional Ltd. (the "**Company**") will be held at CityHub (Name of meeting room: Boardroom), 20 Collyer Quay #23-01 Singapore 049319 on Wednesday, 23 April 2025 at 3.00 p.m. for the following purposes:

### **AS ORDINARY BUSINESS**

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Statement and the 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 declare final dividend of 1.0 Singapore cent per ordinary share (one-tier tax exempt) for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

(Resolution 2)

- 3. To re-elect the following Directors of the Company retiring pursuant to Regulation 117 of the Constitution of the Company:
  - 3.1 Dr Ong Fung Chin

(Resolution 3)

3.2 Mr Manu Bhaskaran

(Resolution 4)

Dr Ong Fung Chin will, upon re-election as Director of the Company, remain as the President and Chief Medical Officer of the Company. Detailed information of Dr Ong Fung Chin required pursuant to Rule 720(5) of the Listing Manual – Section B: Rules of Catalist of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") ("Catalist Rules") can be found in the Annual Report.

Mr Manu Bhaskaran will, upon re-election as Director of the Company, remain as the Chairman of Nominating and Remuneration Committee and a member of Audit and Risk Committee and will be considered independent for the purposes of Rule 704(7) of the Catalist Rules. Detailed information of Mr Manu Bhaskaran required pursuant to Rule 720(5) of the Catalist Rules can be found in the Annual Report.

4. To approve the payment of Directors' fees of up to S\$114,000 for the financial year ending 31 December 2025, to be paid quarterly in arrears.

(Resolution 5)

5. To re-appoint Messrs Grant Thornton Audit LLP as the Auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.

(Resolution 6)

6. To transact any other ordinary business which may properly be transacted at an AGM.

## **AS SPECIAL BUSINESS**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

### 7. Authority to issue shares

That pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act 1967 (the "Act") and Rule 806 of the Catalist Rules, the Directors of the Company be authorised and empowered to:

(a) (i) allot and issue shares in the capital of the Company ("**Shares**") whether by way of rights, bonus or otherwise; and/or

make or grant offers, agreements or options (collectively, "Instruments") that might or would (ii) require Shares to be issued, including but not limited to the creation and issue of (as well as adjustments to) options, warrants, debentures or other instruments convertible into Shares,

at any time and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes and to such persons as the Directors of the Company may in their absolute discretion deem fit; and

(b) (notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this Resolution may have ceased to be in force) issue Shares in pursuance of any Instruments made or granted by the Directors of the Company while this Resolution was in force,

### provided that:

- (1) the aggregate number of Shares (including Shares to be issued in pursuance of the Instruments, made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) to be issued pursuant to this Resolution shall not exceed one hundred per centum (100%) of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) in the capital of the Company (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below), of which the aggregate number of Shares to be issued other than on a pro-rata basis to existing shareholders of the Company shall not exceed fifty per centum (50%) of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) in the capital of the Company (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below);
- (2)(subject to such calculation as may be prescribed by the SGX-ST) for the purpose of determining the aggregate number of Shares that may be issued under sub-paragraph (1) above, the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) shall be based on the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) in the capital of the Company at the time of the passing of this Resolution, after adjusting for:
  - (a) new Shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities;
  - new Shares arising from exercising of share options or vesting of share awards provided the (b) options or awards were granted in compliance with Part VIII of Chapter 8 of the Catalist Rules; and
  - (c) any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of Shares;

Adjustments in accordance with sub-paragraphs (2)(a) or (2)(b) above 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 passing of this Resolution.

- (3)in exercising the authority conferred by this Resolution, the Company shall comply with the provisions of the Catalist Rules for the time being in force (unless such compliance has been waived by the SGX-ST), all applicable legal requirements under the Act and the Constitution for the time being of the Company; and
- (4)unless revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company or the date by which the next AGM of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is earlier.

## [See Explanatory Note (i)]

#### 8. Authority to grant options and issue shares pursuant to the NIKS Employee Share Option Scheme

That pursuant to Section 161 of the Act, authority be and is hereby given to the Directors to:

- (i) offer and grant options in accordance with the provisions of the NIKS Employee Share Option Scheme ("NIKS ESOS"); and
- (ii) allot and issue or deliver from time to time such number of fully paid-up Shares as may be required to be issued pursuant to the exercise of options granted under the NIKS ESOS, provided always that the aggregate number of Shares to be allotted and issued pursuant to the NIKS ESOS, when aggregated with the aggregate number of Shares issued and issuable or transferred and to be transferred in respect of all options granted under NIKS ESOS; and the aggregate number of Shares over which options and/or awards granted under any other share option, share incentive, performance share or restricted share plans implemented and in force, shall not exceed 15% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) of the Company from time to time.

The authority conferred by this resolution shall, unless revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, continue in force until the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company, or the date by which the next AGM of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is earlier.

## [See Explanatory Note (ii)]

(Resolution 8)

#### 9. Authority to grant awards and issue shares pursuant to the NIKS Performance Share Plan

That pursuant to Section 161 of the Act, authority be and is hereby given to the Directors to:

- offer and grant awards in accordance with the provisions of the NIKS Performance Share Plan (i) ("NIKS PSP"); and
- allot and issue or deliver from time to time such number of fully paid-up Shares as may be required to be issued pursuant to the vesting of awards granted under the NIKS PSP, provided always that the aggregate number of Shares to be allotted and issued pursuant to the NIKS PSP, when aggregated with the aggregate number of Shares issued and issuable or transferred and to be transferred in respect of all awards under NIKS PSP; and the aggregate number of Shares over which options and/or awards granted under any other share option, share incentive, performance share or restricted share plans implemented and in force, shall not exceed 15% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) of the Company from time to time.

The authority conferred by this resolution shall, unless revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, continue in force until the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company, or the date by which the next AGM of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is earlier.

## [See Explanatory Note (iii)]

(Resolution 9)

By Order of the Board

Siau Kuei Lian Tan Zhi Wei Company Secretaries

### **Explanatory Notes:**

(i) The Ordinary Resolution 7 in item 7 above, if passed, will empower the directors of the Company, effective until the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company, or the date by which the next AGM 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 Shares, make or grant Instruments convertible into Shares and to issue Shares pursuant to such Instruments, up to a number not exceeding, in total, 100% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holding) in the capital of the Company, of which up to 50% may be issued other than on a pro-rata basis to shareholders of the Company.

For determining the aggregate number of Shares that may be issued, the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holding) will be calculated based on the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holding) in the capital of the Company at the time this Ordinary Resolution is passed after adjusting for new Shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities or share options or vesting of share awards which are outstanding or subsisting at the time when this Ordinary Resolution is passed and any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of Shares.

- (ii) The Ordinary Resolution 8 in item 8 above, if passed, will empower the directors to offer and grant options, and to allot and issue new Shares in the capital of the Company, pursuant to the NIKS ESOS as may be modified by the Nominating and Remuneration Committee from time to time, provided that the aggregate number of shares to be allotted and issued pursuant to the NIKS ESOS, when aggregated with any other share option, share incentive, performance share or restricted share plans implemented and in force, shall not exceed 15% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) from time to time.
- (iii) The Ordinary Resolution 9 in item 9 above, if passed, will empower the directors to offer and grant awards, and to allot and issue new Shares in the capital of the Company, pursuant to the NIKS PSP as may be modified by the Nominating and Remuneration Committee from time to time, provided that the aggregate number of shares to be allotted and issued pursuant to the NIKS PSP, when aggregated with any other share option, share incentive, performance share or restricted share plans implemented and in force, shall not exceed 15% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) from time to time.

### Notes:

- 1. The members of the Company are invited to attend the AGM in person. There will be no option for shareholders to participate virtually. Printed copies of this Notice and the Proxy Form will be sent by post to members. This Notice, the Proxy Form and the Annual Report are also available on the Company's website (www.nikspro.com) and the SGXNet (www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements). A member will need an internet browser and PDF reader to view these documents.
- 2. A member who is not a Relevant Intermediary, is entitled to appoint one (1) or two (2) proxies to attend and vote at the AGM. Where such member's form appoints more than one (1) proxy, the proportion of the shareholding concerned to be represented by each proxy shall be specified in the Proxy Form.
- 3. A member who is a Relevant Intermediary is entitled to appoint more than two (2) proxies to attend 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 member. Where such member's form of proxy 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 Proxy Form.

## "Relevant Intermediary" means:

- (a) a banking corporation licensed under the Banking Act 1970 or a wholly-owned subsidiary of such a banking corporation, whose business includes the provision of nominee services and who holds shares in that capacity; or
- (b) a person holding a capital markets services licence to provide custodial services for securities under the Securities and Futures Act 2001, and who holds shares in that capacity.
- 4. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 5. The Proxy Form must be deposited at the Company's head office at 16 Kallang Place, #03-27 Singapore 339156, or sent by email to: <a href="mailto:ir@nikspro.com">ir@nikspro.com</a>, not less than seventy-two (72) hours before the time appointed for the AGM of the Company.

## Members are strongly encouraged to submit completed Proxy Forms electronically via email.

6. SRS investors: (a) may vote at the AGM if they are appointed as proxies by their SRS operators, and should approach their SRS operators if they have any queries regarding their appointment as proxies; or (b) may appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as proxy to vote on their behalf at the AGM, in which case they should approach their SRS operators to submit their votes at least seven (7) working days before the AGM (i.e. by 11 April 2025) in order to allow sufficient time for their respective Relevant Intermediaries to in turn submit a Proxy Form on their behalf by the cut-off date.

### Submission of questions prior to the AGM

Shareholders (including SRS investors) or where applicable their appointed proxy(ies) may submit questions related to the resolutions to be tabled at the AGM in advance via email (ir@nikspro.com) by 15 April 2025 (5.00 p.m.). Responses from the Board and management of the Company on relevant and substantial questions received from shareholders will be published on the SGXNet (www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements) prior to the AGM. Any relevant and substantial questions received after 5.00 p.m. of 15 April 2025 will be addressed during the AGM and the Company will publish the minutes of the AGM on the SGXNet, and the Company's website within one (1) month after the date of AGM.

Shareholders or their corporate representative must state his/her full name and whether he/she is a shareholder or a corporate representative of a corporate shareholder. Any question without the identification details will not be addressed.

### PERSONAL DATA PRIVACY:

By (a) submitting an instrument appointing the proxy to vote at the AGM and/or any adjournment thereof, or (b) completing the pre-registration in accordance with this Notice, or (c) submitting any question prior to the AGM in accordance with this Notice, a member consents to the collection, use and disclosure of the member's personal data by the Company (or its agents or service providers) for the following purposes:

- (i) the processing and administration by the Company (or its agents or service providers) of the appointment of proxy(ies) for the AGM (including any adjournment thereof);
- the processing of the pre-registration for purposes of granting access to members (or their corporate representatives in the case of members which are legal entities) to observe the AGM proceedings and providing them with any technical assistance where necessary;
- addressing relevant and substantial questions from members and if necessary, following up with the relevant members in relation to such questions;
- the preparation and compilation of the attendance lists, proxy lists, minutes and other documents relating to the AGM (including any adjournment thereof); and
- enabling the Company (or its agents or service providers) to comply with any applicable laws, listing rules, regulations and/or (v) guidelines.

Dr Ong Fung Chin and Mr Manu Bhaskaran are the directors seeking re-election ("Retiring Directors") at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company to be convened on 23 April 2025 ("AGM").

Pursuant to Rule 704(6) of Catalist Rules of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST"), the following is the information relating to the Retiring Directors as set out in Appendix F to Catalist Rules of the SGX-ST:

	ONG FUNG CHIN	MANU BHASKARAN	
Date of appointment	26 April 2003	27 September 2023	
Date of last re-appointment (if applicable)	Not applicable	26 April 2024	
Age	63	66	
Country of principal residence	Singapore	Singapore	
The Board's comments on this appointment (including rationale, selection criteria, board diversity considerations, and the search and nomination process)	Refer to the disclosures set out under "Board Diversity" and "Process for the selection, appointment and re-appointment of Directors" of the Corporate Governance Report in Annual Report 2024.	Refer to the disclosures set out under "Board Diversity" and "Process for the selection, appointment and re-appointment of Directors" of the Corporate Governance Report in Annual Report 2024.	
	The Board concurred with the Nominating and Remuneration Committee's recommendation for the re-appointment of Dr Ong at the AGM.	The Board concurred with the Nominating and Remuneration Committee's recommendation for the re-appointment of Mr Bhaskaran at the AGM and considers him to be independent for the purpose of Rule 704(7) of Catalist Rules of the SGX-ST.	
Whether appointment is executive, and if so, the area of responsibility	Executive	Non-executive	
Job title	President and Chief Medical Officer	Independent Director Nominating and Remuneration Committee Chairman Audit and Risk Committee Member	
Professional qualifications	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, National University of Singapore  Post-graduate Diploma in Dermatology, St John's Institute of Dermatology in the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals (now part of King's College, London)  Graduate Diploma in Mental Health, National University of Singapore	Certified Financial Analyst, CFA Institute  Master in Public Administration, Harvard University  Master of Arts, University of Cambridge  Bachelor of Arts (Hons), University of Cambridge	
Working experience and occupation(s) during the past 10 years	April 2003 to present: Director (Executive), Niks Professional Ltd.	October 2001 to present: Director, Centennial Group Holdings LLC	
Shareholding interest in the listed issuer and its subsidiaries	53,535,435 ordinary shares (Direct interest) and 53,736,935 ordinary shares (Indirect interest) of the Company	Nil	
Any relationship (including immediate family relationships) with any existing director, existing executive officer, the issuer and/or substantial shareholder of the listed issuer or any of its principal subsidiaries	Dr Ong is the wife of director and substantial shareholder, Mr Cheng Shoong Tat.	Nil	

	ONG FUNG CHIN	MANU BHASKARAN	
Conflict of interests (including any competing business)	Nil	Nil	
Undertaking in the format set out in Appendix 7H under Catalist Rule 720(1) has been submitted to the listed issuer	Yes	Yes	
Other principal commitments including directorships			
Past (for the last 5 years)	Nil	CIMB Investment Bank Berhad IFS Capital Limited Jebsen & Jessen Pte. Ltd. Minorcap Pte. Ltd. Shining Star Solutions and Services Private Limited (India)	
Present	Niks Professional Ltd. Niks Maple West Pte. Ltd.	Niks Professional Ltd. Centennial Asia Advisors Pte. Ltd. Centennial Group Holdings LLC Japfa Ltd. Aspen Networks Inc Sembcorp Industries Ltd. Luminor Capital Pte. Ltd. LCPL Partners VCC	
Information required pursuant to Catalist Rule 704(6) under items (a) to (k) of Appendix 7F of Catalist Rules of the SGX-ST (See below)	Dr Ong's responses under items (a) to (k) of Appendix 7F of Catalist Rules of the SGX-ST are "No", except for item (j)(i):  a) On 14 October 2004, the Health Science Authority of Singapore ("HSA") noted that the Company possessed for sale various cosmetic products which did not comply with certain licensing and labelling requirements. Following remedial action taken by the Company, no further action was taken by HSA against the Company.  b) The Company and its tax agent made incorrect claims for Section 14N deduction, capital allowances and medical expenses in the Company's YA2020 and YA2021 tax returns. The Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore compounded the offence for \$\$600 on basis that the incorrect tax returns were made without any wilful intent to evade tax.  c) On or around 13 June 2020, Niks Professional (Shanghai) Co., Limited ("NPSCL") published an advertisement on its website stating that a skincare product has certain therapeutic function(s). This violates Article 17 of the Advertising Law of China and NPSCL was fined RMB2,662 by the relevant authority in China.	Mr Bhaskaran's responses under items (a) to (k) of Appendix 7F of the Catalist Rules of the SGX-ST are "No", except for item (k):  Mr Bhaskaran was convicted on 3 counts under the Official Secrets Act on 31 March 1994. He was fined S\$2,000 on each count.	

Items (a) to (k) of Appendix 7F of Catalist Rules of the SGX-ST:

- Whether at any time during the last 10 years, an application or a petition under any bankruptcy law of any (a) 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?
- (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?
- Whether there is any unsatisfied judgment against him? (c)
- (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?
- Whether he has ever been convicted of any offence, in Singapore or elsewhere, involving a breach of any law or (e) 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?
- (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?
- Whether he has ever been convicted in Singapore or elsewhere of any offence in connection with the formation (g)or management of any entity or business trust?
- (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?
- (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?

- (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
  - 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
  - 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
  - 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?

(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?

## **NIKS PROFESSIONAL LTD.**

Company Registration No. 199804609D (Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ("AGM") PROXY FORM

(Please see notes overleaf before completing this form)

### IMPORTANT:

- 1. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. A member who is a Relevant Intermediary is entitled to appoint more than two (2) proxies. Where such member's instruments appointing a proxy(ies) appoints more than one (1) proxy, the proportion of the shareholding concerned to be presented by each proxy shall be specified in the instrument (please see Note 1 for the definition of "Relevant Intermediary").
- 3. For SRS investors who have used their SRS monies to buy shares in the Company, 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 them. SRS investors should contact their SRS operators if they have any queries regarding their appointment as proxies or appointment of the Chairman of the AGM as proxy.
- 4. PLEASE READ THE NOTES TO THE PROXY FORM.

Personal data privacy

By submitting this Proxy Form, the member accepts and agrees to the personal data privacy terms set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting dated 8 April 2025.

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2	Declaration of final dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2024						
3	Re-election of Dr Ong Fung Chin as Direct	or					
4	Re-election of Mr Manu Bhaskaran as Dire	ector					
5	Approval of Directors' fees of up to S\$1-ending 31 December 2025, to be paid qua	14,000 for the financial yea arterly in arrears	ır				
6	Re-appointment of Messrs Grant Thornton	Audit LLP as Auditors					
7	Authority to issue Shares						
8	Authority to grant options and issue Sh Employee Share Option Scheme	S					
9	Authority to grant awards and issue Sh Performance Share Plan	ares pursuant to the NIK	5				
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Signature of Shareholder(s) or, Common Seal of Corporate Shareholder

<sup>\*</sup> Delete where inapplicable

## NOTES TO THE PROXY FORM:

1. A member who is a Relevant Intermediary entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint more than two (2) proxies, but each proxy must be appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by such member. Where such member's instrument appointing a proxy(ies) 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.

### "Relevant Intermediary" means

- (a) a banking corporation licensed under the Banking Act 1970 or a wholly-owned subsidiary of such a banking corporation, whose business includes the provision of nominee services and who holds shares in that capacity; or
- (b) a person holding a capital markets services licence to provide custodial services for securities under the Securities and Futures Act 2001, and who holds shares in that capacity.
- 2. SRS investors who wish to vote should approach their SRS operators to submit their votes at least seven (7) working days before the AGM (i.e. by 11 April 2025) in order to allow sufficient time for their respective Relevant Intermediaries to in turn submit a Proxy Form to appoint the Chairman of the AGM to vote on their behalf by the cut-off date.
- 3. The proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 4. The Proxy Form must be deposited at the Company's head office at **16 Kallang Place #03-27 Singapore 339156** or sent by email to: **ir@nikspro.com**, not less than seventy-two (72) hours before the time appointed for the AGM.

### Members are strongly encouraged to submit completed Proxy Forms electronically via email.

- 5. A member should insert the total number of shares held. If the member has shares entered against his/her/its name in the Depository Register maintained by The Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("CDP"), he/she/it should insert that number of shares. If the member has shares registered in his/her/its name in the Register of Members, he/she/it should insert that number of shares. If the member has shares entered against his/her/its name in the said Depository Register and registered in his/her/its name in the Register of Members, he/she/it should insert the aggregate number of shares. If no number is inserted, this form of proxy will be deemed to relate to all the shares held by the member.
- 6. The Proxy Form must be under the hand of the appointor or of his/her/its attorney duly authorised in writing. Where the Proxy Form is executed by a corporation, it must be executed either under its common seal or under the hand of its attorney or a duly authorised officer.
- 7. Where a Proxy Form is signed on behalf of the appointor by an attorney or a duly authorised officer, the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority must (failing previous registration with the Company) be lodged with the Proxy Form; failing which the instrument may be treated as invalid.
- 8. The Company shall be entitled to reject a Proxy Form which is incomplete, improperly completed or illegible or where the true intentions of the appointor are not ascertainable from the instructions of the appointor specified on and/or attached to the Proxy Form. In addition, in the case of shares entered in the Depository Register, the Company may reject a Proxy Form if the member, being the appointor, is not shown to have shares entered against his/her/its name in the Depository Register as at seventy-two (72) hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM, as certified by CDP to the Company.
- 9. All members will be bound by the outcome of the AGM regardless of whether they have attended or voted at the AGM.
- 10. Personal data privacy: By submitting an instrument appointing the proxy(ies) (other than the Chairman of the AGM) or Chairman of the AGM as a proxy to vote at the AGM and/or any adjournment thereof, all members accept and agree to the personal data privacy terms set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting dated 8 April 2025.

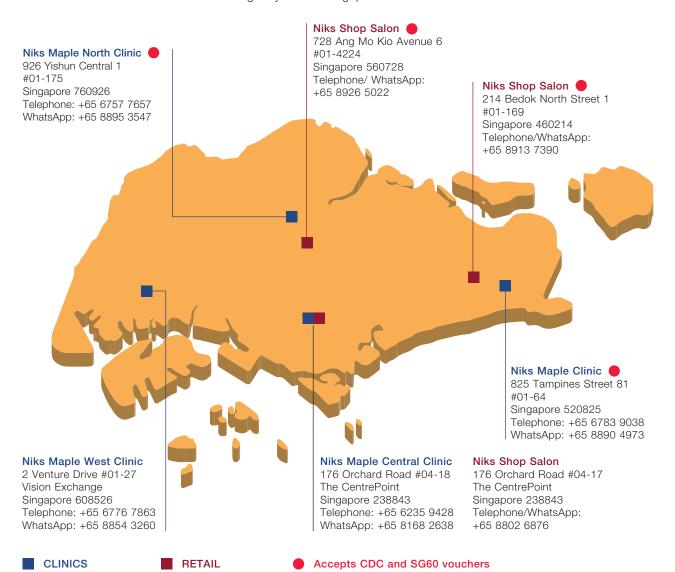
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