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**iFAST Corporation Ltd.
and its Subsidiaries**

Company Registration No: 200007899C
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

**Unaudited Third Quarter and Nine Months ended
30 September 2023
Financial Statements Announcement**

Third Quarter and Nine Months ended 30 September 2023 Financial Statements and Dividend Announcement

1(a)(i) An income statement and a statement of comprehensive income, for the group, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

Consolidated income statement for the third quarter and nine months ended 30 September 2023

	Group			Group		
	3Q23 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	Change %	9M23 \$'000	9M22 \$'000	Change %
Revenue	62,235	52,189	19.2	165,180	157,868	4.6
Interest revenue	3,980	1,309	204.0	9,174	2,469	271.6
Total revenue	66,215	53,498	23.8	174,354	160,337	8.7
Commission and fee expenses including securities brokerage expenses and handling and settlement expenses	(22,791)	(23,144)	(1.5)	(66,210)	(71,377)	(7.2)
Interest expenses excluding interest expense on lease liabilities	(1,708)	(280)	510.0	(3,614)	(477)	657.7
	41,716	30,074	38.7	104,530	88,483	18.1
Other income	60	575	(89.6)	1,302	1,237	5.3
Depreciation of plant and equipment	(799)	(1,039)	(23.1)	(2,368)	(2,824)	(16.1)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	(2,307)	(1,855)	24.4	(6,026)	(5,488)	9.8
Amortisation of intangible assets	(2,749)	(2,339)	17.5	(8,083)	(7,071)	14.3
Staff costs excluding equity-settled share-based payment transactions	(14,241)	(12,565)	13.3	(38,554)	(34,652)	11.3
Equity-settled share-based payment to staff and advisers	(3,213)	(2,895)	11.0	(8,373)	(7,722)	8.4
Other operating expenses	(7,296)	(6,880)	6.0	(22,118)	(18,295)	20.9
	(30,605)	(27,573)	11.0	(85,522)	(76,052)	12.5
Impairment loss on associate	-	-	NM	-	(5,200)	NM
Results from operating activities	11,171	3,076	263.2	20,310	8,468	139.8
Interest expense on lease liabilities	(223)	(71)	214.1	(574)	(346)	65.9
Share of results of associates, net of tax	(19)	(74)	(74.3)	206	327	(37.0)
Profit before tax	10,929	2,931	272.9	19,942	8,449	136.0
Tax expense	(2,716)	(1,297)	109.4	(5,755)	(4,070)	41.4
Profit for the period	8,213	1,634	402.6	14,187	4,379	224.0
Profit attributable to:						
Owners of the Company	8,516	2,085	308.4	15,087	5,128	194.2
Non-controlling interests	(303)	(451)	(32.8)	(900)	(749)	20.2
Profit for the period	8,213	1,634	402.6	14,187	4,379	224.0

NM denotes not meaningful.

FVOCI denotes fair value through other comprehensive income.

FVTPL denotes fair value through profit or loss.

1(a)(i) An income statement and a statement of comprehensive income, for the group, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year. (Cont'd)

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the third quarter and nine months ended 30 September 2023

	3Q23	Group 3Q22	Change	9M23	Group 9M22	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
Profit for the period	8,213	1,634	402.6	14,187	4,379	224.0
Other comprehensive income						
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:						
Net change in fair value of financial assets-debt investments at FVOCI	(368)	(680)	(45.9)	(674)	(1,406)	(52.1)
Net change in fair value of financial assets-debt investments at FVOCI reclassified to profit or loss	5	-	NM	14	(198)	NM
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	(1,878)	(3,635)	(48.3)	2,478	(8,324)	NM
Share of other comprehensive income of associates	1	(11)	NM	(20)	(61)	(67.2)
	<u>(2,240)</u>	<u>(4,326)</u>	<u>(48.2)</u>	<u>1,798</u>	<u>(9,989)</u>	<u>NM</u>
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:						
Net change in fair value of financial assets-equity investments at FVOCI	-	(357)	NM	79	(1,899)	NM
	<u>-</u>	<u>(357)</u>	<u>NM</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>(1,899)</u>	<u>NM</u>
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	<u>(2,240)</u>	<u>(4,683)</u>	<u>(52.2)</u>	<u>1,877</u>	<u>(11,888)</u>	<u>NM</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period	<u>5,973</u>	<u>(3,049)</u>	<u>NM</u>	<u>16,064</u>	<u>(7,509)</u>	<u>NM</u>
Attributable to:						
Owners of the Company	6,508	(2,068)	NM	16,669	(5,595)	NM
Non-controlling interests	(535)	(981)	(45.5)	(605)	(1,914)	(68.4)
Total comprehensive income for the period	<u>5,973</u>	<u>(3,049)</u>	<u>NM</u>	<u>16,064</u>	<u>(7,509)</u>	<u>NM</u>

1(a)(ii) Breakdown and explanatory notes to income statement.

	Group			Group		
	3Q23	3Q22	Change	9M23	9M22	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
<u>Profit for the period is arrived at after charging / (crediting) the following:</u>						
Interest revenue						
- Interest income from banking operation						
on cash and cash equivalents	(1,416)	(433)	227.0	(2,667)	(723)	268.9
on investment in financial assets	(1,236)	(90)	NM	(2,771)	(109)	NM
- Interest income from non-banking operations						
on cash and cash equivalents	(379)	(200)	89.5	(1,032)	(494)	108.9
on clients trade settlement bank accounts	(828)	(253)	227.3	(2,019)	(437)	362.0
on investment in financial assets	(102)	(295)	(65.4)	(630)	(607)	3.8
on product financing	(16)	(4)	300.0	(16)	(9)	77.8
on receivables	(3)	(34)	(91.2)	(39)	(90)	(56.7)
	(3,980)	(1,309)	204.0	(9,174)	(2,469)	271.6
Interest expenses excluding interest expense on lease liabilities						
- Interest expense from banking operation						
on deposits and balances of customers	1,546	280	452.1	3,177	477	566.0
- Interest expense from non-banking operation						
on bank loans	162	-	NM	437	-	NM
	1,708	280	510.0	3,614	477	657.7
Other income						
- Net investment income	(40)	(69)	(42.0)	(484)	(9)	NM
- Government grant	(3)	(496)	(99.4)	(130)	(1,190)	(89.1)
- Gain on derecognition of an associate	-	-	NM	(634)	-	NM
- Miscellaneous income	(17)	(10)	70.0	(54)	(38)	42.1
	(60)	(575)	(89.6)	(1,302)	(1,237)	5.3
Tax expense						
- Current tax expense	2,551	1,430	78.4	5,849	4,432	32.0
- Deferred tax expense / (credit)	165	(133)	NM	(94)	(362)	(74.0)
	2,716	1,297	109.4	5,755	4,070	41.4
Lease expense	119	126	(5.6)	476	381	24.9
Impairment loss on investment in financial assets at amortised cost (net), included in other operating expenses	162	-	NM	287	-	NM
Bad debt written off	-	8	NM	-	8	NM
Foreign exchange (gain) / loss, net	(42)	155	NM	6	192	(96.9)
Plant and equipment written off	1	-	NM	1	1	-
Intangible assets written off	-	9	NM	-	13	NM
Equity-settled share-based payment transactions, included in staff costs	2,891	2,511	15.1	7,354	6,796	8.2
Equity-settled share-based payment transactions, included in other operating expenses	322	384	(16.1)	1,019	926	10.0
Loss / (gain) on redemption of investment in financial assets at FVOCI, included in investment income	5	-	NM	14	(198)	NM
Dividend income on investment in financial assets at FVOCI, included in investment income	-	(76)	NM	-	(255)	NM
Net (gain) / loss on investment in financial assets at FVTPL, included in investment income	(41)	16	NM	(476)	471	NM
Dividend income on investment in associates	(4)	(9)	(55.6)	(22)	(27)	(18.5)

1(b)(i) A statement of financial position (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Group As at		Company As at	
	30-Sep-23 \$'000	31-Dec-22 \$'000	30-Sep-23 \$'000	31-Dec-22 \$'000
Assets				
Plant and equipment	7,993	5,962	473	917
Right-of-use assets	24,508	10,391	9,381	1,121
Intangible assets and goodwill	73,266	73,993	25,943	28,837
Subsidiaries	-	-	168,380	163,528
Associates	400	3,479	-	767
Other investments	40,786	23,034	4,480	2,535
Deferred tax assets	2,151	2,380	-	-
Contract costs	16,838	10,117	-	-
Prepayments and others	1,231	1,055	11	11
Total non-current assets	167,173	130,411	208,668	197,716
Current tax receivable	237	323	-	-
Other investments	76,924	41,711	9,738	9,626
Contract costs	-	48	-	-
Prepayments and others	5,942	5,031	279	391
Trade and other receivables	99,793	78,601	42,052	33,557
Uncompleted contracts - buyers	98,452	51,281	-	-
Money market funds	18,995	14,165	9,357	9,540
Cash at bank and in hand	205,570	136,965	3,104	4,028
Total current assets	505,913	328,125	64,530	57,142
Total assets	673,086	458,536	273,198	254,858
Equity				
Share capital	171,118	171,059	171,118	171,059
Reserves	66,247	51,429	39,068	28,636
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	237,365	222,488	210,186	199,695
Non-controlling interests	7,476	8,229	-	-
Total equity	244,841	230,717	210,186	199,695
Liabilities				
Deferred tax liabilities	2,507	2,867	1,751	2,064
Lease liabilities	15,386	5,280	5,820	147
Total non-current liabilities	17,893	8,147	7,571	2,211
Current tax payables	3,993	2,859	-	-
Lease liabilities	9,958	5,919	3,583	883
Bank loans	15,852	12,210	15,852	12,210
Deposits and balances of customers	232,089	96,545	-	-
Trade and other payables	50,087	51,863	36,006	39,859
Uncompleted contracts - sellers	98,373	50,276	-	-
Total current liabilities	410,352	219,672	55,441	52,952
Total liabilities	428,245	227,819	63,012	55,163
Total equity and liabilities	673,086	458,536	273,198	254,858

1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of group's borrowings and debt securities.

Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

	Group			
	As at 30-Sep-23		As at 31-Dec-22	
	\$'000		\$'000	
	Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured
Bank loans	-	15,852	-	12,210
	-	15,852	-	12,210

The Group uses its revolving bank loan facilities to facilitate its working capital management from time to time. The revolving bank loans bore interest at rates ranging from 3.90% to 4.69% (2022: 3.90% to 4.69%) per annum in the period and are repayable within the next 12 months from the reporting date.

Amount repayable after one year

No amount of the Group's borrowings and debt securities is repayable after one year from the reporting date.

1(c) A statement of cash flows (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Group		Group	
	3Q23 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	9M23 \$'000	9M22 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities				
Profit for the period	8,213	1,634	14,187	4,379
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation of plant and equipment	799	1,039	2,368	2,824
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	2,307	1,855	6,026	5,488
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,749	2,339	8,083	7,071
Bad debts written off	-	8	-	8
Equity-settled share-based payment to staff and advisers	3,213	2,895	8,373	7,722
Dividend income on investment in financial assets at FVOCI	-	(76)	-	(255)
Loss / (gain) on redemption of investment in financial assets at FVOCI	5	-	14	(198)
Net (gain) / loss on investment in financial assets at FVTPL	(41)	16	(476)	471
Share of results of associates, net of tax	19	74	(206)	(327)
Dividend income on investment in associates	(4)	(9)	(22)	(27)
Foreign exchange (gain) / loss, net	(42)	155	6	192
Plant and equipment written off	1	-	1	1
Intangible asset written off	-	9	-	13
Impairment loss on associate	-	-	-	5,200
Impairment loss on investment in financial assets at amortised cost, net	162	-	287	-
Impairment loss on other financial assets, net	5	-	15	-
Premium or discount amortisation on debt securities	(534)	(295)	(1,463)	(295)
Interest expense on lease liabilities	223	71	574	346
Gain on disposal of plant and equipment	-	-	(8)	-
Gain on derecognition of associate	-	-	(634)	-
Tax expense	2,716	1,297	5,755	4,070
	<u>19,791</u>	<u>11,012</u>	<u>42,880</u>	<u>36,683</u>
Changes in:				
Contract costs	(1,216)	(1,809)	(5,302)	(3,998)
Prepayments	(179)	(467)	(100)	166
Trade and other receivables	(3,717)	(10,502)	(19,200)	(11,293)
Uncompleted contracts - buyers	(21,318)	(49,350)	(47,364)	(79,222)
Uncompleted contracts - sellers	21,341	48,380	48,356	81,836
Deposits and balances of customers in banking operation	115,961	(5,429)	132,536	(5,429)
Trade and other payables	2,265	(730)	1,656	(7,271)
Cash generated from / (used in) operations	132,928	(8,895)	153,462	11,472
Tax paid	(2,035)	(2,493)	(4,660)	(6,222)
Interest paid on lease liabilities	(223)	(68)	(574)	(330)
Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	130,670	(11,456)	148,228	4,920
Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchase of plant and equipment	(1,426)	(582)	(4,877)	(1,784)
Purchase of intangible assets	(2,681)	(1,976)	(11,096)	(10,563)
Payment of direct costs for leases	(143)	-	(194)	-
Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment	-	(1)	42	(1)
Additional investment in associates	-	(91)	-	(91)
Dividend from associates	18	18	36	36
Net cash inflow from acquisition of subsidiaries	-	-	-	49,534
Purchase of investment in financial assets	(143,515)	(71,147)	(326,316)	(161,975)
Proceeds from redemption of investment in financial assets	114,536	65,341	277,059	138,514
Dividends received from investment in financial assets at FVOCI	-	1	-	3
Proceed from disposal of interest in associate	-	-	1,950	-
Net cash (used in) / from investing activities	(33,211)	(8,436)	(63,396)	13,674
Cash flows from financing activities				
Proceeds from issue of ordinary shares related to share placement, net of share issuance expenses	-	-	-	103,334
Proceeds from exercise of share options	15	-	59	93
Purchase of treasury shares	(577)	(401)	(845)	(2,391)
Drawdown of bank loans	693	-	15,886	-
Repayment of bank loans	-	-	(12,242)	-
Principal element of lease payments	(2,472)	(2,187)	(6,421)	(6,099)
Dividends paid to owners of the Company	(3,251)	(3,222)	(10,338)	(10,254)
Net cash (used in) / from financing activities	(5,592)	(5,810)	(13,901)	84,683
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	91,867	(25,702)	70,931	103,277
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	134,148	165,986	151,130	44,097
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	(1,450)	(4,767)	2,504	(11,857)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	224,565	135,517	224,565	135,517

⁽¹⁾ Amount less than \$1,000

1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Group										
	Attributable to owners of the Company										Total equity \$'000
	Share capital	Fair value reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Share option reserve	Performance share reserve	Equity reserve	Reserve for own shares	Accumulated profits	Total	Non-controlling interests	
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
At 1 January 2023	171,059	(3,146)	(10,603)	3,165	22,101	(1,535)	(1,025)	42,472	222,488	8,229	230,717
Total comprehensive income for the period											
Profit / (Loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,087	15,087	(900)	14,187
Other comprehensive income											
Net change in fair value of financial assets at FVOCI	-	(595)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(595)	-	(595)
Net change in fair value of financial assets at FVOCI reclassified to profit or loss	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	14
Net change in fair value on disposal of financial assets at FVOCI transferred between reserves	-	(81)	-	-	-	-	-	81	-	-	-
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	-	-	2,183	-	-	-	-	-	2,183	295	2,478
Share of other comprehensive income of associates	-	-	(20)	-	-	-	-	-	(20)	-	(20)
Total other comprehensive income	-	(662)	2,163	-	-	-	-	81	1,582	295	1,877
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(662)	2,163	-	-	-	-	15,168	16,669	(605)	16,064
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity											
Contributions by and distributions to owners											
Share options exercised	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	-	59
Purchase of treasury shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	(845)	-	(845)	-	(845)
Treasury shares re-issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,305	228	1,533	-	1,533
One-tier tax-exempt 2022 final dividend paid of 1.14 cents per share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,134)	(4,134)	-	(4,134)
One-tier tax-exempt interim dividend paid of 1.00 cents per share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,953)	(2,953)	-	(2,953)
One-tier tax-exempt interim dividend paid of 1.10 cents per share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,251)	(3,251)	-	(3,251)
Equity-settled share-based payment transactions	-	-	-	162	7,693	-	-	-	7,855	-	7,855
Total contributions by and distribution to owners	59	-	-	162	7,693	-	460	(10,110)	(1,736)	-	(1,736)
Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries											
Measurement period adjustments to acquisition of subsidiary with non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	(56)	-	-	(56)	(148)	(204)
Total changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	(56)	-	-	(56)	(148)	(204)
Total transactions with owners	59	-	-	162	7,693	(56)	460	(10,110)	(1,792)	(148)	(1,940)
At 30 September 2023	171,118	(3,808)	(8,440)	3,327	29,794	(1,591)	(565)	47,530	237,365	7,476	244,841

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	Group										
	Attributable to owners of the Company										Total equity \$'000
	Share capital \$'000	Fair value reserve \$'000	Foreign currency translation reserve \$'000	Share option reserve \$'000	Performance share reserve \$'000	Equity reserve \$'000	Reserve for own shares \$'000	Accumulated profits \$'000	Total \$'000	Non-controlling interests \$'000	
At 1 January 2022	67,577	(4,019)	(1,542)	3,012	12,316	(2,010)	(160)	53,479	128,653	(1,018)	127,635
Total comprehensive income for the period											
Profit / (Loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,128	5,128	(749)	4,379
Other comprehensive income											
Net change in fair value of financial assets at FVOCI	-	(3,305)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,305)	(1)	(3,305)
Net change in fair value of financial assets at FVOCI reclassified to profit or loss	-	(198)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(198)	-	(198)
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	-	-	(7,159)	-	-	-	-	-	(7,159)	(1,165)	(8,324)
Share of other comprehensive income of associates	-	-	(61)	-	-	-	-	-	(61)	-	(61)
Total other comprehensive income	-	(3,503)	(7,220)	-	-	-	-	-	(10,723)	(1,165)	(11,888)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(3,503)	(7,220)	-	-	-	-	5,128	(5,595)	(1,914)	(7,509)
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity											
Contributions by and distributions to owners											
Share options exercised	93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	-	93
Purchase of treasury shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,391)	-	(2,391)	-	(2,391)
Treasury shares re-issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,526	592	2,118	-	2,118
Issue of ordinary shares related to share placement	105,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105,000	-	105,000
Share issuance expenses	(1,666)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,666)	-	(1,666)
One-tier tax-exempt 2021 final dividend paid of 1.40 cents per share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,102)	(4,102)	-	(4,102)
One-tier tax-exempt interim dividend paid of 1.00 cents per share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,930)	(2,930)	-	(2,930)
One-tier tax-exempt interim dividend paid of 1.10 cents per share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,222)	(3,222)	-	(3,222)
Equity-settled share-based payment transactions	-	-	-	110	7,206	-	-	-	7,316	-	7,316
Total contributions by and distribution to owners	103,427	-	-	110	7,206	-	(865)	(9,662)	100,216	-	100,216
Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries											
Acquisition of subsidiary with non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,155	10,155
Total changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,155	10,155
Total transactions with owners	103,427	-	-	110	7,206	-	(865)	(9,662)	100,216	10,155	110,371
At 30 September 2022	171,004	(7,522)	(8,762)	3,122	19,522	(2,010)	(1,025)	48,945	223,274	7,223	230,497

(1) Amount less than \$1,000

1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year. (Cont'd)

	Company						Total equity
	Attributable to owners of the Company						
	Share capital	Fair value reserve	Share option reserve	Performance share reserve	Reserve for own shares	Accumulated profits	
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
At 1 January 2023	171,059	742	1,974	22,101	(1,025)	4,844	199,695
Total comprehensive income for the period							
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	12,808	12,808
Other comprehensive income							
Net change in fair value of financial assets at FVOCI	-	(595)	-	-	-	-	(595)
Net change in fair value of financial assets at FVOCI reclassified to profit or loss	-	14	-	-	-	-	14
Net change in fair value on disposal of financial assets at FVOCI transferred between reserves	-	(81)	-	-	-	81	-
Total other comprehensive income	-	(662)	-	-	-	81	(581)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(662)	-	-	-	12,889	12,227
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity							
Contributions by and distributions to owners							
Share options exercised	59	-	-	-	-	-	59
Purchase of treasury shares	-	-	-	-	(845)	-	(845)
Treasury shares re-issued	-	-	-	-	1,305	228	1,533
One-tier tax-exempt 2022 final dividend paid of 1.14 cents per share	-	-	-	-	-	(4,134)	(4,134)
One-tier tax-exempt interim dividend paid of 1.00 cents per share	-	-	-	-	-	(2,953)	(2,953)
One-tier tax-exempt interim dividend paid of 1.10 cents per share	-	-	-	-	-	(3,251)	(3,251)
Equity-settled share-based payment transactions	-	-	162	7,693	-	-	7,855
Total contributions by and distribution to owners	59	-	162	7,693	460	(10,110)	(1,736)
Total transactions with owners	59	-	162	7,693	460	(10,110)	(1,736)
At 30 September 2023	171,118	80	2,136	29,794	(565)	7,623	210,186

1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year. (Cont'd)

	Company				
	<u>Attributable to owners of the Company</u>				
	Share capital	Fair value reserve	Share option reserve	Performance share reserve	Reserve for own shares
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
At 1 January 2022	67,577	(450)	1,839	12,316	(160)
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income					
Net change in fair value of financial assets at FVOCI	-	(3,288)	-	-	-
Net change in fair value of financial assets at FVOCI reclassified to profit or loss	-	(198)	-	-	-
Total other comprehensive income	-	(3,486)	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(3,486)	-	-	-
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity					
Contributions by and distributions to owners					
Share options exercised	93	-	-	-	-
Purchase of treasury shares	-	-	-	-	(2,391)
Treasury shares re-issued	-	-	-	-	1,526
Issue of ordinary shares related to share placement	105,000	-	-	-	-
Share issuance expenses	(1,666)	-	-	-	-
One-tier tax-exempt 2021 final dividend paid of 1.40 cents per share	-	-	-	-	-
One-tier tax-exempt interim dividend paid of 1.00 cents per share	-	-	-	-	-
One-tier tax-exempt interim dividend paid of 1.10 cents per share	-	-	-	-	-

1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, subdivision, consolidation, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles, if any, against the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings of the issuer, as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year. State also the number of shares held as treasury shares and the number of subsidiary holdings, if any, and the percentage of the aggregate number of treasury shares and subsidiary holdings held against the total number of shares outstanding in a class that is listed as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

The number of shares in issue in the Company as at 30 September 2023 excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings was 295,518,451 ordinary shares (30 June 2023: 295,267,941 ordinary shares). The movements in the Company's share capital during the third quarter ended 30 September 2023 were as follows:

	Number of ordinary shares
As at 30 June 2023	295,267,941
Exercise of share options	26,000
Vesting of performance shares	-
Purchase of treasury shares	(113,900)
Re-issue of treasury shares	338,410
As at 30 September 2023	<u>295,518,451</u>

iFAST Employee Share Option Scheme and iFAST Share Option Scheme 2013 ("iFAST ESOS")

The number of outstanding share options under the iFAST ESOS was as follows:

	Number of share options
As at 30 June 2023	3,468,078
Share options granted	-
Exercised	(26,000)
Forfeited	-
As at 30 September 2023	<u>3,442,078</u>

As at 30 September 2023, the number of outstanding share options under the iFAST ESOS was 3,442,078 (30 September 2022: 3,444,406).

iFAST Corporation Performance Share Plan ("iFAST PSP")

The number of outstanding performance shares granted but not vested under iFAST PSP was as follows:

	Number of performance shares
As at 30 June 2023	6,892,500
Performance shares granted but not vested	2,238,100
Vested	-
Forfeited	(87,000)
As at 30 September 2023	<u>9,043,600</u>

On 4 July 2023, the Company granted the 2,238,100 share awards pursuant to the iFAST PSP. As at 30 September 2023, the number of outstanding performance shares granted but not vested under the iFAST PSP was 9,043,600 (30 September 2022: 9,291,900).

Treasury shares and subsidiary holdings

The number of shares held as treasury shares was as follows:

	Number of treasury shares
As at 30 June 2023	343,400
Purchased by way of on-market acquisition	113,900
Purchased by way of off-market acquisition	-
Re-issued	(338,410)
As at 30 September 2023	<u>118,890</u>

As at 30 September 2023, 118,890 (30 September 2022: 279,700) treasury shares were held by the Company that may be re-issued upon the exercise of share options under the iFAST ESOS and upon the vesting of performance shares under the iFAST PSP or for other uses pursuant to the Share Buy Back Mandate of the Company renewed at the Annual General Meeting held on 26 April 2023.

The Company has no subsidiary holdings as at 30 September 2023 and 30 September 2022.

As at 30 September 2023, the treasury shares held by the Company was less than 0.1% (30 September 2022: 0.1%) of the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings.

1(d)(iii) To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year.

	As at 30-Sep-23	As at 31-Dec-22
Total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings	<u>295,518,451</u>	<u>293,045,941</u>

1(d)(iv) A statement showing all sales, transfers, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

Between 1 July 2023 and 30 September 2023, the Company transferred 338,410 treasury shares for the settlement of sales incentive payable by the Group to certain individual investment advisers of the Group's business unit of iFAST Global Markets ("IGM") under the Business-to-Business ("B2B") business division of the Group in the form of shares of the Company with a vesting period of two to three years.

The total fair value of the treasury shares transferred was \$1.53 million in the quarter.

1(d)(v) A statement showing all sales, transfers, cancellation and/or use of subsidiary holdings as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

There were no sales, transfer, cancellation and/or use of subsidiary holdings as at 30 September 2023.

2. Whether the figures have been audited, or reviewed and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice.

The figures have not been audited or reviewed by the Group's external auditors.

3. Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of a matter).

Not applicable.

3A. Where the latest financial statements are subject to an adverse opinion, qualified opinion or disclaimer of opinion:—

- (a) Updates on the efforts taken to resolve each outstanding audit issue.**
- (b) Confirmation from the Board that the impact of all outstanding audit issues on the financial statements have been adequately disclosed.**

This is not required for any audit issue that is a material uncertainty relating to going concern.

Not applicable.

4. Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied.

The financial information have been prepared in accordance with the Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) ("SFRS(I)") including *SFRS(I) 1-34 Interim Financial Reporting*, and the same accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the audited financial statements of the last financial year, except for those disclosed under paragraph 5 below.

5. If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change.

The Group and the Company have adopted the new and revised SFRS(I)s, and Interpretations of SFRS(I) ("SFRS(I) INTs") that are effective for the annual period beginning on 1 January 2023. The adoption of these SFRS(I)s and SFRS(I) INTs did not have any significant effect on the financial statements of the Group and the Company.

6. Earnings per ordinary share of the group for the current financial period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends.

	3Q23	3Q22	9M23	9M22
(i) Based on weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue				
- Weighted average number of ordinary shares	295,529,751	292,919,713	294,663,556	292,513,780
Basic earnings per share (cents)	2.88	0.71	5.12	1.75
(ii) On a fully diluted basis of ordinary shares				
- Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares	303,762,975	300,576,720	303,356,683	301,560,297
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	2.80	0.69	4.97	1.70

7. Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuers at the end of the (a) current financial period reported on and (b) immediately preceding financial year.

	Group		Company	
	30-Sep-23	31-Dec-22	30-Sep-23	31-Dec-22
Net asset value per ordinary share (cents)	80.32	75.92	71.12	68.14

8. A review of the performance of the group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the group's business. It must include a discussion of the following: -

(a) any significant factors that affected the turnover, costs, and earnings of the group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors; and

(b) any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on.

Consolidated Income Statement

Total revenue

In the third quarter of 2023 ("3Q23"), concerns over the Chinese economy and fears over global economic growth weakened investor sentiment, and the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan index dropped approximately 3.3% quarter-on-quarter ("QoQ") as at 30 September 2023.

Despite the volatile market environment in the quarter, the Group's net inflows of client assets recorded approximately \$751 million in 3Q23, with a QoQ growth of 34.4%, and approximately \$1,624 million in the nine months ended 30 September 2023 ("9M23"). This benefits from the Group's continuous efforts in improving the range and depths of products and services brought to clients and business partners in recent years.

As at 30 September 2023, the Group's assets under administration ("AUA") grew 1.7% QoQ and 12.6% year-on-year ("YoY") to \$19.12 billion.

Besides the Group's core wealth management platform business continuing to progress, the ePension division in the Hong Kong operation of the Group has started to contribute more from 3Q23. The Group's total revenue increased 23.8% YoY to \$66.22 million in 3Q23.

The following tables show the breakdown of the Group's total revenue, total revenue excluding interest revenue and interest revenue respectively by the United Kingdom ("UK")-based banking operation newly acquired at end of March 2022 and the existing non-banking operations of the Group.

	Group			Group		
	3Q23 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	Change %	9M23 \$'000	9M22 \$'000	Change %
Non-banking operations	60,434	49,429	22.3	160,300	150,394	6.6
Banking operation	5,781	4,069	42.1	14,054	9,943	41.3
Total revenue	66,215	53,498	23.8	174,354	160,337	8.7

	Group			Group		
	3Q23 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	Change %	9M23 \$'000	9M22 \$'000	Change %
Non-banking operations	59,107	48,643	21.5	156,565	148,757	5.2
Banking operation	3,128	3,546	(11.8)	8,615	9,111	(5.4)
Total revenue excluding interest revenue	62,235	52,189	19.2	165,180	157,868	4.6

	Group			Group		
	3Q23 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	Change %	9M23 \$'000	9M22 \$'000	Change %
Non-banking operations	1,327	786	68.8	3,735	1,637	128.2
Banking operation	2,653	523	407.3	5,439	832	553.7
Interest revenue	3,980	1,309	204.0	9,174	2,469	271.6

As disclosed in the Group's Full-Year 2022 Financial Statements Announcement dated 14 February 2023, the Group had reviewed book-keeping of the newly acquired banking operation in line with the Group's accounting policies and certain alignment adjustments related to the presentation of banking operation's results (mainly related to its discontinued operation of wholesale currency services ("WCS") business which will be fully closed in 2023) for the second quarter of 2022 ("2Q22") and the third quarter of 2022 ("3Q22") had been recognised in the books of banking operation in the fourth quarter of 2022 ("4Q22"). The following table shows aligned revenue of banking operation from 2Q22 to 4Q22 if the above-mentioned alignment adjustments would have been recognised in 2Q22 and 3Q22 respectively.

<u>Banking operation</u>	1Q22 \$'000	2Q22 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	4Q22 \$'000	FY22 \$'000
Total revenue (reported in the results announcement for the respective quarter)	-	5,874	4,069	389	10,332
Alignment adjustments with the Group's accounting policies	-	(1,611)	(1,379)	2,990	-
Total revenue aligned with the Group's accounting policies	-	4,263	2,690	3,379	10,332
Total revenue excluding interest revenue (reported in the results announcement for the respective quarter)	-	5,565	3,546	291	9,402
Alignment adjustments with the Group's accounting policies	-	(1,393)	(1,071)	2,464	-
Total revenue excluding interest revenue aligned with the Group's accounting policies	-	4,172	2,475	2,755	9,402
Interest revenue (reported in the results announcement for the respective quarter)	-	309	523	98	930
Alignment adjustments with the Group's accounting policies	-	(218)	(308)	526	-
Interest revenue aligned with the Group's accounting policies	-	91	215	624	930

Costs of revenue

Commission and fee expenses including securities brokerage expenses and handling and settlement expenses

The following table shows the breakdown of the Group's costs of revenue excluding interest expenses by the new banking operation and existing non-banking operations of the Group.

	Group			Group		
	3Q23 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	Change %	9M23 \$'000	9M22 \$'000	Change %
Non-banking operations	21,876	21,577	1.4	64,411	68,055	(5.4)
Banking operation	915	1,567	(41.6)	1,799	3,322	(45.8)
Costs of revenue excluding interest expenses	<u>22,791</u>	<u>23,144</u>	<u>(1.5)</u>	<u>66,210</u>	<u>71,377</u>	<u>(7.2)</u>

The existing non-banking operations of the Group have two main business divisions, namely Business-to-Customer (“B2C”) and Business-to-Business (“B2B”). For B2B division of the Group’s non-banking operations providing the wealth management platform services, a substantial portion of front-end commission income and advisory fee from B2B customers is payable to financial advisers who assist the B2B customers. Securities brokerage expense refers to brokerage fee paid to third party brokers for execution of clients’ trade in securities listed on overseas exchanges of which the Group is not a member.

The costs of revenue excluding interest expenses incurred by non-banking operations of the Group decreased by 5.4% YoY to \$64.41 million in 9M23. This was due mainly to decreases in commission income from unit trust (“UT”) business of B2B division resulting from lower volume of clients’ subscription in UT in the period.

The costs of revenue excluding interest expenses incurred by the new banking operation are commission and fee expenses including handling and settlement expenses charged by counterparts in the course of transactional banking service provision to customers.

As mentioned under the part of revenue, the Group had reviewed book-keeping of the newly acquired banking operation in line with the Group’s accounting policies and certain alignment adjustments related to the presentation of banking operation’s results (mainly related to its discontinued operation of WCS business which will be fully closed in 2023) for 2Q22 and 3Q22 had been recognised in the books of banking operation in 4Q22. The following table shows the aligned cost of revenue excluding interest expenses of banking operation from 2Q22 to 4Q22 if the above-mentioned alignment adjustments would have been recognised in 2Q22 and 3Q22 respectively.

<u>Banking operation</u>	1Q22 \$'000	2Q22 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	4Q22 \$'000	FY22 \$'000
Costs of revenue excluding interest expenses (reported in the results announcement for the respective quarter)	-	1,755	1,567	(1,861)	1,461
Alignment adjustments with the Group’s accounting policies	-	(1,112)	(1,134)	2,246	-
Costs of revenue excluding interest expenses aligned with the Group’s accounting policies	<u>-</u>	<u>643</u>	<u>433</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>1,461</u>

Interest expenses excluding interest expense on lease liabilities

The following table shows the breakdown of the Group’s interest expenses excluding interest expense on lease liabilities by the new banking operation and existing non-banking operations of the Group.

	Group			Group		
	3Q23 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	Change %	9M23 \$'000	9M22 \$'000	Change %
Non-banking operations	162	-	NM	437	-	NM
Banking operation	1,546	280	452.1	3,177	477	566.0
Interest expenses	<u>1,708</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>510.0</u>	<u>3,614</u>	<u>477</u>	<u>657.7</u>

The interest expenses excluding interest expense on lease liabilities incurred by non-banking operations are interest expenses on amounts of revolving bank loan facilities drawn down to facilitate the Group’s working capital management in the period.

The higher interest expenses excluding interest expense on lease liabilities incurred by the new banking operation are higher interest expenses on increased deposits and balances of customers placed with the banking operation over the period.

The alignment adjustments related to interest expenses recognised in banking operation, as disclosed in the Group's Full-Year 2022 Financial Statements Announcement dated 14 February 2023, are not significant for both 3Q22 and 9M22.

Net revenue

Net revenue of the Group comprises net interest revenue and net non-interest revenue which represents corresponding revenue earned by the Group after commission and fee expenses including securities brokerage expenses and handling and settlement expenses.

The Group's net revenue grew 38.7% YoY to \$41.72 million in 3Q23 and 18.1% YoY to \$104.53 million in 9M23, with the respective breakdown of net interest revenue and net non-interest revenue as follows.

	Group			Group		
	3Q23 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	Change %	9M23 \$'000	9M22 \$'000	Change %
<u>Net interest revenue</u>						
Non-banking operations	1,165	786	48.2	3,298	1,637	101.5
Banking operation	1,107	243	355.6	2,262	355	537.2
Net interest revenue	<u>2,272</u>	<u>1,029</u>	<u>120.8</u>	<u>5,560</u>	<u>1,992</u>	<u>179.1</u>
<u>Net non-interest revenue</u>						
Non-banking operations						
- Business-to-Customer business	8,807	8,386	5.0	25,047	24,899	0.6
- Business-to-Business business	28,425	18,680	52.2	67,107	55,803	20.3
	<u>37,232</u>	<u>27,066</u>	<u>37.6</u>	<u>92,154</u>	<u>80,702</u>	<u>14.2</u>
Banking operation	2,212	1,979	11.8	6,816	5,789	17.7
Net non-interest revenue	<u>39,444</u>	<u>29,045</u>	<u>35.8</u>	<u>98,970</u>	<u>86,491</u>	<u>14.4</u>
Total net revenue	<u>41,716</u>	<u>30,074</u>	<u>38.7</u>	<u>104,530</u>	<u>88,483</u>	<u>18.1</u>

For B2C division of the Group's non-banking operations, there were YoY decreases in transaction processing fees resulting from decreased investment subscription from customers in exchange-listed securities, unit trusts and service fees arising from the provision of currency conversion administration services resulting from lower clients' trading volume of securities dominated in foreign exchanges affected by the volatile market sentiment in the period. The mentioned decreases were offset by the higher interest commission income arising from clients' AUA as well as cash management solution services provided to clients due to the higher interest rate environment over the period. The B2C division's monthly average AUA grew 6.3% YoY in 3Q23 and kept approximately flat in 9M23 compared to 9M22, and its net revenue increased 5.0% YoY in 3Q23 and 0.6% YoY in 9M23.

For B2B division of the Group's non-banking operations, there were YoY decreases in transaction processing fees resulting from decreased investment subscription from institution customers in exchange-listed securities over the period. However, there were YoY increases in higher interest commission income arising from clients' AUA and cash management solution services provided to clients due to the higher interest rate environment, processing fee income from increased client trade in bonds and recurring fee income arising from portfolio management services over the period. In addition, the ePension division in the Hong Kong operation of the Group has started to contribute more significantly from 3Q23. The B2B division's net revenue increased 52.2% YoY in 3Q23 and 20.3% YoY in 9M23 while the B2B division's monthly average AUA grew 10.9% YoY in 3Q23 and 4.9% YoY in 9M23.

The following table shows the breakdown of the Group's net revenue by recurring and non-recurring basis.

	Group			Group		
	3Q23 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	Change %	9M23 \$'000	9M22 \$'000	Change %
Non-banking operations						
- Recurring net revenue	33,722	21,731	55.2	79,986	61,921	29.2
- Non-recurring net revenue	4,675	6,121	(23.6)	15,466	20,418	(24.3)
	<u>38,397</u>	<u>27,852</u>	<u>37.9</u>	<u>95,452</u>	<u>82,339</u>	<u>15.9</u>
Banking operation						
- Recurring net revenue	1,107	243	355.6	2,262	355	537.2
- Non-recurring net revenue	2,212	1,979	11.8	6,816	5,789	17.7
	<u>3,319</u>	<u>2,222</u>	<u>49.4</u>	<u>9,078</u>	<u>6,144</u>	<u>47.8</u>
Total net revenue	<u>41,716</u>	<u>30,074</u>	<u>38.7</u>	<u>104,530</u>	<u>88,483</u>	<u>18.1</u>

The business model of the Group's core wealth management platform business in non-banking operations gives a stream of reliable recurring revenue which is substantially based on AUA. In 9M23, 83.8% of total net revenue of non-banking operations is derived from its recurring net revenue.

Recurring net revenue of the Group's wealth management platform business is usually calculated based on a percentage of average AUA of investment products distributed on the Group's platforms, and mainly comprises trailer fees, platform fees, wrap fees, portfolio service management fees and net interest commission income arising from clients' AUA. The YoY increases in recurring net revenue from the Group's wealth management platform business in 3Q23 and 9M23 were due mainly to increases in recurring fee income arising from portfolio management services and higher interest commission income arising from clients' AUA and cash management solution services provided to clients due to the higher interest rate environment over the period. In addition, the ePension division in the Hong Kong operation of the Group has started to contribute more significantly to the Group's revenue from 3Q23. The total recurring net revenue of the Group's non-banking operations increased 55.2% YoY to \$33.72 million in 3Q23 and 29.2% YoY to \$79.99 million in 9M23.

Non-recurring revenue of the Group's non-banking operations mainly comprises commission income derived from investment subscription via front-end load commission or transaction processing fee; service fee arising from the provision of currency conversion administration services to customers and the provision of administration services to financial advisory firms; brokerage service fee from arranging for insurance policies, advertising fee earned from advertisements placed by third parties on iFAST websites and mobile applications; and IT solution development fee from provision of IT Fintech solutions to business partners. In 3Q23 and 9M23, the YoY decreases in non-recurring net revenue were due mainly to decreases in transaction processing fees resulting from decreased investment subscription from B2C and B2B customers, and service fees arising from the provision of currency conversion administration services and lower clients' trading volume of securities listed on foreign exchanges affected by the volatile market sentiment over the period, partially offset by increases in transaction processing fees from increased client trade in bonds in the period.

The following table shows the breakdown of the Group's net revenue by geographical segments.

	Group			Group		
	3Q23 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	Change %	9M23 \$'000	9M22 \$'000	Change %
Non-banking operations						
Singapore	21,624	18,202	18.8	59,181	52,682	12.3
Hong Kong	12,728	5,969	113.2	24,554	18,042	36.1
Malaysia	3,674	3,233	13.6	10,512	10,182	3.2
China	371	448	(17.2)	1,205	1,433	(15.9)
	<u>38,397</u>	<u>27,852</u>	<u>37.9</u>	<u>95,452</u>	<u>82,339</u>	<u>15.9</u>
Banking operation - United Kingdom	3,319	2,222	49.4	9,078	6,144	47.8
Total net revenue	<u>41,716</u>	<u>30,074</u>	<u>38.7</u>	<u>104,530</u>	<u>88,483</u>	<u>18.1</u>

The Singapore operation's net revenue increased 18.8% YoY in 3Q23 and 12.3% YoY in 9M23, due mainly to increases in recurring fee income arising from higher interest commission income arising from clients' AUA and cash management solution services provided to clients in the period, benefitting from a higher interest rate environment over the period. In July 2023, a new USD cash management solution product, namely USD Auto-Sweep, was launched and then attracts more interest from customers. In addition, the Singapore operation's net inflows of client assets recorded approximately \$449 million in 3Q23 with a continued growth of 13.2% QoQ. Overall, the AUA of Singapore operation increased 12.9% YoY as at 30 September 2023.

The Hong Kong operation's net revenue increased 113.2% YoY in 3Q23 and 36.1% YoY in 9M23. There were higher interest commission income arising from clients' AUA and cash management solution services provided to clients due to the higher interest rate environment and YoY increases in revenue from bond business in the period. In addition, the ePension division in the Hong Kong operation has started to contribute more significantly from 3Q23. Overall, the AUA of Hong Kong operation increased 1.6% YoY as at 30 September 2023.

The Malaysia operation's net revenue increased 13.6% YoY in 3Q23 and 3.2% YoY in 9M23. Driven by strong customers' strong demand for bond investments, the Malaysia operation's net inflows of client assets recorded approximately \$200 million in 3Q23, with a QoQ growth of 117.3%. In addition, the unit trust sales have been seen rebounded in the quarter. Overall, the AUA of Malaysia operation increased 20.9% YoY as at 30 September 2023.

In China, although the market recovery remains slow and domestic investors remains cautious, the UT investment subscription amounts from clients in China operation rose 21.7% QoQ in 3Q23. As at 30 September 2023, the AUA of China operation still dropped 4.8% QoQ and 11.5% YoY due to the negative market segment over the period. The net revenue of China operation decreased 17.2% YoY in 3Q23 and 15.9% YoY in 9M23.

The new UK operation refers to the UK-based bank acquired by the Group at end of March 2022. The UK-based bank is a member of SWIFT and a direct member of Faster Payment and Clearing House Automated Payment System. The primary banking activities of UK operation is currently transactional banking service provision to customers, including UK Faster payments, international remittance, multi-currency bank deposit accounts and foreign exchange conversion services. The UK operation has launched a digital banking platform, namely Digital Personal Banking ("DPB") in April 2023, and continues to actively market the DPB service to retail customers. The UK bank's customer deposit amounts grew significantly 100% QoQ to GBP139 million (equivalent \$232 million) as at 30 September 2023.

As mentioned under the parts of revenue and cost of revenue, the Group had reviewed book-keeping of the newly acquired banking operation in line with the Group's accounting policies and certain alignment adjustments related to the presentation of banking operation's results (mainly related to its discontinued operation of WCS business which will be fully closed in 2023) for 2Q22 and 3Q22 had been recognised in the books of banking operation in 4Q22. The following table shows aligned net revenue of banking operation from 2Q22 to 4Q22 if the above-mentioned alignment adjustments would have been recognised in 2Q22 and 3Q22 respectively, as disclosed in the Group's Full-Year 2022 Financial Statements Announcement dated 14 February 2023.

Banking operation

Total net revenue (reported in the results announcement for the respective quarter)
Alignment adjustments with the Group's accounting policies
Total net revenue aligned with the Group's accounting policies

1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	FY22
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
-	3,922	2,222	2,044	8,188
-	(390)	(108)	498	-
-	3,532	2,114	2,542	8,188

Other income

Other income decreased 89.6% from \$0.58 million in 3Q22 to \$0.06 million in 3Q23, due mainly to lower government grant received in 3Q23 compared to the same period of last year.

Other income increased 5.3% from \$1.24 million in 9M22 to \$1.30 million in 9M23. This was due mainly to higher investment income on debt securities investments earned in the period and gain of \$0.63 million on de-recognition of an associate, namely Providend Holding Pte Ltd ("Providend"), arising from disposal of the Company's interest in Providend in June 2023. This was partially offset by lower government grant received in 9M23 compared to the same period of last year.

Operating expenses

Overall, the Group's total operating expenses increased 11.0% YoY to \$30.61 million in 3Q23 and 12.5% YoY to \$85.52 million in 9M23.

	Group			Group		
	3Q23	3Q22	Change	9M23	9M22	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
Non-banking operations						
Depreciation of plant and equipment	785	1,015	(22.7)	2,331	2,760	(15.5)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	2,187	1,747	25.2	5,676	5,380	5.5
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,738	2,339	17.1	8,072	7,071	14.2
Staff costs excluding equity-settled share-based payment transactions	11,363	10,342	9.9	31,006	30,072	3.1
Equity-settled share-based payment to staff and advisers	3,121	2,895	7.8	8,281	7,722	7.2
Other operating expenses	4,752	4,461	6.5	14,343	13,243	8.3
	24,946	22,799	9.4	69,709	66,248	5.2
Banking operation	5,659	4,774	18.5	15,813	9,804	61.3
Total operating expenses	30,605	27,573	11.0	85,522	76,052	12.5

Operating expenses – non-banking operations

Excluding the new banking operation, the Group's total operating expenses increased 9.4% YoY to \$24.95 million in 3Q23 and 5.2% YoY to \$69.71 million in 9M23. The Group continued its efforts in enhancing its wealth management platform capabilities including improving the range and depths of investment products and services being provided to customers in all its existing markets over the period so as to strengthen the Fintech Ecosystem of the Group and further scale up the businesses of the Group continuously.

Depreciation of plant and equipment decreased 22.7% YoY to \$0.79 million in 3Q23 and 15.5% YoY to \$2.33 million in 9M23, due mainly to lower carrying amounts of the corresponding assets at beginning of the period. Depreciation of right-of-use ("ROU") assets increased 25.2% YoY to \$2.19 million in 3Q23 and 5.5% YoY to \$5.68 million in 9M23, due mainly to additional offices leased in Hong Kong to support the ePension division business in the period. Amortisation of intangible assets increased 17.1% YoY to \$2.74 million in 3Q23 and 14.2% YoY to \$8.07 million in 9M23, due mainly to additions of intangible assets (including internally-developed IT software assets) over the period to support business expansion in the markets that the Group operates in and to continuously strengthen the Fintech capabilities of our investment platforms as well as the Fintech Ecosystem of the Group.

Equity-settled share-based payment to staff and advisers increased 7.8% YoY to \$3.12 million in 3Q23 and 7.2% YoY to \$8.28 million in 9M23, due mainly to annual batches of share awards granted to staff and advisers in July 2023. The annual share awards to staff and advisers are to motivate staff and advisers to achieve a long-term growth together with the Group. Staff costs (excluding equity-settled share-based payment transactions) increased 9.9% YoY to \$11.36 million in 3Q23 and 3.1% YoY to \$31.01 million in 9M23, due mainly to the annual salary increment adjustment and increased number of staff to support the Group's business expansion (including the ePension division business) over the period.

Other operating expenses increased 6.5% YoY to \$4.75 million in 3Q23 and 8.3% YoY to \$14.34 million in 9M23, due mainly to increased spending in business advertising, IT and related technology security services in the period to support the continual growth of the Group's business ahead.

Operating expenses – banking operation

The UK-based bank operation acquired by the Group at end of March 2022 is a member of SWIFT and a direct member of Faster Payment and Clearing House Automated Payment System. The primary banking activities of UK operation is currently transactional banking service provision to customers, including UK Faster payments, international remittance, multi-currency bank deposit accounts and foreign exchange conversion services. The UK bank operation has been working with the Group to develop digital transaction banking ("DTB") and digital personal banking ("DPB") businesses and incorporate the banking function into the existing ecosystem of the Group. The UK bank operation launched its DTB platform in late 2022 and launched its DPB platform in April 2023. The total operating expenses of the UK bank operation increased 18.5% YoY to \$5.66 million in 3Q23.

Impairment loss on associate

iFAST Financial India Pvt Ltd ("iFAST India"), an associate of the Group through iFAST India Holdings Pte Ltd ("IIH", the ultimate holding company of iFAST India) where iFAST Corporation Ltd has a 41.48% shareholding, is an India-incorporated company engaged in the distribution of investment products including mutual funds in India.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had released a circular to disallow the usage of pool accounts for mutual funds transactions, and the effective date of implementation of this latest rule is 1 July 2022. With this regulatory change, the Management of iFAST India and IIH had assessed that the India onshore platform service business had significantly been impaired as the ban of pool accounts had undermined the ability of iFAST India to provide an efficient online platform service to onshore clients and business partners. The Management of iFAST India and IIH had consequently made the decision to exit from the onshore platform service business given the challenging and restrictive regulatory landscape in India.

With taking into consideration the above-mentioned business restructuring of iFAST India, the Group had done its assessment and provided impairment allowance of \$5.2 million for impairment of carrying amount of the Group's investment in IIH and the Group's receivable amounts due from IIH and iFAST India as at 30 June 2022.

Interest expense on lease liabilities

Interest expense on lease liabilities increased 214.1% from \$0.07 million in 3Q22 to \$0.22 million in 3Q23 and 65.9% from \$0.35 million in 9M22 to \$0.57 million in 9M23, due mainly to extension of our Malaysia operation's office leasing period and additional offices leased in Hong Kong to support the ePension division business in the period.

Share of results of associates, net of tax

The Group's share of results after tax of associates comprised share of results of associates, mainly including Providend Holding Pte Ltd ("Providend"), Raffles Family Office China Ltd and Harveston Capital Sdn Bhd in 9M23.

The Group's share of profit after tax of associates decreased from \$0.33 million in 9M22 to \$0.21 million in 9M23, due mainly to the Group's share of higher positive performance of Providend which benefitted from an ad-hoc gain obtained by Providend in 2Q22.

On 27 June 2023, the Company entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Providend for the disposal of the Company's entire interest of 30.34% in Providend at total consideration of \$3,900,000 in cash ("Disposal of Shares") with an amount of \$1,950,000 paid on 30 June 2023 and the remaining amounts of \$1,950,000 to be paid during the next three years before 30 June 2026. The net asset value represented by the Disposal of Shares in Providend was approximately \$3,265,000. The Company has de-recognised Providend as associate and recorded a gain of \$0.63 million, included in other income, upon de-recognition of Providend as associate in June 2023.

Profit for the period, after non-controlling interests

The following table shows the breakdown of the Group's profit for the period by geographical segments.

	Group			Group		
	3Q23 \$'000	3Q22 \$'000	Change %	9M23 \$'000	9M22 \$'000	Change %
Singapore	7,209	4,368	65.0	17,968	13,302	35.1
Hong Kong	6,769	2,124	218.7	10,819	6,006	80.1
Malaysia	1,122	920	22.0	3,219	3,171	1.5
China	(1,744)	(1,783)	(2.2)	(5,330)	(5,283)	0.9
Other ⁽¹⁾	(19)	(74)	(74)	206	327	(37.0)
Non-banking operations	13,337	5,555	140.1	26,882	17,523	53.4
United Kingdom - banking operation	(2,105)	(2,173)	(3.1)	(6,040)	(3,125)	93.3
Profit before tax ⁽²⁾	11,232	3,382	232.1	20,842	14,398	44.8
Impairment loss on associate	-	-	NM	-	(5,200)	NM
Tax expense	(2,716)	(1,297)	109.4	(5,755)	(4,070)	41.4
Net profit after tax ⁽²⁾	8,516	2,085	308.4	15,087	5,128	194.2

Notes:

(1) Referring to share of results of associates.

(2) Attributable to owners of the Group.

NM denotes not meaningful

The Group's profit before tax from non-banking operations increased significantly 140.1% from \$5.56 million in 3Q22 to \$13.34 million in 3Q23. The higher growth in profitability of the Group's non-banking operations is backed by a stronger growth of 37.9% YoY in its net revenue in the quarter, contributing from the newer ePension division business as well as the continued progress of the Group's core wealth management platform business in the period.

Tax expense increased 109.4% YoY to \$2.72 million in 3Q23 and 41.4% YoY to \$5.76 million in 9M23, due mainly to higher taxable profit generated by the Group's operations in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia and no tax credit recognised on operating losses of China and UK operations in the period.

Overall, the Group's net profit increased 308.4% from \$2.09 million in 3Q22 to \$8.52 million in 3Q23 and 194.2% from \$5.13 million in 9M22 to \$15.09 million in 9M23.

Statement of Financial Position

The shareholders' equity of the Group increased to \$237.37 million as at 30 September 2023 from \$222.49 million as at 31 December 2022. This was due mainly to contribution of net profit generated in 9M23 and increases in reserve from translation of foreign operation resulting from appreciation of Pound Sterling in the period, partially offset by dividend payments to shareholders in the period.

The Group's cash and cash equivalents and investments in financial assets (categorised as other investments under current assets), net of bank loans and deposits and balances of customers, decreased to \$53.55 million as at 30 September 2023 from \$84.09 million as at 31 December 2022. This was due mainly to dividend payments to shareholders, additions of plant and equipment, intangible assets, office lease payments and purchase of non-current investments in financial assets in the period, partially offset by net cash generated from operating activities in 9M23.

Current assets increased to \$505.91 million as at 30 September 2023 from \$328.13 million as at 31 December 2022. This was due mainly to increases in cash and cash equivalents, investments in financial assets, trade and other receivables as well as receivables from uncompleted contracts on securities dealing at end of the period.

Non-current assets increased to \$167.17 million as at 30 September 2023 from \$130.41 million as at 31 December 2022. This was due mainly to increases in ROU assets, additional non-current investments in financial assets and certain additional project setup costs incurred for the Hong Kong ePension project in the period.

Total liabilities increased to \$428.25 million as at 30 September 2023 from \$227.82 million as at 31 December 2022. This was due mainly to increases in lease liabilities, payables from uncompleted contracts on securities dealing at end of the period, additional drawdown of bank loans and increases in amounts of deposits and balances of customers in the period.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Net cash from operating activities was \$130.67 million in 3Q23 while net cash used in operating activities was \$11.46 million in 3Q22, and net cash from operating activities increased from \$4.92 million in 9M22 to \$148.23 million in 9M23. These were due mainly to higher cash generated from operations in the period and significant increases in customer deposit amounts in UK bank operation over the period.

Net cash used in investing activities increased from \$8.44 million in 3Q22 to \$33.21 million in 3Q23, due mainly to higher amount of net investments in financial assets and more additions of plant and equipment and intangible assets in 3Q23. Net cash used in investing activities was \$63.40 million in 9M23 while net cash from investing activities was \$13.67 million in 9M22, due mainly to net cash of \$49.53 million obtained from acquisition of UK bank operation in March 2022, higher amount of net investments in financial assets and more additions of plant and equipment and intangible assets in 9M23.

Net cash used in financing activities decreased from \$5.81 million in 3Q22 to \$5.59 million in 3Q23, due mainly to additional drawdown of bank loans in 3Q23. Net cash used in financing activities was \$13.90 million in 9M23 while net cash from financing activities was \$84.68 million in 9M22. This was due mainly to proceeds of \$103.33 million from share placement conducted in January 2022, partially offset by additional drawdown of bank loans in 9M23.

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

No forecast or prospect statement was previously provided.

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

The Group's net profit increased by 308.4% YoY to \$8.52 million in 3Q2023, on the back of a 38.7% YoY increase in the Group's net revenue to \$41.72 million.

The increase in profitability was driven by the non-banking operations, which comprise the Group's core wealth management platform business as well as the ePension division.

Despite volatile financial market conditions, the Group's AUA increased to an end-of-quarter record high of \$19.12 billion as at 30 September 2023, driven by net inflows of \$0.75 billion during the quarter.

The ePension division made an initial one-month contribution during the quarter, and helped to drive the contributions from our overall Hong Kong business.

Our banking operation (iFAST Global Bank) is still in its initial build-up stage, but is seeing encouraging progress. Net revenues from the banking operation grew 49.4% YoY to \$3.32 million during the quarter, driven largely by the new divisions of the Digital Transaction Banking and the Digital Personal Banking. Deposits and balances of customers grew 140.4% to \$232.09 million as at 30 September 2023 from \$96.55 million at the end of 2022.

Going forward, we expect the Group's overall revenue and profitability to show substantial improvements. We expect the Group's profitability in 2023 to be substantially better than in 2022, while the revenues and profitability in 2024 are expected to show robust growth compared to 2023.

The expected improvements will come about as we make good progress on the Group 3-year plan that we announced since earlier in the year. Our wealth management platforms are expected to continue to progress, while the ePension division will contribute more substantially going forward.

Profit contributions from iFAST Global Bank are expected to still be negative in the next three quarters. However, we expect iFAST Global Bank to play a major role in the growth of the Group in the medium to long term, particularly beyond 2025.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

Name of dividend	Interim
Dividend type	Cash
Dividend rate	1.30 cents per ordinary share
Tax rate	One-tier tax exempt

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year?

Name of dividend	Interim
Dividend type	Cash
Dividend rate	1.30 cents per ordinary share
Tax rate	One-tier tax exempt

(c) Date payable

The interim dividend will be paid on 17 November 2023.

(d) Record date

The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed on 7 November 2023 for the preparation of dividend warrants to the third interim dividend. Duly completed registrable transfers in respect of the shares in the Company received up to the close of business at 5.00 p.m. on 6 November 2023 ("Record Date") by the Company's Singapore Share Registrar, Tricor Barbinder Share Registration Services (A division of Tricor Singapore Pte. Ltd.), 80 Robinson Road, #02-00, Singapore 068898 will be registered to determine Members' entitlements to the third interim dividend. Members whose Securities Accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Ltd are credited with shares in the Company as at 5.00 p.m. on the Record Date will be entitled to the third interim dividend.

12. If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect.

Not applicable.

13. If the group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for Interested Person Transactions ("IPT"), the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). If no IPT Mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect.

The Company does not have a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions.

14. Confirmation by the Board pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the Listing Manual.

The directors of the Company confirm that to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the board of directors which may render the financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended 30 September 2023 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

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

The Company has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers (in the format set out in Appendix 7.7) under Rule 720(1).

16. Segmented revenue and results for business segments or geographical segments (of the group), with comparative information for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

Geographical segments	Singapore \$'000	Hong Kong \$'000	Malaysia \$'000	China \$'000	United Kingdom \$'000	Others \$'000	Total \$'000
9M23							
Revenue and expenses							
Revenue from external customers	100,824	36,709	17,302	1,730	8,615	-	165,180
Interest revenue from external customers	3,101	329	232	73	5,439	-	9,174
Inter-segment revenue	3,602	89	2,975	124	-	-	6,790
Total revenue	<u>107,527</u>	<u>37,127</u>	<u>20,509</u>	<u>1,927</u>	<u>14,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,144</u>
Depreciation of plant and equipment	(1,510)	(330)	(297)	(194)	(37)	-	(2,368)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	(2,679)	(2,058)	(235)	(704)	(350)	-	(6,026)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(7,385)	(57)	(604)	(26)	(11)	-	(8,083)
Reportable segment profit / (loss) before tax	17,968	10,819	3,219	(5,533)	(6,737)	-	19,736
Share of results of associates	-	-	-	-	-	206	206
Assets and liabilities							
Reportable segment assets	216,180	76,588	32,902	4,400	342,616	-	672,686
Equity-accounted associates	-	-	-	-	-	400	400
Capital expenditure	4,794	2,602	2,281	148	390	-	10,215
Reportable segment liabilities	<u>130,551</u>	<u>25,253</u>	<u>17,349</u>	<u>3,010</u>	<u>252,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>428,245</u>
9M22							
Revenue and expenses							
Revenue from external customers	96,993	32,715	17,035	2,014	9,111	-	157,868
Interest revenue from external customers	1,322	82	172	61	832	-	2,469
Inter-segment revenue	3,432	150	2,775	75	-	-	6,432
Total revenue	<u>101,747</u>	<u>32,947</u>	<u>19,982</u>	<u>2,150</u>	<u>9,943</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,769</u>
Depreciation of plant and equipment	(1,993)	(221)	(343)	(203)	(64)	-	(2,824)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	(2,516)	(1,715)	(363)	(786)	(108)	-	(5,488)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(6,508)	(55)	(479)	(29)	(1)	-	(7,071)
Impairment loss on associate	-	-	-	-	-	(5,200)	(5,200)
Reportable segment profit / (loss) before tax	13,302	6,006	3,171	(5,480)	(3,677)	(5,200)	8,122
Share of results of associates	-	-	-	-	-	327	327
Assets and liabilities							
Reportable segment assets	251,013	45,161	27,637	6,410	155,807	-	486,028
Equity-accounted associates	-	-	-	-	-	3,519	3,519
Capital expenditure	6,950	327	790	36	98	-	8,201
Reportable segment liabilities	<u>135,113</u>	<u>20,208</u>	<u>12,987</u>	<u>4,144</u>	<u>86,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>259,050</u>

⁽¹⁾ Amount less than \$1,000

17. Other notes to consolidated financial statements

17.1 Other investments - investments in financial instruments

	Group	
	30-Sep-23 \$'000	31-Dec-22 \$'000
<u>Non-current</u>		
Financial assets at FVOCI		
- Unquoted equity shares	4,524	2,581
	<u>4,524</u>	<u>2,581</u>
Quoted financial assets at amortised cost		
- Debt investments	36,262	20,453
	<u>36,262</u>	<u>20,453</u>
	<u>40,786</u>	<u>23,034</u>
<u>Current</u>		
Quoted financial assets at FVOCI		
- Debt investments	5,305	6,824
- Equity investments	44	46
	<u>5,349</u>	<u>6,870</u>
Quoted financial assets at FVTPL		
- Debt investments	9,175	7,626
	<u>9,175</u>	<u>7,626</u>
Quoted financial assets at amortised cost		
- Debt investments	62,400	27,215
	<u>62,400</u>	<u>27,215</u>
	<u>76,924</u>	<u>41,711</u>

17.2 Contract costs

	Group	
	30-Sep-23 \$'000	31-Dec-22 \$'000
<u>Non-current</u>		
Contract costs	16,838	10,117
<u>Current</u>		
Contract costs	-	48
	<u>16,838</u>	<u>10,165</u>

The Group finalised a prime subcontractor contract for a Hong Kong pension project in July 2021. The Group incurred certain pre-contract costs and also paid certain setup costs for certain performance obligations ("POs"), to be satisfied, stated in the contract. Such costs are incremental costs and are capitalised as contract costs as the Group expects to recover these costs. These costs are amortised in accordance with the pattern of revenue being recognised for the related POs stated in the contract. There was no impairment loss recognised on contract costs.

17.3 Fair value measurement

The Group has an established control framework with respect to the measurement of fair values. When measuring the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group uses market observable data as far as possible. Fair values are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: 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: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The following summarises the significant methods and assumptions used in estimating the fair values of financial instruments of the Group:

Investments in financial instruments

The fair value of investments in financial instruments is determined by reference to its bid price, recent transaction price or cost at the reporting date.

Intra-group financial guarantees

The value of financial guarantees provided by the Company to its subsidiaries is determined by reference to the difference in the interest rates, by comparing the actual rates charged by the bank with these guarantees made available, with the estimated rates that the banks would have charged had these guarantees not been available.

Accounting classifications and fair values

The carrying amounts and fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, including their levels in the fair value hierarchy are as follows. It does not include fair value information for financial assets and liabilities not measured at fair value if the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

Group	30-Sep-23			31-Dec-22		
	Carrying amount \$'000	Fair value - Level 1 \$'000	Fair value - Level 3 \$'000	Carrying amount \$'000	Fair value - Level 1 \$'000	Fair value - Level 3 \$'000
Financial assets measured at fair value						
Unquoted equity shares	4,524	-	4,524	2,581	-	2,581
Quoted financial assets at FVOCI	5,349	5,349	-	6,870	6,870	-
Quoted financial assets at FVTPL	9,175	9,175	-	7,626	7,626	-
Money market funds	18,995	18,995	-	14,165	14,165	-
Financial assets not measured at fair value						
Uncompleted contracts - buyers	98,452	-	-	51,281	-	-
Trade and other receivables	99,793	-	-	78,601	-	-
Quoted financial assets at amortised cost	98,662	98,509	-	47,668	47,485	-
Cash at bank and in hand	205,570	-	-	136,965	-	-
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value						
Uncompleted contracts - sellers	(98,373)			(50,276)		
Trade and other payables	(50,087)			(51,863)		
Deposits and balances of customers	(232,089)			(96,545)		
Bank loans	(15,852)			(12,210)		

17.4 Held under trust

Certain non-banking subsidiaries in the Group receive and hold monies deposited by clients and other institutions in the course of the conduct of the regulated activities. These clients' monies are maintained in one or more trust bank deposit accounts or treasury accounts holding government debt securities allowed by regulators in the markets these subsidiaries operate in, which are separately maintained from the bank or treasury accounts of these subsidiaries in the Group.

	Group	
	30-Sep-23	31-Dec-22
	\$'000	\$'000
Client monies maintained in bank deposit accounts	940,064	933,368
Client monies maintained in government debt securities treasury accounts	2,129	-
Client ledger balances	<u>(942,193)</u>	<u>(933,368)</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Lim Kian Thong
Chief Financial Officer
25 October 2023