

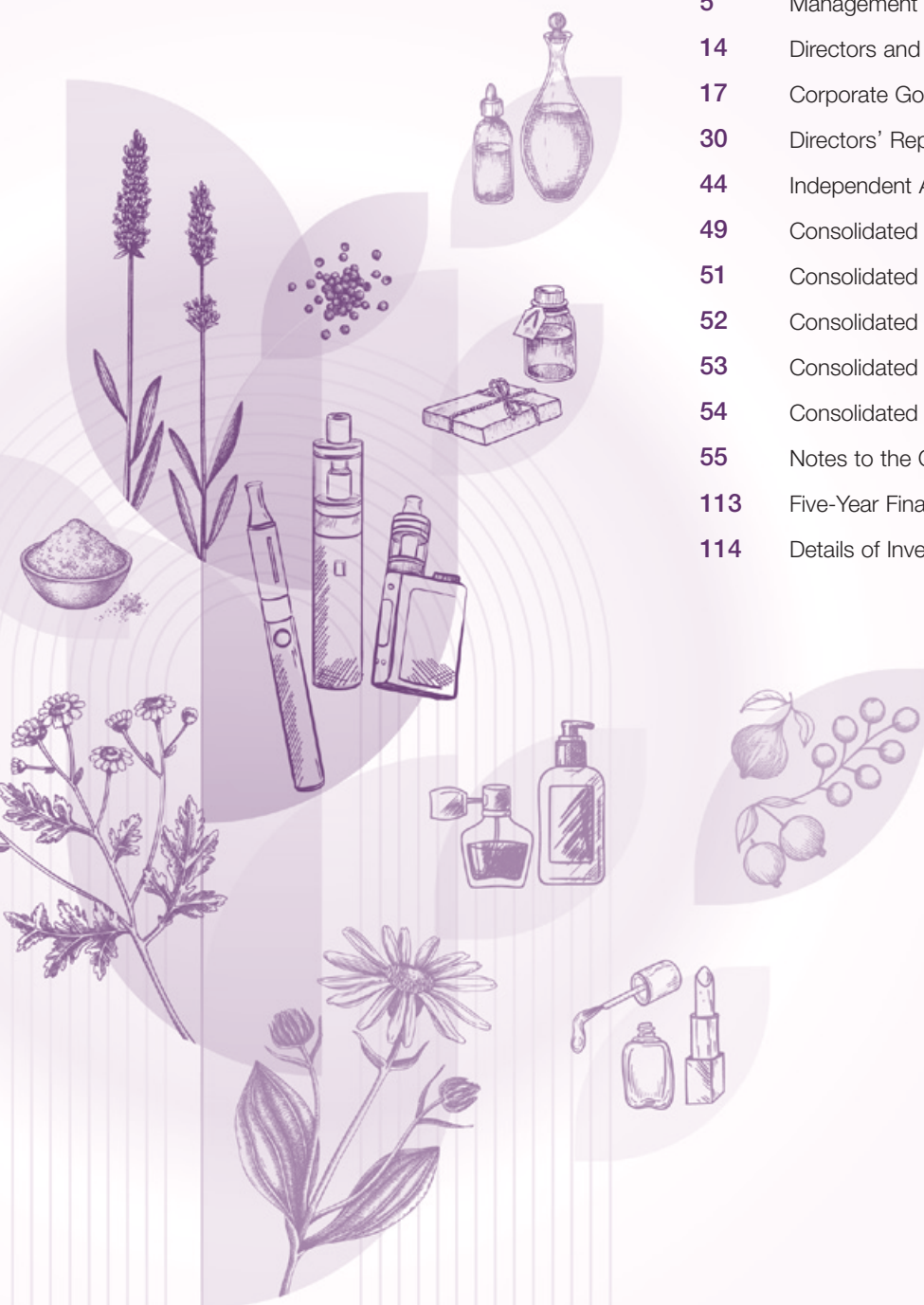


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## CORPORATE INFORMATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Executive Directors

Mr. Wang Ming Fan, *MH, JP*  
(*Chairman & Chief Executive Officer*)  
Mr. Li Qing Long  
Ms. Wang Xinyi (appointed on 1 April 2025)  
Mr. Yang Ying Chun (resigned on 30 June 2025)

#### Non-executive Director

Ms. Wan Shuk Ching, Candy (resigned on 30 November 2025)

#### Independent non-executive Directors

Mr. Ng Kwun Wan  
Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger  
Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong  
Mr. Yau How Boa, *GBS, JP*

### COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

#### Audit Committee

Mr. Ng Kwun Wan (*Chairman*)  
Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger  
Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong  
Mr. Yau How Boa, *GBS, JP*

#### Remuneration Committee

Mr. Ng Kwun Wan (*Chairman*)  
Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger  
Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong  
Mr. Wang Ming Fan, *MH, JP*  
Mr. Yau How Boa, *GBS, JP*

#### Nomination Committee

Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger (*Chairman*)  
Mr. Ng Kwun Wan  
Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong  
Mr. Wang Ming Fan, *MH, JP*  
Mr. Yau How Boa, *GBS, JP*  
Ms. Wang Xinyi (appointed on 1 April 2025)

### COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Ma Siu Kit

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## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of China Boton Group Company Limited (the "Company"), I am authorised to present the annual results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

### BUSINESS OVERVIEW

The global economy in 2025 was resilient with moderate growth amidst persistent challenges and continued its "soft landing" from the post-pandemic inflation shock, though growth remained uneven across regions. Geoeconomic fragmentation accelerated. Sharp increases in U.S. tariffs led to numerous trade frictions among the major countries around the world and created market disturbances and pressures in various industries. Geopolitical conflicts and tensions (e.g., in Ukraine, the Middle East, the South China Sea and certain countries of South America) also threatened energy and trade routes. Extreme climate continued to disrupt agriculture and infrastructure which added cost pressures as well.

The tobacco and e-cigarette businesses reflect an adjustment as the industry moves toward a more regulated and mature stage of development. The core drivers have shifted from "distribution channel expansion" to (i) compliance capability which is the adaptation ability to the stringent regulations worldwide; (ii) technology and product strength; (iii) market diversification and reducing over-reliance on a single market. Therefore, the Group shall focus more attention to seize different opportunities arising from structural growth markets, technological upgrades and keeping control of production cost while staying within the bounds of compliance.

During the year ended 31 December 2025, the total revenue of the Group amounted to approximately RMB1,495.6 million (2024: RMB1,653.0 million), representing a decrease of 9.5% when compared to last year. The Group's net loss was approximately RMB1,000.1 million, representing a significant decrease of approximately RMB1,063.4 million as compared with the net profit of RMB63.3 million of last year. The decrease is mainly attributable to an impairment charge of goodwill of tobacco flavors segment in the amount of approximately RMB845.4 million (2024: RMB67.4 million), increase in fair value losses on investment properties, decline in gross profit and increase in selling and marketing expenses and administration expenses as compared with last year. If, without taking into account the impairment losses on goodwill of both years, the Group's net loss for the year ended 31 December 2025 would be amounted to approximately RMB154.7 million, decreased by approximately RMB285.4 million as compared with the net profit of approximately RMB130.7 million of last year.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Our belief is that "Take the initiative to act, take the initiative to create value for yourself, for your family, for the company, and for the society (主動擔當, 主動作為, 為自己, 為家庭, 為公司, 和為社會創造價值)".

In 2026, The Group will continue actively restoring its domestic market position while accelerating its globalization efforts, with a focused expansion into developing economies. By leveraging local natural resources and substantial market potential, the Group continues to foster sustainable and steady growth in overseas countries through localization and technical cooperation. The Group will continue to upgrade production technologies across its plants and strengthen partnerships with leading international enterprises to capture high-value-added markets and advance the alignment of Chinese fragrance standards with global benchmarks. To support its international expansion, the Group implements comprehensive sales plans to broaden distribution networks and enhance customer service support worldwide, particularly for e-cigarette products, including e-liquids and devices.

After the completion of the Land Resumption in 2026, the Company has new income stream for the Group to enhance the liquidity and the working capital of the Group in the coming financial years. The Group may explore and may plan to invest in advanced production technology and automation to streamline manufacturing processes, reduce direct labor costs, and improve operational efficiency across all product lines of the business segments. Furthermore, by strengthening the digital transformation, the Group will accurately identify the dynamic change and the favour trend of the customers so as to consolidate existing customer base and to develop new potential customers for each business segment of the Group.



## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

### APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our sincerest appreciation to all our shareholders, customers, suppliers, business associates for their persistent support. I would also like to thank my fellow Directors, our management and staff, who worked tirelessly during the past year, for their loyalty and dedication to the continuous success of the Group.

**Wang Ming Fan**

*Chairman*

Hong Kong  
23 March 2026



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### PRINCIPAL BUSINESSES OF THE GROUP

During the year ended 31 December 2025, the Group was principally engaged in manufacturing and selling of extracts, flavors and fragrances. It also engaged in design and manufacturing of high-quality electronic cigarettes and the related products as well.

As one of the major flavors and fragrances manufacturers in the PRC, our flavors products are sold to wide range of manufacturers of different industries in the PRC and overseas, such as tobacco, beverages, daily foods, preserved food, savory and confectionery industries, and our fragrances products are sold to the manufacturers of cosmetics, perfumes, soaps, toiletries, hair care products, deodorant, detergent and air fresheners industries. For our electronic cigarette ("e-Cigarette") products, such as disposable e-Cigarettes, re-chargeable e-Cigarettes and e-Cigarette accessories, they are sold to the tobacco companies, independent e-Cigarette makers and other customers under various brands, covering end users from different countries globally.

### BUSINESS REVIEW

Throughout 2025, the Group had been actively restoring its domestic market position while accelerating its globalization efforts, with a focused expansion into developing economies. By leveraging local natural resources and substantial market potential, the Group implemented various short-term plans to foster sustainable and steady growth in overseas countries through localization and technical cooperation. The Group has also upgraded certain production plants and negotiated with leading international enterprises to capture high-value-added markets through partnership. The Group implemented comprehensive sales plans to broaden distribution networks to support its international expansion and enhance customer service support worldwide, particularly for e-Cigarette products, including e-liquids and devices.

During the year ended 31 December 2025, the total revenue of the Group amounted to approximately RMB1,495.6 million (2024: RMB1,653.0 million), representing a decrease of 9.5% when compared to last year. The Group's gross profit was decreased to approximately RMB377.1 million (2024: RMB597.9 million), representing a decrease of 36.9% when compared to last year and the Group's net loss for the review period was approximately RMB1,000.1 million (2024: net profit of RMB63.3 million) representing a significant decrease of approximately RMB1,063.4 million as compared to last year. The decrease is mainly attributable to an impairment charge of goodwill relating to the tobacco flavors segment in the amount of approximately RMB845.4 million (2024: RMB67.4 million), increase in fair value losses on investment properties, decline in gross profit and increase in selling and marketing expenses and administration expenses as compared with last year. If, without taking into account the impairment losses on goodwill of both years, the Group's net loss for the year ended 31 December 2025 would be amounted to approximately RMB154.7 million, decreased by approximately RMB285.4 million as compared with the net profit of approximately RMB130.7 million of last year.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

### Revenue

The Group recorded a total revenue of approximately RMB1,495.6 million, representing a decrease of 9.5% (2024: RMB1,653.0 million) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The breakdowns of the total revenue of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2025 (excluding intersegment revenue) were as follows:

|                       | For the year ended 31 December |                       |                    |                       |          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                       | 2025                           |                       | 2024               |                       |          |
|                       | Revenue<br>RMB (M)             | % of total<br>revenue | Revenue<br>RMB (M) | % of total<br>revenue | % change |
| Tobacco flavors       | 384.1                          | 25.7%                 | 602.0              | 36.4%                 | -36.2%   |
| Food flavors          | 206.0                          | 13.8%                 | 190.4              | 11.5%                 | +8.2%    |
| Fine fragrances       | 177.5                          | 11.9%                 | 169.8              | 10.3%                 | +4.5%    |
| e-Cigarette products  | 668.8                          | 44.7%                 | 639.6              | 38.7%                 | +4.6%    |
| Investment properties | 59.2                           | 3.9%                  | 51.2               | 3.1%                  | +15.5%   |
| Total                 | 1,495.6                        | 100.0%                | 1,653.0            | 100.0%                | -9.5%    |

### Tobacco flavors

The revenue of the tobacco flavors segment (previously known as “flavor enhancers segment”) was approximately RMB384.1 million for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: RMB602.0 million), representing a decrease of 36.2% when compared to last year. Due to changes in demand from major customers in the tobacco flavor industry, adjustments in procurement policies, self-developed tobacco flavors and a deteriorating overall market environment, the revenue of this segment was decreased during the year ended 31 December 2025. As at the end of the reporting period, the Company engaged an independent valuer to conduct an impairment test on the goodwill of the tobacco flavors segment as at 31 December 2025. Based on the applicable accounting principles, the cautious forecast for the future sales of the tobacco flavors segment and the impairment test result, an impairment charge of goodwill in the amount of approximately RMB845.4 million was recognized during the reporting year.

### Food flavors

The food flavors segment recorded a revenue of approximately RMB206.0 million for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: RMB190.4 million), representing an increase of 8.2% when compared to last year. Due to the support of existing clients of the Group, the revenue of this segment had recorded a stable growth during the year ended 31 December 2025. The Group would continue to develop new flavors from the natural resources and provide good customer services to maintain its pioneer position in the industry.

### Fine fragrances

The fine fragrances segment recorded a revenue of approximately RMB177.5 million for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: RMB169.8 million), representing a mild increase of 4.5% when compared to last year. The increase in the revenue of the fine fragrance segment was due to the continuous support of long relationship customers.

### e-Cigarette products

The revenue of e-Cigarettes (which comprised disposable e-Cigarettes and rechargeable e-Cigarettes) and its accessories amounted to approximately RMB668.8 million during the year ended 31 December 2025, representing a mild increase of 4.6% from approximately RMB639.6 million of last year. The increase in revenue during the reporting year was due to support of new clients and existing clients under the tightened production and new tax arrangement of the e-Cigarette products in the industry. The Group had reformed to enhance the promotion of the e-Cigarette products and e-Liquid in the Southeast Asia and other developing countries. It would also enhance automation systems in the production chain of the factories in order to reduce costs and improve the gross profit margin of this segment.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

### Investment properties

The revenue of this segment was approximately RMB59.2 million, representing an increase of 15.5% from approximately RMB51.2 million of last year. The increase was due to the continuous stable leasing of the properties at Shenzhen which generated stable revenue during the year ended 31 December 2025.

### Gross Profit

The operations recorded a gross profit of approximately RMB377.1 million for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: RMB597.9 million), representing a decrease of 36.9% when compared to last year and the gross profit margin decreased from 36.2% in 2024 to 25.2% in 2025.

The revenue of the major business segments of the Group decreased during the year ended 31 December 2025, while the continuous increase in raw material and direct labour costs amid the severe economic environment also contributed to the reduction in gross profit margin. As a result, both gross profit and gross profit margin decreased during the year ended 31 December 2025.

### Expenses

#### Selling and marketing expenses

Selling and marketing expenses amounted to approximately RMB65.8 million for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: RMB48.5 million) representing approximately 4.4% to revenue of the year (2.9% to revenue in 2024) and also representing an increase of 35.7% when compared to last year. The increase in these expenses was mainly attributable to the increase of labour costs which caused increase in employee benefit expenses and also the increase of commission fees.

#### Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses amounted to approximately RMB369.6 million for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: RMB334.7 million), representing approximately 24.7% to revenue of the year (20.2% to revenue in 2024) and also representing an increase of 10.4% when compared to last year. The increase in these expenses was mainly attributable to the increase of consulting fees, which was caused by the increase in outsourced research and development expenses, and water and electricity expenses of new manufacturing plant in Huizhou during the reporting year.

### Impairment charge of goodwill

The Group had an impairment of goodwill, relating to the acquisition of four tobacco businesses in July 2016, amounted to approximately RMB845.4 million (2024: RMB67.4 million). Since the management identified the overall market environment was deteriorating and the decrease of the revenue of the tobacco flavors segment during the reporting period, the Company had engaged an independent valuer to conduct an impairment test on the goodwill of the tobacco flavors business as at 31 December 2025. Based on the applicable accounting principles, the cautious forecast for the future sales of the tobacco flavors business and the impairment test result, the aforesaid impairment charge of goodwill of approximately RMB845.4 million was recognized during the reporting year.

### Net impairment losses on financial assets

The Group had applied the expected credit losses for all trade receivables. There were net impairment losses of approximately RMB21.7 million for trade and other receivables of the Group during the reporting period (2024: RMB7.6 million). The increase of net impairment losses was mainly due to deterioration in collection of the receivables.

### Other income

Other income amounted to approximately RMB3.8 million for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: RMB3.4 million). The increase was mainly due to the increase in the PRC government grants and subsidies of the Group during the year ended 31 December 2025.

### Other (losses)/gains – net

Other losses – net amounted to approximately RMB39.5 million for the year ended 31 December 2025, representing a decrease of approximately RMB45.4 million when compared to last year (2024: gain of RMB5.9 million). The other losses were mainly attributable to the fair value losses on investment properties.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

### Finance costs – net

Finance costs – net amounted to approximately RMB53.9 million for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: RMB63.8 million) which mainly consisted of the interest expenses on borrowings in the year. The decrease in the finance costs – net was due to the increase in finance income for the year ended 31 December 2025.

### (Net loss)/net profit

Net loss for the year ended 31 December 2025 amounted to approximately RMB1,000.1 million (2024: net profit of RMB63.3 million), representing a significant decrease of approximately RMB1,063.4 million when compared to last year. The decrease was mainly due to severe global business environment and an impairment charge of goodwill of tobacco businesses acquired in 2016 in the amount of approximately RMB845.4 million during the year ended 31 December 2025. If, without taking into account the above impairment loss on goodwill, the Group's net loss for the year ended 31 December 2025 would be approximately RMB154.7 million.

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company is exposed to risks of unfavourable market conditions, uncertainty of business developments, changes in consumption trends, changes in the PRC property market, regional and local economies, changes in currency rates and interest rates as well as changes in the public policies, laws and regulations in different jurisdictions in relation to its businesses. These developments may or may not have material impact on the Group's financial condition and results of its operation. The Company will continue to implement prudent operational and financial policies in seeking to address the impact of these uncertain factors.

### Environmental policies

For compliance of all the applicable national and regional laws and regulations in connection of the environment, to name a few of those laws, e.g. (i) Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China (中華人民共和國環境保護法), (ii) Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution (中華人民共和國水污染防治法), (iii) Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Atmospheric Pollution (中華人民共和國大氣污染防治法), (iv) Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution by Solid Waste (中華人民共和國固體廢物污染環境防治法) and (v) Administrative Measures of the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone on Permit for Pollutant Discharge (深圳經濟特區污染物排放許可證管理辦法), as well as to minimize the adverse impact of the Group's operation on the environment and natural resources, the Group has environmental policies and procedures in place and allocates resources for conservation of the environment.

### Future Plans and Prospects

As inflation subsides, the global economy enters the year 2026 on a relative stable footing. However, this stability rests upon a fragile equilibrium that could easily be disrupted. Nevertheless, economic growth is projected to remain subdued, as lingering effects from previous monetary tightening, elevated debt levels, and ongoing geopolitical risks continue to constrain economic activity.

Key factors shaping the global outlook include the productivity impact of artificial intelligence, the fiscal strategies of major economies, and the gradual adaptation of global trade systems to the deepening structural fragmentation. While a partial easing of trade tensions has mitigated short term disruptions to international commerce, the effects of increased tariffs among major economies—combined with persistent macroeconomic uncertainty—are expected to become more evident over the course of 2026.

After the completion of the Land Resumption in February 2026, the Company has new income stream to enhance the liquidity and working capital of the Group in the coming financial years. The Group may explore and may plan to invest in advanced production technology and automation to streamline manufacturing processes, reduce direct labor costs, and improve operational efficiency across all product lines of the business segments. Furthermore, by strengthening the digital transformation, the Group will accurately identify the dynamic change and the favour trend of the customers so as to consolidate existing customer base and to develop new potential customers for each business segment of the Group.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 31 December 2025, the net current assets of the Group amounted to approximately RMB27.1 million (2024: RMB46.7 million). The decrease in net current assets was mainly attributable to increase in trade and other payables and borrowings while decrease in inventories and trade and other receivables during the reporting period. The cash and cash equivalents, pledged deposits for bank borrowings of the Group and first instalment payment of the land resumption amounted to approximately RMB1,602.1 million (2024: RMB466.2 million). Accordingly, the current ratio of the Group was 1.01 (2024: 1.03).

Total equity of the Group as at 31 December 2025 was approximately RMB2,391.3 million (2024: RMB3,409.3 million). The decrease was due to the decrease in retained earnings. As at 31 December 2025, the Group had borrowings totalling approximately RMB2,202.3 million (2024: RMB1,850.0 million), therefore debt gearing ratio was 92.1% (total borrowings over total equity) (2024: 54.3%). The borrowings comprised (i) current bank borrowings and current portion of long term borrowings of approximately RMB943.3 million (2024: RMB894.1 million) and (ii) long-term borrowings of approximately RMB1,259.0 million (2024: RMB955.9 million). The borrowings are denominated in RMB and HKD. As at 31 December 2025, the effective interest rates of the borrowings was 3.01% per annum (2024: 4.79% per annum).

The Group adopts a prudent approach in its financial management and maintains a sufficient financial position for its business operation throughout the year.

#### Financing

The Board considers that the financing pressure in front of the Group in connection of those acquisitions completed in 2016 will diminish in due course. With the consideration received from the Land Resumption and the funds generated from business operations, the Group believes that it will be able to obtain additional financing with good terms when needs arise.

#### Capital Structure

The share capital of the Company comprised ordinary shares for the reporting period. The total number of issued shares of the Company was 1,080,512,146 ordinary shares as at 31 December 2025.

#### Foreign Exchange Risk and Interest Rate Risk

The Group had net exchange gain of approximately RMB1.4 million in 2025 (2024: net exchange losses of RMB0.3 million). The Group mainly operates in the PRC. Most of its transactions are basically denominated in RMB with some transactions in USD and HKD and some bank borrowings in HKD. The Company shall monitor the exchange rate of RMB against the HKD and USD closely.

It is looking into the possibility of currency hedging and will take appropriate action when favourable opportunities arise. As at 31 December 2025, the Group had bank borrowings of a total of approximately RMB2,202.3 million denominated in RMB and HKD. Lending rates on bank borrowings denominated in RMB fluctuate with reference to The People's Bank of China Prescribed Interest Rate while bank borrowings denominated in HKD fluctuate with reference to the Hong Kong Inter-bank rates. The Group did not hedge its interest rate risk. The Board is of the opinion that the interest rate risk would not have material impact on the Group.

#### Capital Expenditure

During the year ended 31 December 2025, the Group invested approximately RMB377.7 million (2024: RMB544.9 million) in fixed assets and construction in progress. For the year ended 31 December 2025, the Group had capital commitments of approximately RMB68.2 million (2024: RMB188.9 million) in respect of fixed assets, which shall be funded by internal resources.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

### Charge on Group's Assets

As at 31 December 2025, the Group had charged: (i) its equity interests in some subsidiaries; (ii) certain buildings and investment properties owned by Shenzhen Boton (together with personal guarantee of Mr. Wang Ming Fan); (iii) certain bank deposits; (iv) a property located in Hong Kong and (v) the land use right and properties of a PRC subsidiary in Huizhou, PRC as pledge for borrowings.

### Staff Policy

The Group had 1,685 employees in the PRC, Hong Kong and Indonesia as at 31 December 2025 (2024: 1,245 employees in the PRC, Hong Kong and Indonesia). The increase in the number of employees was mainly attributable to the change of employment structure and increase in the number of permanent staffs for a new production plant in the PRC.

The Company appreciates talents and value staff as valuable asset of the Group. The Group offers a comprehensive and competitive remuneration, retirement schemes, a share award scheme, a share option scheme and benefit package to its employees. Discretionary bonus is offered to the Group's staff depending on their performance. The Group is required to make contribution to a social insurance scheme in the PRC. The Group and its employees in the PRC are in compliance with the rules and make contribution to a social insurance scheme in the PRC. The Group and its employees in the PRC are also required to make contribution to fund the endowment insurance and unemployment insurance at rates specified in the relevant PRC laws and regulations. The Group has adopted a provident fund scheme, as required under the Mandatory Provident Schemes Ordinance, for its employees in Hong Kong.

### Material Investment

For the year ended 31 December 2025, the Group had material investment in a construction project on a land located at Huizhou Zhongkai Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone, Guangdong Province, the PRC (the "Land").

The Group had entered into an agreement with the vendor to obtain the land use right of the Land at the consideration of RMB40,490,000 on 7 April 2023. Pursuant to the agreement, the Group agreed that the fixed asset investment, included but not limited to the consideration for that acquisition, investment for the construction of buildings and machinery costs, on the Land would be approximately RMB400,000,000. The Group had constructed the construction project and planned to expand the e-Cigarette Products Segment of the Company. Details of the aforesaid acquisition were disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 9 December 2022 and 7 April 2023 respectively. The construction project was completed during the reporting period.

### Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 December 2025, saved for the litigation cases disclosed under the paragraph of "Legal Proceeding against Vendors of an Acquisition" in the Management Discussion and Analysis Section, the Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities.

## SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT – EXTENSION OF PROFIT GUARANTEE

In 2020, the Group had executed an equity transfer agreement ("the Equity Transfer Agreement") in relation to the disposal of certain equity interest in Boton Flavors and Fragrances Co., Ltd. 波頓香料股份有限公司 (formerly known as Dongguan Boton Flavors and Fragrances Company Limited 東莞波頓香料有限公司) ("Dongguan Boton" and together with its subsidiaries, the "Dongguan Boton Group").



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Pursuant to the Equity Transfer Agreement, profit guarantee (including revenue guarantee and net profit guarantee) was made by the purchasers and two limited partnerships that Dongguan Boton Group would maintain an annual growth of not less than 10% of its revenue and net profit excluding extraordinary items in the relevant period of five financial years after the completion date, subject to the automatic termination in the event of the proposed spin-off and the proposed A-Share listing are successfully completed during the relevant period. The aforesaid relevant period expired on 31 December 2024. The guarantee on the revenue could not be fulfilled but the guarantee on the net profit was well fulfilled. The net profit of Dongguan Boton Group significantly increased by approximately 81.5% from the financial year of 2020 to 2024.

On 1 August 2025, both parties entered into a supplemental agreement to the Equity Transfer Agreement (the “Supplemental Agreement”) to have an extended guarantee arrangement (“New Guarantee”) on Dongguan Boton Group. Pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement, each of the purchasers guaranteed that the net profit of Dongguan Boton Group from 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2026 should grow by not less than 5%. In the event that the New Guarantee cannot be met (save and except due to the occurrence of the aforesaid force majeure events), the purchasers should transfer the respective sale interest (save and except the respective Sale Interest transferred from Champion Sharp to Mr. Qian, Mr. Li and Ms. Yang under the Equity Transfer Agreement) to the vendors. The Supplemental Agreement will take retrospective effect from 1 January 2025. Save as disclosed above, all other principal terms and conditions of the Equity Transfer Agreement shall remain unchanged and continue to be in full force and effect in all respects.

The Purchasers were connected persons of the Company and hence the New Guarantee constituted a connected transaction under the Listing Rules. As the applicable percentage ratios exceed 0.1% but are less than 5%, the Supplemental Agreement and the New Guarantee are subject to the reporting and announcement requirements but are exempt from the independent Shareholders’ approval and circular requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Details of the corporate guarantee and New Guarantee could refer to the announcements dated 12 June 2020 and 1 August 2025 respectively.

### LAND RESUMPTION IN SHENZHEN

On 7 December 2025, Shenzhen Boton Flavor & Fragrances Co., Ltd. (深圳波頓香料有限公司) (“Shenzhen Boton”), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a land resumption agreement (“Land Resumption Agreement”) with the PRC local authority (the “Local Authority”) pursuant to which Shenzhen Boton shall surrender a proposed land and its land use rights to the Local Authority in return for a cash compensation of RMB2,271,913,552 (equivalent to approximately HK\$2,495,015,463) (the “Land Resumption”). The proposed land was a parcel of land with an aggregate site area of approximately 64,662.42 sq.m. located at Le Li Road, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, the PRC (the “Proposed Land”) and was part and parcel of the land lot (lot number T505-0059) that Shenzhen Boton owned with an aggregate site area of 80,167.47 sq.m. The headquarter of the Group and the Proposed Land were located in the said land lot.

On 24 December 2025, the Local Authority, Shenzhen Boton and Shenzhen Baishuo New City Investment Co., Ltd. (深圳市百碩新城投資有限公司) (“Baishuo Xincheng”) entered into a supplemental agreement (the “Supplemental Agreement”) to the Land Resumption Agreement. Baishuo Xincheng was a market entity introduced by the Local Authority through open bidding procedures. Baishuo Xincheng assumed the rights and obligations of the Local Authority specified in the agreement on Land Resumption already signed by them. The rights and obligations of Shenzhen Boton under the Land Resumption Agreement would not be affected. If Baishuo Xincheng failed to perform the Land Resumption Agreement due to liquidation or other reason, the Local Authority would continue to perform the obligations under the Land Resumption Agreement. If the Local Authority or Baishuo Xincheng was in breach, Shenzhen Boton had the right to take action against the Local Authority and/or Baishuo Xincheng.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

The total compensation for the Land Resumption was RMB2,271,913,552 (equivalent to approximately HK\$2,495,015,463) and the total compensation (if included the early completion bonus) for the Land Resumption should be RMB 2,494,385,886 (equivalent to approximately HK\$2,739,334,580), which should be paid in cash by the Local Authority to Shenzhen Boton by instalments into the jointly managed bank account of both parties in the following manner:

- (a) as to the amount of RMB1,135,956,776 (equivalent to approximately HK\$1,247,507,731) within 40 working days after the Land Resumption Agreement became effective;
- (b) as to the amount of RMB681,574,065.6 (equivalent to approximately HK\$748,504,639) within 40 working days after the vacation of the Proposed Land by Shenzhen Boton, before 6 April 2026; and
- (c) as to the remaining amount of RMB454,382,710.4 (equivalent to approximately HK\$499,003,093) within 40 working days after the completion of deregistration of the land title and amendment of the land use rights granting agreement of the Proposed Land with Shenzhen Municipal Planning and Natural Resources Bureau (including entering into relevant supplemental agreement), before 16 May 2026. However, if, through no fault of Shenzhen Boton, the deregistration and amendment had not been completed within 40 working days after Shenzhen Boton vacated the Proposed Land, the relevant amount should become payable within 60 working days following such vacation and the delivery of a notarized power of attorney by Shenzhen Boton.
- (d) if the Proposed Land could be delivered early, i.e. before 6 April 2026, an early completion bonus in the amount of RMB222,472,334 (equivalent to approximately HK\$244,319,117) would be paid within 40 working days after Shenzhen Boton vacated and delivered the Proposed Land and its land use rights as scheduled.

The Compensation was determined after arm's length negotiation between Shenzhen Boton and the Local Authority with reference to the laws, regulations and procedures applicable to resumption of state-owned lands in Nanshan District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, the PRC and the valuation report in respect of the Proposed Land conducted by an independent valuer which had assessed the value of the Proposed Land in the amount of RMB155,000,000 as at 30 November 2025.

As one or more of the applicable percentage ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules in respect of the Land Resumption exceed 75%, the Land Resumption constituted a very substantial disposal for the Company and was subject to the notification, announcement and Shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules. A circular contained, among other things (i) further information in relation to the Land Resumption Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder; (ii) an independent valuation report in relation to the Proposed Land; (iii) the notice convening the EGM; and (iv) other information as required under the Listing Rules, had been despatched to the shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules on 16 January 2026.

On 2 February 2026, the Land Resumption was approved by the shareholders of the Company by way of poll at an extraordinary general meeting of the Company.

In March 2026, the Proposed Land was vacated by Shenzhen Boton. The Local Authority had inspected the Proposed Land and confirmed the land acceptance.

Details of the Land Resumption were disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 9 December 2025, 29 December 2025, 14 January 2026, 16 January 2026 and 2 February 2026 respectively and the circular dated 16 January 2026.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST VENDORS OF AN ACQUISITION

As at 31 December 2025, the Group had 4 legal proceedings involving Mr. Liu Qiuming (“Mr. Liu”) and Mr. Xiang Zhiyong (“Mr. Xiang”), and the remaining four vendors in the acquisition of Kimree, Inc. and its subsidiaries by the Company in 2016 (the “Kimree Acquisition”).

As Mr. Liu and Mr. Xiang had breached the non-competition clauses of a share purchase agreement (“SPA”) entered into between the Company and corporate entities wholly owned by Mr. Liu and Mr. Xiang in the Kimree Acquisition (the “Non-competition Clauses”), on 10 August 2020, the Company commenced legal proceedings in Hong Kong by issuing a Writ of Summons for claiming against the Mr. Liu and Mr. Xiang for, inter alia, an injunction order to restrain Mr. Liu Qiuming from committing acts in breach of the Non-competition Clauses and damages against the Vendors. The legal proceedings are still on-going. Details of the legal proceedings was disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 13 August 2020.

Kimree Technology (HK) Company Limited, an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary (“Kimree Tech”), has commenced legal proceedings against Mr. Liu, Mr. Xiang, Mr. Zhang Jian, Mr. Ai Jianjie, Mr. Jiang Lingfan, and Ms. Yu Dafeng (collectively, the “Defendants”) for, inter alias, breach of fiduciary duties as former directors of Kimree Tech. On 22 September 2023, the Company had issued a writ of summons against the Defendants. On 16 April 2025, the Defendants filed their Defence, and on 17 June 2025, Kimree Tech filed its Reply, and the pleading stage was closed and since then, no further step has been taken by Kimree Tech up to the date of this report. This case is still at an early stage and thus it is not appropriate to estimate the outcome at this stage. The proceedings are still on-going.

There was a legal proceeding between the Company and one of the sellers under the SPA for the Kimree Acquisition for an alleged RMB150 million as the remaining payment under the SPA in respect of the Kimree Acquisition. The pleading stage of this case had been closed and since then, no further step has been taken by the plaintiff up to the date of this report. This case is still at an early stage and thus it is not appropriate to estimate the outcome at this stage.

There was a legal proceeding between the Company and the Defendants in the PRC during the reporting year in respect of the misrepresentation of the Defendants, as vendor and guarantors, to the terms of the agreement of the Kimree Acquisition. The first court hearing was held on 21 March 2025 and as at the date of the report, the proceedings are still on-going and there is no judgement yet.



## DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

### DIRECTORS

#### Executive Directors

**Mr. WANG Ming Fan** (王明凡) *MH, JP*, aged 59, has been an executive director and chief executive officer of the Company since April 2005, responsible for the daily operation of the Group and has been appointed as the Chairman of the Company since 25 October 2012. He is the father of Ms. Wang Xinyi (executive director of the Company). Mr. Wang holds directorship in subsidiaries across the Group; in particular, principal subsidiaries of the Company, namely, Shenzhen Boton, Dongguan Boton and Kimree. In addition, Mr. Wang is also the managing director and president of Shenzhen Boton and the chairman of Dongguan Boton. Mr. Wang has over 30 years of corporate management experience in the flavors and fragrances industry. Mr. Wang first joined the Group in 1996 as a general manager. Prior to joining the Group, he was the deputy general manager of 深圳聯海化工有限公司 (Shenzhen Lianhai Chemical Industrial Co., Ltd.) for approximately 10 years. Mr. Wang was accredited as one of the “Ten Outstanding Young People in the Nanshan District of Shenzhen” by 中共深圳市南山區委員會 (Nanshan District Committee, Shenzhen of China Communist) and 深圳市南山區政府 (Nanshan District Government, Shenzhen) in 2004 and the “Chinese Distinguished Privately Operated Science and Technology Entrepreneur” by 中華全國工商業聯合會 (All-China Federation of Industry & Commerce) and 中國民營科技實業家協會 (Chinese Privately Operated Science and Technology Industrialist Association) in 2004. He was the vice chairman of Shenzhen Federation of Young Entrepreneurs in March 2005 and was accredited as an Outstanding Entrepreneur by Guangdong Food Profession Association. Mr. Wang is a keen supporter of social service and constantly subsidizes and makes contributions to schools, poverty alleviation, charity and donation functions. He is now both a member of the 14th National Committee of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (“CPPCC”) and the 13th CPPCC Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Committee. He also serves as the Chief and Permanent Chairman of Federation of HK Guangxi Community Organizations and the Chairman of Federation of Hong Kong Shenzhen Associations and other important positions in several townsmen associations. Mr. Wang has been awarded the Medal of Honour by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2015 and was appointed Justice of the Peace by the Chief Executive in 2024 for recognition of his social service.

**Mr. LI Qing Long** (李慶龍), aged 65, has been an executive director of the Company since April 2005. Mr. Li has more than 30 years of R&D and production experience in the flavors and fragrances industries. Mr. Li joined the Group in March 1991 and now holds directorship in some subsidiaries of the Group. He is also a vice president of Shenzhen Boton. Mr. Li is responsible for the R&D and production of flavors and fragrances of the Group. He graduated from 上海輕工業專科學校 (Shanghai Light Industry Professional School) in 1982 with a major in 有機合成工藝 (organic synthesis process). Prior to joining the Group, he worked in 上海日用香精廠 (Shanghai Flavor and Fragrance Factory) for approximately 8 years.

**Ms. WANG Xinyi** (王心怡), aged 28, has been appointed as an executive director and Group Financial Controller of the Company on 1 April 2025. She has been the financial controller of Shenzhen Boton Group since February 2025. Ms. Wang obtained a bachelor’s degree in accounting and management information systems in Pennsylvania State University of the United States in 2020 and subsequently obtained master’s degree in management specialised in accounting from Cornell University of the United States with excellent academic results and background. She is the daughter of Mr. Wang Ming Fan, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Ms. Wang has 5 years of experience in accounting, US tax consulting and investment management. From September 2022 to January 2025, she worked as an US tax consulting associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers, one of the big four multinational accounting professional organization. During that period, she had participated in tax planning projects for more than 20 US investment companies and also analyzed the structure of cross-border transactions, identified potential tax risks and provided tax-planning solutions. From 2019 to 2021, Ms. Wang had been actively worked as trainee of PricewaterhouseCoopers, investment assistant and project assistant of few PRC investment companies for conducted comprehensive financial analysis for investment targets. Ms. Wang has served as member of the Shenzhen Nanshan District Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference since January 2024. She has also served as a council member and the vice chairman of the Youth Committee of Federation of Hong Kong Shenzhen Association since October 2022 and the vice chairman of Hong Kong CPPCC Youth Association since September 2020.



## DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

### Independent non-executive Directors

**Mr. LEUNG Wai Man, Roger** (梁偉民), aged 69, has been an independent non-executive director of the Company since November 2005. Mr. Leung obtained a bachelor's degree of laws from The University of Hong Kong in 1981. Mr. Leung also obtained the degree of Juris Doctor from The University of Western Ontario, Canada in 1990. He has been a practising solicitor in Hong Kong since 1984 and is now a Senior Consultant of a law firm. Mr. Leung was admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales and Ontario, Canada. Mr. Leung has over 40 years of working experience in the legal field. He has served as a member of the Board of Review (Inland Revenue Ordinance) from 1997 to 2005 and has been serving as a China-Appointed Attesting Officer since January 2003. Mr. Leung is currently an independent non-executive director of Hi Sun Technology (China) Limited (stock code: 818).

**Mr. ZHOU Xiao Xiong** (周小雄), aged 65, has been an independent non-executive director of the Company since November 2005. Mr. Zhou obtained a bachelor's degree in 經濟信息管理系 (Economic Information Management) from the 中國人民大學 (Renmin University of China) in 1983. Mr. Zhou obtained a master degree in Master of Business Administration from 清華大學 (Tsinghua University) in 2008. Mr. Zhou has worked as senior management in a number of financial institutions in the PRC including 廣東證券有限公司 (Guangdong Securities Company Limited), 中國銀行股份有限公司 (Bank of China Limited), 中山證券有限責任公司 (Zhongshan Securities Company Limited), and 摩根大通期貨有限公司 (J.P. Morgan Futures Company Limited) in the PRC, and has over 40 years of experience in the fields of financial services and investment banking.

**Mr. NG Kwun Wan** (吳冠雲), aged 62, has been an independent non-executive director of the Company since December 2009. Mr. Ng obtained the Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Finance from the Manchester Polytechnic in 1988 and the Master of Commerce majoring in Accounting from the University of New South Wales in 1990. Mr. Ng has been an associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants since 1993. Mr. Ng has over 20 years of experience in the management, accounting and finance industry. From November 1994 to August 2004, Mr. Ng worked for New World Development (China) Limited and New World China Enterprises Projects Limited, both wholly owned subsidiaries of New World Development Company Limited (stock code: 17), and his last position held was deputy general manager. From September 2006 to March 2009, he worked as the general manager of industrial operations in the real estate department of Smart Faith Management Limited, a subsidiary of South China Holdings Company Limited (stock code: 413). From December 2021 to December 2024, he was also an independent non-executive director of CT Vision S.L. (International) Holdings Limited (stock code: 994). Mr. Ng is currently an independent non-executive director of various listed companies in Hong Kong, including: Asia Energy Logistics Group Ltd (stock code: 351), Zhongzhi Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited (stock code: 3737) and Sunray Engineering Group Ltd (stock code: 8616).

**Mr. YAU How Boa** (邱浩波), *GBS, JP*, aged 74, has been an independent non-executive director of the Company since April 2023. Mr. Yau obtained a bachelor's degree in law from Peking University in 1997 and a master's degree in law from the City University of Hong Kong in 2003. He was also educated in the United States of America and obtained a master degree in Social Work. Mr. Yau was the District Councillor of Wanchai District from 2004 to 2011 and he had also participated in various public service in the past, including: the Liquor Licensing Board (Chairman), Hong Kong Football Association Ltd (Director), Central Policy Unit, Elderly Commission, Betting and Lotteries Commission, Town Planning Board, Legal Aid Services Council, Council on Human Reproductive Technology, Post-Release Supervision Board, Energy Advisory Committee, Social Welfare Advisory Committee, etc. Mr. Yau has more than 40 years of management experience and serves on various committees and boards, including the Institute of Social Service Development (President), Wofoo Social Enterprises (Chairman), HKFA Football Training Centre (Chairman), Steering Committee on Population Policy (Advisor), etc. Mr. Yau is currently the Chairman of Social Service Professional Alliance of the Guangdong – Hong Kong Macau Greater Bay Area Limited, the Chief Executive of International Social Service Hong Kong Branch and the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator of International Social Service.





## DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

### SENIOR MANAGEMENT

**Mr. QIAN Wu** (錢武), aged 61, is the managing director of Dongguan Boton. Mr. Qian used to be an executive director of the Company since March 2007 until 5 January 2018 when he resigned as a director of the Company to dedicate more of his time and efforts to his other working commitments within the Group. He joined the Group in October 1997 and is the chief supervisor of the applied technology and promotion center for food flavors of the Group. He graduated from 中國安徽機電學院 (Anhui Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering) in 1990, with a major in industrial corporate management. Mr. Qian has over 30 years of research and development experience in the flavors and fragrances industries. Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Qian has worked in Wuhu Tobacco Factory for 12 years.

**Mr. MA Siu Kit** (馬兆杰), aged 56, is the company secretary of the Company. Mr. Ma obtained a bachelor's degree in business (accountancy) from Queensland University of Technology, Australia in 1993. He is a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Ma joined the Group in September 2005 bringing along to the Company his extensive accounting related experience from accounting firms and international companies. He is a seasoned professional in accounting with over 20 years of relevant experience. Mr. Ma was an independent non-executive director of China Kangda Food Company Limited (stock code: 834) and resigned on 22 January 2024. He is currently the independent non-executive director of Eprint Group Limited (stock code: 1884), China Rare Earth Holdings Limited (stock code: 769) and Aidigong Maternal & Child Health Limited (stock code: 286) respectively.



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Company recognises the importance of and is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance so as to enhance corporate transparency of the Company, protection of shareholders' and stakeholders' rights and enhance shareholder value. The Company believes that good corporate practice is essential for effective management, healthy corporate culture and successful business growth.

### A. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company has adopted policies and applied procedures to ensure proper corporate governance and continuous improvement. These include maintaining a quality board comprising high calibre members, establishment of various board committees and implementation of effective internal systems and controls. The Company has complied with all the code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as set out in Appendix C1 of the Listing Rules throughout the financial year ended 31 December 2025, except for deviation from code provision C.2.1. The following sections set out the Company's corporate governance practices by applying the principles of the CG Code and any deviations thereof during the year under review.

The Board has established the strategies and values of the Company in long term and makes periodical review so that the Company's culture is aligned. The Board will continue to review and enhance its corporate governance practice of the Company to ensure compliance and alignment with the latest measures and standards set out in the CG Code.

### B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### (1) Board Composition

The Board members as at 31 December 2025 were:

##### **Executive Directors**

Mr. Wang Ming Fan (*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*)

Mr. Li Qing Long

Ms. Wang Xinyi (appointed on 1 April 2025)

Mr. Yang Ying Chun (resigned on 30 June 2025)

##### **Non-executive Director**

Ms. Wan Shuk Ching, Candy (resigned on 30 November 2025)

##### **Independent Non-executive Directors**

Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger

Mr. Ng Kwun Wan

Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong

Mr. Yau How Boa

The Board currently comprises seven members, consisting of three Executive Directors and four Independent Non-executive Directors. More than one-third of the Board is represented by Independent Non-executive Directors with at least one of whom possessing appropriate professional qualifications, or accounting or related financial management expertise. The Directors are of the opinion that the present structure of the Board can ensure the independence and objectivity of the Board and provide a system of checks and balances to safeguard the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

The biographical details of all Directors are set out in the section of “Directors and Senior Management” on pages 14 to 16. Save as disclosed in the Directors’ biographies set out in the section headed “Directors and Senior Management” and otherwise disclosed in this annual report, none of the Directors have any personal relationship (including financial, business, family or other material or relevant relationship) with any other Director and Chief Executive.

All Directors have carried out duties in good faith and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and have acted in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders at all times. All Directors, including Independent Non-executive Directors, have brought a wide spectrum of valuable business experience, knowledge and professionalism to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning. Independent Non-executive Directors are invited to serve on the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee.

As regards the CG Code provision requiring directors to disclose the number and nature of offices held in public companies or organisations and other significant commitments as well as the identity of the public companies or organisations and the time involved to the issuer, the Directors have agreed to disclose their commitments and any subsequent change to the Company in a timely manner.

The Company has arranged appropriate liability insurance in respect of legal action against the Directors. The insurance coverage will be reviewed on an annual basis.

### Appointment and Re-election of Directors

All Directors are subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years in accordance with the Company’s Articles of Association (the “Articles”). Any Director appointed either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or as an addition to the Board shall hold office until the next following general meeting of the Company (in the case of filling a casual vacancy) or until the next following annual general meeting of the Company (in the case of an addition to the Board), and shall then be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

The procedures and process of appointment, re-election and removal of Directors are set out in the Articles of Association. The Nomination Committee is responsible for reviewing the Board composition and making recommendations to the Board on the appointment or re-election of Directors and succession planning for Directors.

## (2) Board Meetings and Attendance Records

The Board has held four teleconference meetings during the year ended 31 December 2025 at approximately quarterly intervals with full minutes kept by the company secretary. Attendance of each of the Directors is set out in the table below:

|                                                          | Attendance |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Mr. Wang Ming Fan                                        | 4/4        |
| Mr. Li Qing Long                                         | 4/4        |
| Mr. Yang Ying Chun (resigned on 30 June 2025)            | 2/2        |
| Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger                                 | 4/4        |
| Mr. Ng Kwun Wan                                          | 4/4        |
| Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong                                      | 4/4        |
| Mr. Yau How Boa                                          | 4/4        |
| Ms. Wan Shuk Ching, Candy (resigned on 30 November 2025) | 4/4        |
| Ms. Wang Xinyi (appointed on 1 April 2025)               | 3/3        |



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

### (3) General Meetings and Attendance Records

The Company has held one annual general meeting during the year ended 31 December 2025 with full minutes kept by the company secretary. The attendance records of the Directors are set out below:

|                                                          | Attendance |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Mr. Wang Ming Fan                                        | 1/1        |
| Mr. Li Qing Long                                         | 1/1        |
| Mr. Yang Ying Chun (resigned on 30 June 2025)            | 1/1        |
| Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger                                 | 1/1        |
| Mr. Ng Kwun Wan                                          | 1/1        |
| Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong                                      | 1/1        |
| Mr. Yau How Boa                                          | 0/1        |
| Ms. Wan Shuk Ching, Candy (resigned on 30 November 2025) | 1/1        |
| Ms. Wang Xinyi (appointed on 1 April 2025)               | 1/1        |

### (4) Roles and Functions

Prior to their respective appointments to the Board, each of the Directors was given an orientation on the Company's business strategies and operations. The Directors will receive, from time to time, further relevant training, particularly on applicable new laws, regulations and changing commercial risks which are relevant to the business and operations of the Group. The Directors will also be updated on the business of the Group through regular presentation and meetings.

The Board effectively leads and forms the long-term vision and strategic direction of the Group. Apart from its statutory duties and responsibilities, the Board oversees the management and affairs of the Group and approves the Group's corporate and strategic plans. The Board is also responsible for setting financial policies and strategies in pursuit of the Group's business goals. In addition, the Board reviews the financial performance of the Group, considers and approves investment proposals, nomination of directors to the Board and the appointment of key management personnel. These functions are carried out either directly by the Board or through Board committees such as Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee. Under appropriate circumstances and as and when necessary, Directors may obtain independent professional advice at the Company's expenses, ensuring that board procedures and all applicable rules and regulations are followed.

The day-to-day management, administration and operation of the Company are delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and senior management of the Group. The Board gives clear direction as to the power delegated to the management of the Group, in particular, with respect to the circumstances where management should report back and obtain prior approval from the Board before making decisions or entering into any commitments on behalf of the Group. Matters which are specifically reserved to the full Board for decision are those involving a conflict of interest with any substantial shareholder or a director, material acquisitions and disposal of assets, corporate or financial restructuring, share issuance and dividends, and financial results and corporate strategies. The Board reviews such practices on periodical basis to ensure that it remain appropriate to the needs of the Group.





## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

### (5) Accountability and Audit

The management of the Company provides such explanation and information to the Board so as to enable the Board to make informed assessment of the financial and other information tabled before any decision making by the Board. The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and in presenting interim and annual financial statements, and announcements to shareholders. The Directors aim to present a balanced and understandable assessment of the Group's position and prospects. The Directors consider that accounts of the Group have been prepared in conformity with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and reflect amounts that are based on the best estimates and reasonable, informed and prudent judgment of the Board.

The Board is not aware of any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, the Board therefore continues to adopt the going concern approach in preparing the financial statements of the Company.

The responsibilities of the external auditors with respect to financial reporting are set out in the section of "Independent Auditor's Report" on pages 44 to 48.

### (6) Supply of and Access to Information

Board papers are circulated not less than three days before the Board meetings to enable the Directors to make informed decisions on matters to be raised at the Board meetings. All Directors have access to the advice and service of the Company Secretary and the Group Financial Controller to advise on corporate governance, risk management, statutory compliance, accounting and financial matters when necessary. The management has the obligation to supply the Board and its committees with adequate information in a timely manner to enable it to make informed decisions. Where any Director requires more information than is provided by the management, each Director has separate and independent access to the Group's senior management to make further enquires if necessary.

Directors have full access to information on the Group. The Company Secretary prepares minutes and keeps records of matters discussed and decisions resolved at all Board meetings.



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

### (7) Continuous Professional Development

During the reporting year, the Directors have participated in continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and keep abreast of the latest developments of applicable rules and regulations in relation to the business of the Group to ensure making meaningful contribution to the Board. Directors have provided their training records to the Company Secretary for record.

During the year ended 31 December 2025, the Directors participated in the following trainings:

| Name of Directors                                        | Types of training                                    |                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                                          | Attending courses/<br>seminars and/or<br>conferences | Reading materials on<br>Various topics* |
| <b>Executive Directors</b>                               |                                                      |                                         |
| Mr. Wang Ming Fan                                        | ✓                                                    | ✓                                       |
| Mr. Li Qing Long                                         | ✓                                                    | ✓                                       |
| Ms. Wang Xinyi (appointed on 1 April 2025)               | ✓                                                    | ✓                                       |
| Mr. Yang Ying Chun (resigned on 30 June 2025)            | ✓                                                    | ✓                                       |
| <b>Non-Executive Director</b>                            |                                                      |                                         |
| Ms. Wan Shuk Ching, Candy (resigned on 30 November 2025) | ✓                                                    | ✓                                       |
| <b>Independent Non-Executive Directors</b>               |                                                      |                                         |
| Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger                                 | ✓                                                    | ✓                                       |
| Mr. Ng Kwun Wan                                          | ✓                                                    | ✓                                       |
| Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong                                      | ✓                                                    | ✓                                       |
| Mr. Yau How Boa                                          | ✓                                                    | ✓                                       |

\* Topics include the Company's business updates, corporate governance and ESG matters, risk management and internal controls, directors' duties and responsibilities and Prevention of Bribery Ordinance





## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

### C. CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

In accordance with the CG Code provision C.2.1, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual to ensure a balance of power and authority. The division of responsibilities between the chairman and chief executive should be clearly established and set out in writing. The roles of the chairman and the chief executive officer of the Company are performed by Mr. Wang Ming Fan. The Board considers that the present structure is more suitable for the Company for it provides strong and consistent leadership in the planning and execution of long-term business plans and strategies of the Company.

The Directors will continue to review the effectiveness of the Group's corporate governance structure to assess whether changes, including the separation of the roles of the chairman and chief executive officer, as and when necessary.

### D. NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

During the year under review, the Company has met at all times the requirements of the Listing Rules relating to the appointment of at least three independent non-executive directors with at least one of the independent non-executive directors possessing appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise and representing at least one-third of the board. The Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company are highly skilled professionals with a broad range of expertise and experience in the fields of accounting, finance, law and business. Their skills, expertise and number in the board ensure that strong independent views and judgement are brought in the Board's deliberations and that such views and judgement carry weight in the board's decision making process. Their presence and participation also enable the board to maintain high standards of compliance in financial and other mandatory reporting requirements, and provide adequate checks and balances to safeguard the interests of shareholders of the Company and the Company. All Independent Non-executive Directors are financially independent from the Company and any of its subsidiaries.

All the Independent Non-executive Directors served in the year under review have given annual confirmation to the Company of their independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Board is satisfied with the independence of each of the Independent Non-executive Directors.

### E. BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board has three board committees, namely, Remuneration Committee, Nomination Committee and Audit Committee.

#### (1) Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee was established with written terms of reference in compliance with the CG Code, which are available for view on the Company's website and the HKEXnews website.

As at 31 December 2025, the Remuneration Committee comprises Mr. Wang Ming Fan, an Executive Director and the four Independent Non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Ng Kwun Wan, Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger, Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong and Mr. Yau How Boa. Mr. Ng Kwun Wan is the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee. Each member of the Remuneration Committee shall abstain from voting on any resolution in respect of his own remuneration package.



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

The Company has adopted the model that the Remuneration Committee to make recommendations to the board on the remuneration packages of individual Executive Directors and senior management.

The Remuneration Committee is also responsible to make recommendations to the Board regarding the Company's remuneration policy and structure for all Directors and senior management, establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for developing the relevant policies, review and approve the management's remuneration proposals with reference to the Board's corporate goals and objectives. The remuneration structure of the Board is as follows:

Each of Mr. Wang Ming Fan and Mr. Li Qing Long has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing on 9 December 2005, which shall continue thereafter unless and until terminated by either party giving not less than three months' notice in writing to the other party. There is no director service contract between the Company and Mr. Yang Ying Chun who was appointed as an Executive Director with effect from 5 January 2018. Mr. Yang has already been resigned on 30 June 2025. Another Executive Director, Ms. Wang Xinyi has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing on 1 April 2025. Three Independent Non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Ng Kwun Wan, Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger and Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong have renewed their service agreements in December 2025 for a term of 2 years. Another Independent Non-executive Director, Mr. Yau How Boa has renewed his service agreements in April 2025 for a term of 2 years. The remuneration of the Independent Non-executive Directors is in the form of a fixed fee. The remuneration of Executive Directors consists of salary, commission, housing reimbursement and allowances, bonus and performance awards that are dependent on the performance of the Group and of the Directors. Ms. Wan Shuk Ching Candy, a Non-Executive Director has entered into a director service agreement with the Company for a term of two years with effect from 29 December 2023. Ms. Wan has already been resigned on 30 November 2025.

In order to attract, retain, and motivate executives and key employees serving for the Group, the Company has a share option scheme in place. Such scheme provides incentive and enables the eligible persons (according to the scheme policy) to obtain an ownership interest in the Company and thus to reward to the participants who contribute to the success of the Group's operations. Details of the amount of Directors' and senior management's emoluments are set out in Notes 40 and 30 to the accounts.

The Remuneration Committee meets at least once a year. During the reporting year, the committee held one teleconference meetings for the review of the remuneration of Directors and senior management, as well as review of the Company's remuneration policy. Attendance of each member of the committee is set out in the table below:

|                          | Attendance |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Mr. Wang Ming Fan        | 1/1        |
| Mr. Ng Kwun Wan          | 1/1        |
| Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger | 1/1        |
| Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong      | 1/1        |
| Mr. Yau How Boa          | 1/1        |





# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

## (2) Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee was established with written terms of reference in compliance with the CG Code, which are available for view on the Company's website and the HKEXnews website.

As at 31 December 2025, the Nomination Committee comprises two Executive Directors, Mr. Wang Ming Fan and Ms. Wang Xinyi and four Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger, Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong, Mr. Ng Kwun Wan and Mr. Yau How Boa. Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger is the Chairman of the Nomination Committee. Each member of the Nomination Committee shall abstain from voting on any resolution in respect of the assessment of his own performance or re-nomination as Director. The Nomination Committee shall meet at least twice a year.

The Nomination Committee is responsible for formulating policy and making recommendations to the Board on the appointment and re-appointment of Directors, and Board succession. A nomination policy setting out the current nomination practice, such as the criteria and procedures for the selection, appointment and re-appointment of the Directors, has been adopted by the Company. Under the policy, the Nomination Committee will evaluate potential candidates by considering various factors, including their professional expertise, industry and business experience, time commitments, potential contributions to board diversity, and material conflict of interest with the Group (if any). The Nomination Committee will also consider the independence of candidates if they will be appointed as Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Committee will then make recommendation of suitable candidates to the Board for consideration of appointment. In case of re-appointment of existing Directors who will retire at AGMs, the Committee will review the rotation and retirement of Directors and make recommendations to the Board accordingly.

The Nomination Committee is also responsible to review the structure, size and diversity (including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and education background, or professional experience) of the Board at least once annually and to make recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy.

Another responsibility of the Nomination Committee is to support the Company's regular evaluation of the board's performance.

During the reporting year, the committee held two teleconference meetings for review of the structure, size and composition of the Board, review of the independence of Independent Non-executive Directors, and consideration of the re-election of Directors at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 16 May 2025. Attendance of each member of the committee is set out in the table below:

|                                            | Attendance |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| Mr. Wang Ming Fan                          | 2/2        |
| Ms. Wang Xinyi (appointed on 1 April 2025) | 1/1        |
| Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong                        | 2/2        |
| Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger                   | 2/2        |
| Mr. Ng Kwun Wan                            | 2/2        |
| Mr. Yau How Boa                            | 2/2        |



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

### (3) Audit Committee

The Audit Committee was established with written terms of reference in compliance with the CG Code, which are available for view on the Company's website and the HKEXnews website.

The Audit Committee comprises all four Independent Non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Ng Kwun Wan, the Chairman of the Audit Committee, Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger, Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong and Mr. Yau How Boa. Each member of the Audit Committee shall abstain from voting on any resolution in respect of matters in which he is interested.

The Audit Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment and removal of external auditor, and to approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditor, and any questions of its resignation or dismissal. It is also responsible of review of the Company's financial information and oversight of the Company's financial reporting system, risk management and internal control procedures and systems. It also reviews the interim and annual results of the Company each year.

The Audit Committee is also responsible to develop, review and monitor the policies and practices on corporate governance of the Group and to make recommendations to the Board, to review and monitor the Company's policies and practices on legal and regulatory compliance, to review and monitor the code of conduct and ethical behaviour applicable to the Directors and employees and the training and continuous professional development of Directors and senior management, and to review the Company's compliance with the CG Code and disclosures in the corporate governance reports.

The Audit Committee shall have full discretion to invite any Director or Executive Officer to attend its meetings. In addition, the Audit Committee shall have independent access to external auditors without the presence of management at least once a year.

The Audit Committee held three teleconference meetings with the following summary of work performed during the reporting year:

- making recommendations to the Board on the re-appointment of the external auditors of the Company;
- meeting with the external auditor to discuss the general scope of their audit work and report;
- review of the internal control and risk management systems of the Company;
- review and monitor the Company's compliance with the Company's whistleblowing policy;
- review of the Company's financial and accounting policies and practices; and
- review of the unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2025 and the audited financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Attendance of each member of the Audit Committee is set out in the table below:

|                          | Attendance |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Mr. Ng Kwun Wan          | 3/3        |
| Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger | 3/3        |
| Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong      | 3/3        |
| Mr. Yau How Boa          | 3/3        |





## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

### F. COMPANY SECRETARY

The Company Secretary, Mr. Ma Siu Kit, is responsible to the Board for ensuring that the Board procedures are followed and the Board activities are efficiently and effectively conducted. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Board is fully abreast of the relevant legislative, regulatory and corporate governance developments relating to the Group.

The Company Secretary reports to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, plays an essential role in the relationship between the Company and its Shareholders, and assists the Board in discharging its obligations to Shareholders pursuant to the Listing Rules.

During the year, Mr. Ma has attended relevant professional seminars to update his skills and knowledge. He is in compliance of the Listing Rules to take no less than 15 hours of relevant professional training in each financial year.

### G. DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") as its code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. Having made specific enquiry, all Directors confirmed their compliance with the required standard set out in the Model Code during the year under review.

### H. RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board has the overall responsibility for maintaining sound and effective risk management and internal control systems to safeguard the Company's assets and stakeholders' interests, as well as for reviewing the effectiveness of the systems through the support of internal audit and the Audit Committee.

The Board conducted annual review of the Company's risk management and internal control systems through engaging Albert Wong & Co., Certified Public Accountants as the Company's internal auditors. During the reporting year, the internal auditors have performed annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's risk management and internal control systems which implemented material controls covering the financial, operational, compliance and risk management aspects of the Group and reported to the Board. The Board considered that internal audits have been implemented and provided the Board with reasonable assurance that the processes of the Company operate as designed; the risk management and internal control systems of the Group are effective and adequate.

### I. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION AND AUDITOR RELATED MATTERS

During the year under review, the remuneration paid/payable to the Company's independent auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, is set out as follows:

|                          | Fee paid/payable<br>RMB'000 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Nature of service</b> |                             |
| Audit services           |                             |
| Annual audit of accounts | 6,480                       |
| Non-audit services       | —                           |
|                          | <hr/> 6,480                 |



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

### J. DIVERSITY

The Company believes that the diversity of Board members will be immensely beneficial for the enhancement of the Company's performance. Therefore, the Company has adopted a Board diversity policy to ensure that the Company will, when determining the composition of the Board, consider Board diversity in terms of, among other things, age, cultural and educational background, professional experience, skills and knowledge. All Board appointments will be based on merits, and candidates will be considered against objective criteria with reference to the Company's business model and specific needs, including but not limited to gender, race, language, cultural background, educational background, industry experience and professional experience, having due regard for the benefits of diversity of the Board.

According to Rule 13.92, the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited will not consider diversity to be achieved for a single gender board. Henceforth, the Board had improved the gender diversity at board level and across the workforce. The Company had appointed Ms. Wan Shuk Ching Candy as a Non-Executive Director of the Company on 29 December 2023. Ms. Wan had already been resigned with effect from 30 November 2025. During year 2025, Ms. Wang Xinyi has been appointed as an Executive Director with effect from 1 April 2025.

The Board also plans to offer all-rounded trainings to female employees whom we consider to have the suitable experience, skills and knowledge of our operation and business, including but not limited to, business operation, management, accounting and finance, legal and compliance and research and development.

The Board constantly examines and reviews its composition in terms of its size and diversity, with a view of determining the impact of the number upon effectiveness, deciding on what it considers an appropriate size for the Board, to facilitate effective decision making, and recognizes the benefits of diversity in the boardroom to broaden its horizon and capitalize on the different cultural and educational background, gender, age, professional training and industry experiences of the Directors in forming corporate strategies for the long-term development of the Company. The composition of the Board will be reviewed at least once annually by the Nomination Committee to ensure that the Board has the appropriate mix of expertise, experience and diversity.

The Board also believes that diversity is an economic driver of competitiveness for companies, contributing to business success and shareholder value and is committed to nurturing an environment in which equal opportunity and diversity are recognized as being essential to the performance of the company and incorporated into our day-to-day business. We recognize that people bring different skills and qualities to the workplace and strive to value people's differences and create an inclusive workplace culture. Promotion of diversity also broadens the pool for recruitment of high-quality employees and board members, enhances employee retention, encourages greater innovation and improves our corporate image and reputation.

The Company conducts business activities such as hiring, promotion and compensation of people, without regard to race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, family or marital status, dependents, genetics, disability, age, social origin or political views. All recruitment, job assignment, remuneration and benefits, training, and promotions are based on merit, performance and potential using objective criteria.

As of 31 December 2025, the Group employed 643 female staff (38.2%) of the total workforce (including senior management).





## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

### K. SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

#### (1) Procedures for shareholders to convene extraordinary general meeting

Pursuant to the Company's Articles, any one or more members holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Secretary of the Company, to require an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two (2) months after the deposit of such requisition. If within twenty-one (21) days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.

#### (2) Procedures by which enquiries may be put to the Board

The Company encourages shareholders' participation at AGMs and all shareholders are given the opportunity to voice their view and to direct enquiries regarding the Group to Directors, including the chairperson of each of the Board Committees. Shareholders are welcome to send in enquires they may have to the Board to the Company's head office and principal place of business in Hong Kong: Flat A-B, 37/F., Boton Technology Innovation Tower, 368 Kwun Tong Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong for the attention of the Company Secretary.

#### (3) Procedures for shareholders to put forward proposals at a general meeting

Shareholders could put forward proposals at a general meeting to the Company, for the Board's consideration pursuant to the Company's Articles of Association, in writing by post to the Company's head office and principal place of business in Hong Kong: Flat A-B, 37/F., Boton Technology Innovation Tower, 368 Kwun Tong Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong for the attention of the Company Secretary.

### L. INVESTOR RELATIONS

The Company recognises that effective communication can highlight transparency and enhance accountability to its shareholders. The Company provides information to its shareholders via HKExnews announcements and news releases. The Company ensures that price-sensitive information is publicly released, and is announced on an immediate basis where required under the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Where an immediate announcement is not possible, the announcement is made as soon as possible to ensure that shareholders and the investing public have fair access to the information.

#### (1) Shareholders' Communication Policy

The Company has set up an effective communication channel with investors. It carries out investor relationship maintenance work under the principles of openness and fairness and with a proactive attitude while conforming to the rules. As part of its regular review, the Board has reviewed its policies in regard to the shareholders' communication for the year ended 31 December 2025 and is of the view that they are effective and adequately implemented.



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

### (2) Constitutional Documents

There was no change to the Company's constitutional documents during the year ended 31 December 2025. A copy of the latest consolidated version of the Company's Memorandum of Association and the Articles is available for view on the Company's website and the HKExnews website.

### (3) Dividend Policy

The Company has adopted a dividend policy which aims to set out the principles and guidelines that the Company intends to apply in relation to the declaration, payment or distribution of its profits as dividends to the shareholders. In determining the dividend amount, the Board will take into account a number of factors such as the Group's financial performance, future capital expenditures and financial position as well as the general economic and business conditions. The policy will be reviewed from time to time so as to keep in line with the future prospects and capital requirements of the Group and the changes in market conditions.

### (4) Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) allows the Directors to meet and communicate with shareholders. The Company ensures that shareholders' views are communicated to the Board. The chairman of the AGM proposes separate resolutions on each substantially separate matter to the shareholders for their consideration and approval. Members of the Audit, Remuneration and Nomination Committees and the external auditor also attend the AGM to answer questions from shareholders. The external auditors will also be present to assist the Directors in addressing any relevant queries from the shareholders concerning the Company's financial statements. The Company's Articles allow a member of the Company to appoint one or two proxies to attend and vote at general meetings.

AGM proceedings are reviewed from time to time to ensure that the Company follows good corporate governance practices. The notice of AGM is distributed to all shareholders at least 21 clear days prior to the AGM and the accompanying circular also sets out details of each proposed resolution and other relevant information as required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules. All registered shareholders of the Company will receive annual and interim reports, circulars and notices of general meetings by post. Notice of the forthcoming AGM shall be made available on HKExnews on 17 April 2026.

The chairman of the AGM exercises his power under the Articles of Association to put each proposed resolution to the vote by way of a poll. The procedures for conducting a poll are explained at the meeting prior to the polls being taken and the share registrar of the Company acts as the scrutineer for the vote-taking at the meeting. Voting results are available on the websites of the Company and HKEX on the day after the AGM.

AGM will be held on 22 May 2026.





## DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present the annual report and the audited accounts for the Group for the year ended 31 December 2025.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company is an investment holding company. The activities of its principal subsidiaries are set out in Note 12 to the accounts.

### BUSINESS REVIEW

A fair review of the Group's businesses comprising analysis of the Group performance during the year under review using financial key performance indicators, description of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group, are set out in the section of "Management Discussion and Analysis" in this annual report. No important events affecting the Company that have occurred since the end of the reporting year. The Company shall continue to develop the e-Cigarette business in the PRC and other countries and carry on research on the possibility of applying e-Cigarette vaporizer in the healthcare field. Further information as required by Schedule 5 of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) of Hong Kong comprising the Company's environmental policies and performance, the Company's compliance with the relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the Company, are set out in the "Environmental, Social and Governance Report" of the Company for 2025 ("ESG Report"). The "Management Discussion and Analysis" and the "Corporate Governance Report" and the "ESG Report" form part of this Directors' Report.

The ESG Report will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited at [www.hkexnews.hk](http://www.hkexnews.hk) and of the Company at [www.boton.com.hk](http://www.boton.com.hk).

### RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

Details of the Group's result for the year ended 31 December 2025 are set out in the consolidated income statement on pages 51 to 52.

The Board does not recommend payment of any dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: nil).

### DIVIDEND POLICY

Any declaration and payment of future dividend under the dividend policy of the Company are subject to the Board's determination which would be in best interests of the Group and the shareholders of the Company as a whole. The Board has the sole discretion as to the declaration and payment of dividends. In proposing any dividend payout, the Board shall take into account the following factors:

- (a) the Company's actual and expected financial performance;
- (b) retained earnings and distributable reserves of the Group;
- (c) the level of the Group's debts to equity ratio, return on equity and the relevant financial covenants;
- (d) any restrictions on payment of dividends that may be imposed by the Group's contracting parties;
- (e) the Group's expected working capital requirements and future expansion plans;
- (f) general economic conditions, business cycle of the Group's business and other internal or external factors that may have an impact on the business or financial performance and position of the Company; and
- (g) any other factors that the Board may deem appropriate.



## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Group during the year are set out in Note 6 to the accounts.

### SHARE CAPITAL

The share capital of the Company consists of ordinary shares with par value of HKD0.10 each only. As at 31 December 2025, the share capital of the Company comprised of 1,080,512,146 ordinary shares.

### RESERVES

Details of the movements in the reserves of the Company and of the Group during the year are set out in Note 19, Note 20 and Note 39(a) to the accounts and the consolidated statement of changes in equity, respectively.

### DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

As at 31 December 2025, the Company's reserves available for distribution as calculated in accordance with the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands, amounted to approximately RMB503.0 million (2024: RMB541.7 million). This includes the Company's share premium account. The Company will be in a position to pay off its debts as and when they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

### DIRECTORS

The Directors during the year and up to the date of this report were:

#### Executive Directors

Mr. Wang Ming Fan (*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*)

Mr. Li Qing Long

Ms. Wang Xinyi (appointed on 1 April 2025)

Mr. Yang Ying Chun (resigned on 30 June 2025)

#### Non-executive Directors

Ms. Wan Shuk Ching, Candy (resigned on 30 November 2025)

#### Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger

Mr. Ng Kwun Wan

Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong

Mr. Yau How Boa

Pursuant to Article 87(1) of the Articles, one-third of the Directors shall retire from office by rotation at each annual general meeting. Accordingly, Mr. Wang Ming Fan, Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong and Mr. Yau How Boa shall retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

### BIOGRAPHIES OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Brief biographies of Directors and senior management are set out in the section headed "Directors and Senior Management" on pages 14 to 16 of this annual report.



## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### CONFIRMATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The Company has received annual confirmation of independence from each of its Independent Non-executive Directors. The Company considers that each of them to be independent and has met the guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

### PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION

Pursuant to the Company's Articles of Association no. 167 (the "Article"), the directors of the Company shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets and profits of the Company from and against all loss or liabilities (to the fullest extent permitted by the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622)) which he may incur or sustain in or about the execution of the duties in respect of their offices or otherwise in relation thereto. The Company has arranged appropriate directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage for the directors and officers of the Group.

Up to the date of this report, the Company does not grant any permitted indemnity in favour of any directors of the Company.

### DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES

As at 31 December 2025, the interests or short positions of each Director and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) which were required pursuant to (a) Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange; or (b) Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register required to be kept by the Company under such provision, or (c) the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers of the Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange were as follows:

#### Long Positions – Ordinary Shares

##### (i) Interests in the Shares and underlying shares of the Company

| Name of Director                      | Number of Shares   |                  |                     | Total       | Percentage of aggregate interests to the total number of Shares in issue |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       | Personal Interests | Family Interests | Corporate Interests |             |                                                                          |
| Mr. Wang Ming Fan <sup>(Note 1)</sup> | 336,555,052        | 25,262,431       | 367,638,743         | 729,456,226 | 67.51%                                                                   |

Note:

- The family interests of 25,262,431 Shares represents the shares held by Ms. Yang Yifan, the spouse of Mr. Wang Ming Fan as at 31 December 2025.

The corporate interests of 367,638,743 Shares represents the total of (i) 348,320,509 Shares held by Creative China Limited ("Creative China") and (ii) 19,318,234 Shares held by Full Ashley Enterprises Limited ("Full Ashley"). Creative China is owned as to 41.19% by Mr. Wang Ming Fan whereas Full Ashley is a private company which is wholly-owned by Mr. Wang Ming Fan. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Wang Ming Fan is deemed to be interested in (i) all the 348,320,509 Shares held by Creative China, being 32.24% of the issued share capital of the Company; and (ii) all the 19,318,234 Shares held by Full Ashley, being 1.79% of the issued share capital of the Company.



## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

- (ii) Interests in Boton Flavors and Fragrances Co., Ltd. (波頓香料股份有限公司) (previously known as “Dongguan Boton Flavors and Fragrances Company Limited (東莞波頓香料有限公司)”) (“Dongguan Boton”), an associated corporation (as defined in the SFO) of the Company

| Name of Director  | Amount of paid-up registered capital of Dongguan Boton | Percentage of registered capital of Dongguan Boton |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Mr. Wang Ming Fan | RMB28,324,550                                          | 33.32%                                             |
| Mr. Li Qing Long  | RMB1,275,000                                           | 1.5%                                               |

Notes:

- The total paid-up registered capital of Dongguan Boton is approximately RMB85,000,000.
- Mr. Wang Ming Fan held 33.32% (RMB28,324,550) equity interest by his wholly owned company, Champion Sharp International Investment Limited.
  - There were 9.98% (RMB8,483,000) equity interest held by Ms. Yang Yifan (the spouse of Mr. Wang) and 0.72% (RMB612,042) equity interest held by Mr. Wang through two PRC limited partnership where Mr. Wang acted as general partner.

- (iii) Interests in the shares of Creative China, an associated corporation (as defined in the SFO) of the Company

| Name of Director  | Class and number of shares held in associated corporation | Percentage of issued shares |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. Wang Ming Fan | 4,559 ordinary shares                                     | 41.19%                      |
| Mr. Li Qing Long  | 436 ordinary shares                                       | 3.94%                       |

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company is aware of any other Director or chief executive of the Company who has any interests or short positions in any shares and underlying shares in, and debentures of, the Company or any associated corporations as at 31 December 2025.

### DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURE

At no time during the financial year under review was the Company, or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors of the Company to acquire by means of acquisition of shares in, or debt securities, including debentures, of the Company or any other body corporate.



## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 31 December 2025, the register of substantial shareholders maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO shows that other than the interests disclosed in the section headed "Directors' and Chief Executives' interests in Securities" above, the following shareholders had notified the Company of its relevant interests in the issued share capital of the Company.

#### Long Positions – Ordinary Shares <sup>(Note 1)</sup>

| Name of Shareholder                                 | Capacity/Nature of interest                                               | Number of Shares | Percentage of issued shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. Wang Ming Fan <sup>(Note 2)</sup>               | Beneficial owner, family interest and interest in controlled corporations | 729,456,226      | 67.51%                      |
| Creative China Limited <sup>(Note 3)</sup>          | Beneficial owner                                                          | 348,320,509      | 32.24%                      |
| Full Ashley Enterprises Limited <sup>(Note 4)</sup> | Beneficial owner                                                          | 19,318,234       | 1.79%                       |

Notes:

- Long position in the Shares (other than pursuant to equity derivatives such as share options, warrants to subscribe or convertible bonds).
- By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Wang Ming Fan is deemed to be interested in: (a) 25,262,431 Shares being held by Ms. Yang Yifan, the spouse of Mr. Wang; (b) 348,320,509 Shares being held by Creative China (which is duplicated in the interests described in Note 3); and (c) 19,318,234 Shares being held by Full Ashley (which is duplicated in the interests described in Note 4). Together with his personal shareholding of 336,555,052 Shares, Mr. Wang Ming Fan was taken to be interested in 729,456,226 shares (approximately 67.51% of the total issued share capital of the Company) as at 31 December 2025.
- Creative China is owned as to 41.19% by Mr. Wang Ming Fan, as to 28.11% by Mr. Wong Ming Bun (a former director of the Company), as to 10.01% by Mr. Wang Ming Qing, as to 9.86% by Mr. Wang Ming You (a former director of the Company), as to 6.89% by Mr. Qian Wu (a former director of the Company) and as to 3.94% by Mr. Li Qing Long. As at 31 December 2025, Mr. Wang Ming Fan and Mr. Li Qing Long were Directors of the Company and also directors of Creative China. Mr. Qian Wu resigned as a Director of the Company with effect from 5 January 2018 but remains as a director of Creative China.
- Full Ashley is a private company which is wholly-owned by Mr. Wang Ming Fan who has a duty of disclosure under SFO in the issued share capital of the Company as Director of the Company, therefore Full Ashley is taken to have a duty of disclosure in relation to the Shares of the Company under the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, the Company has not been notified of any other relevant interests or short positions in the issued share capital of the Company as at 31 December 2025.

### DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

Each of Mr. Wang Ming Fan and Mr. Li Qing Long has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing on 9 December 2005, which shall continue thereafter unless and until terminated by either party giving not less than three months' notice in writing to the other party. There is no director service contract between the Company. Mr. Yang Ying Chun who was appointed as an Executive Director with effect from 5 January 2018. Mr. Yang had resigned on 30 June 2025. Ms. Wang Xinyi, Executive Director, had entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing on 1 April 2025.

Ms. Wan Shuk Ching Candy, a non-executive director had entered into a director service agreement with the Company for a term of two years with effect from 29 December 2023. Ms. Wan had already resigned on 30 November 2025.

One of the Independent Non-executive Directors has entered his service agreement with the Company for a term of two years on 3 April 2025 while three of the Independent Non-executive Directors have renewed their service agreement with the Company for a term of two years commencing on 17 December 2025. Either the Company or the Independent Non-executive Directors may terminate the respective appointment by giving not less than one month's notice in writing to the other party.

None of the Directors of the Company has entered into any service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries which is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.



## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### DIRECTORS' REMUNERATIONS AND THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

Details of the Directors' remuneration and those of the five highest paid individuals in the Group are set out in Notes 40 and 30 to the accounts, respectively.

### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE AND CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

Save as disclosed in Note 38 to the Consolidated Financial Statements headed "Significant Related Party Transactions" and the section headed "Connected Transaction" below, no contract of significance in relation to the Group's business, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which a director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the financial year or at any time during the financial year.

### CONNECTED TRANSACTION

On 12 June 2020, Shenzhen Boton Flavors and Fragrances Co., Ltd. ("Shenzhen Boton"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and Champion Sharp International Investment Limited ("Champion"), a company directly wholly-owned by Mr. Wang Ming Fan (Chairman and Executive Director of the Company), acted as the vendors and had entered into an equity transfer agreement (the "Equity Transfer Agreement") with various senior management and general staffs of Boton Flavors and Fragrances Co., Ltd (previously known as Dongguan Boton Flavors and Fragrances Co., Ltd.) ("Dongguan Boton") and a director or connected person of the Company, who were as the purchasers of the transaction. Pursuant to the Equity Transfer Agreement, Dongguan Boton and Champion had conditionally agreed to sell to the purchasers 30% in aggregate of the equity interest in Dongguan Boton to the aforesaid purchasers at the aggregate consideration of approximately RMB68,850,000 (equivalent to approximately HKD75,576,290) (the "Transaction").

With reference to the announcement of the Company dated 10 October 2018 in relation to the Proposed Spin-off of Dongguan Boton and the Proposed A-Share Listing of Dongguan Boton on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, it was a legal requirement that Dongguan Boton must be a joint stock limited company to qualify for the Proposed A-Share Listing. To, inter alia, satisfy the aforesaid requirement, the Transaction was taken place and 30% of the entire equity interest of Dongguan Boton were then proposed to be transferred by the vendors to the purchasers to facilitate its conversion to a joint stock limited company.

In addition, each of the purchasers had unconditionally and irrevocably warranted to Shenzhen Boton while certain purchasers had unconditionally and irrevocably warranted to Champion that Dongguan Boton group would maintain an annual growth of not less than 10% of its revenue and net profit excluding extraordinary items (the "Profit Guarantee") in the five financial years after the completion date (the "Relevant Period"). If the Profit Guarantee could not be met in any two consecutive years during the Relevant Period, the purchasers must, within 30 days after the issue of the audited financial statement, transfer the respective equity interest (save and except the respective equity interest transferred from Champion to Mr. Qian Wu, Mr. Li Qing Long and Ms. Yang Yifan under the Equity Transfer Agreement) to the vendors at the consideration pursuant to the Equity Transfer Agreement.

The amount of the Profit Guarantee for the first financial year ended 31 December 2020 was calculated based on the revenue and net profit excluding extraordinary items stated in the audited report of Dongguan Boton group for the financial year ended 31 December 2019. The Profit Guarantee shall survive the completion of the Transaction but shall be automatically terminated upon completion of the Proposed Spin-off and the Proposed A-Share Listing.

On 1 August 2025, both parties entered into a supplemental agreement to the Equity Transfer Agreement (the "Supplemental Agreement") to have an extended guarantee arrangement ("New Guarantee") on Dongguan Boton Group. Pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement, each of the purchasers guaranteed that the net profit of Dongguan Boton Group from 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2026 should grow by not less than 5%. In the event that the New Guarantee cannot be met (save and except due to the occurrence of the aforesaid force majeure events), the purchasers should transfer the respective sale interest (save and except the respective Sale Interest transferred from Champion Sharp to Mr. Qian, Mr. Li and Ms. Yang under the Equity Transfer Agreement) to the vendors. The Supplemental Agreement will take retrospective effect from 1 January 2025. Save as disclosed above, all other principal terms and conditions of the Equity Transfer Agreement shall remain unchanged and continue to be in full force and effect in all respects.





## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

Since various senior management staffs were directors or connected persons of the Company and/or Dongguan Boton. The Transaction constituted a connected transaction under the Listing Rules of Hong Kong. As the applicable percentage ratios exceeded 0.1% but were less than 5%, the Transaction was subject to the reporting and announcement requirements but were exempt from the independent Shareholders' approval and circular requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Save as disclosed above, during the year of 2025, the Directors confirm that the Group does not have other connected transaction and continuing connected transaction as defined under the Listing Rules and have therefore complied with the disclosure requirement in accordance with Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS**

During the financial year, none of the Directors, the controlling shareholder of the Company and their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) has any interests in any business apart from the Group's business, which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group.

### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

A summary of the financial information of the Group for the last five financial years is set out on page 113 of this annual report. This summary does not form part of the audited consolidated financial statements.

### **DETAILS OF INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

A list of properties held for investment of the Group is set out on page 114 of this annual report.

### **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Articles, or the laws of the Cayman Islands, which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro-rata basis to existing shareholders.

### **PURCHASES, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY**

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the year.

### **SHARE SCHEMES**

The Company has adopted a new share option scheme ("New Share Option Scheme") and a new share award scheme ("Share Award Scheme") by ordinary resolutions of shareholders of the Company ("Shareholders") passed at an extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 11 December 2023 (the "Adoption Date") and on the same date, the Company has also terminated the old share option scheme adopted on 8 May 2015. Upon termination of the existing share option scheme, there were no options granted nor any outstanding options under the existing share option scheme since its adoption.

During the reporting period, there were no options or awards were granted pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme and the Share Award Scheme. Accordingly, the number of shares of the Company that may be issued in respect of all options and awards granted during the reporting period to eligible participants pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme and the Share Award Scheme divided by the weighted average number of issued Shares for the reporting period is 0.

As at 31 December 2025, 500,000 shares were held by the trustee but have not yet been awarded (2024: 500,000 shares).



## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Summary of major terms of the New Share Option Scheme and Share Award Scheme are as follows:

### New Share Options Scheme

#### (i) Purpose

The purposes of the New Share Option Scheme are to recognise and reward the contribution of certain eligible participants to the growth and development of the Group, to give incentives thereto in order to retain them for the continual operation and development of the Group and to attract suitable personnel for further development of the Group.

#### (ii) Participants

Eligible participants include directors, members of senior management, employees of the Group and certain service providers who provides services to the Company or any of its subsidiaries on a continuing and recurring basis in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group which the Board considers, in their sole discretion, to have contributed or will contribute to the Group. The Board shall determine the basis of eligibility of each Eligible Participant by taking into account such factors as the Board may at its discretion consider appropriate. The Directors will assess the eligibility of each of the eligible participants on a case-by-case basis.

#### (iii) Maximum number of shares available for subscription

The total number of Shares which may be issued upon the exercise of all Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme and all options and awards to be granted under the Share Award Scheme and any other share option scheme(s) and share award scheme(s) of the Group (the "Other Schemes") shall not in aggregate exceed 108,051,214, representing 10% of the Shares in issue on the Adoption Date unless the Company obtains an approval from the Shareholders (the "Scheme Mandate Limit"). Options or awards lapsed in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme or Other Schemes shall not be counted for the purposes of calculating whether the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit (as defined below) has been exceeded.

Subject to the paragraph above, within the Scheme Mandate Limit, the total number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all options to be granted to the service providers under the New Share Option Scheme and all options and awards to be granted under the Other Schemes shall not in aggregate exceed 32,415,364 Shares, representing 3% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the Adoption Date (the "Service Provider Sublimit").

The Company may seek approval of the Shareholders in the general meeting for refreshing the Scheme Mandate Limit and/or the Service Provider Sublimit under the New Share Option Scheme after three (3) years from the Adoption Date or the last refreshment.

#### (iv) Maximum entitlement of shares of each eligible participant

The total number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the options and awards granted to each eligible participant or grantee (including exercised and outstanding options but excluding any options and awards lapsed in accordance with the terms of such schemes) in any twelve (12)-month period up to the date of grant shall not exceed 1% of the number of the total issued shares of the Company on that date (the "Individual Limit").

#### (v) Acceptance of option

Offers to grant an option shall be open for acceptance in writing. Such acceptance must be received by the Company within a period of twenty-one (21) business days inclusive of, and from, the date of grant with a remittance in favour of the Company of HK\$1.00 per option as consideration for the grant.





## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### (vi) Period within which the option may be exercised

Options for the time being outstanding may be exercised in whole or in part at any time during the option period commencing on the acceptance date and expiring at the close of business on a day as determined by the Directors (both days inclusive), which period may, if the Directors so determine, be set at different length for different eligible participants provided always that such period shall not be longer than ten (10) years from the date upon which any option is granted in accordance with the New Share Option Scheme.

### (vii) Vesting period of option

- (a) Save for the circumstances prescribed in paragraph (vii) (b) below, an option must be held by the option holder for at least twelve (12) months before the option can be exercised. Notwithstanding anything in provisions under the New Share Option Scheme to the contrary, in no event shall the vesting period in respect of any option granted to the service providers be less than twelve (12) months.
- (b) A shorter vesting period may be granted to the employee participants (exclude service providers) at the discretion of the Board as deemed appropriate at the sole discretion of the Board in the following circumstances:
  - (1) grants of "make-whole" options to new joiners to replace the share awards or options they forfeited when leaving the previous employer;
  - (2) grants to an employee participant whose employment is terminated due to death or disability or occurrence of any out of control event;
  - (3) grants that are made in batches during a year for administrative and compliance reasons, which include options that should have been granted earlier if not for such administrative or compliance reasons but had to wait for subsequent batch. In such case, the vesting period may be shorter to reflect the time from which the option would have been granted;
  - (4) grants with a mixed or accelerated vesting schedule such as where the option may vest evenly over a period of twelve (12) months; and
  - (5) grants with performance-based vesting conditions in lieu of time-based vesting criteria.

### (viii) Option price

The price of an option shall be determined on the date of grant at the absolute discretion of the Directors which shall be at least the highest of (a) the closing price of the shares of the Company ("Shares") as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the date of grant, which must be a trading day; (b) the average of the closing prices of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the five (5) trading days immediately preceding the date of grant; and (c) the nominal value of the Shares on the date of grant, provided that the price of the option shall be subject to adjustment in the New Share Option Scheme.

### (ix) Duration of the New Share Option Scheme

The New Share Option Scheme will remain in force for a period of ten (10) years commencing from the date on which the conditions precedent stated in the scheme are fulfilled, i.e. 15 December 2023.



## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### Share Award Scheme

#### (i) Purpose

The purposes of the Share Award Scheme are to recognise and reward the contribution of certain eligible participants to the growth and development of the Group, to give incentives thereto in order to retain them for the continual operation and development of the Group and to attract suitable personnel for further development of the Group.

#### (ii) Participants

Eligible participants include directors, members of senior management, employees of the Group and certain service providers who provides services to the Company or any of its subsidiaries on a continuing and recurring basis in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group which the Board considers, in their sole discretion, to have contributed or will contribute to the Group. The Board shall determine the basis of eligibility of each eligible participant by taking into account such factors as the Board may at its discretion consider appropriate. The Directors will assess the eligibility of each of the eligible participants on a case-by-case basis.

#### (iii) Administration

The Share Award Scheme shall be subject to the administration of the Board or its delegates and a trustee in accordance with the terms of the Share Award Scheme and the trust deed.

#### (iv) Share pool

In order to satisfy any award granted under the Share Award Scheme from time to time, the trustee shall set aside the appropriate number of awarded shares out of the shares pool which shall comprise the following:

- (1) such shares as may be purchased by the trustee on the stock exchange or off the market by utilising the funds allocated by the board out of the Company's resources, provided that the trustee may not purchase shares when there are no specified participants;
- (2) such shares as may be subscribed for by the trustee by utilising the funds allocated by the board out of the Company's resources, provided that the trustee may not subscribe for shares when there are no specified participants;
- (3) such shares as may be allotted or issued to the trustee as a holder of shares, whether by way of scrip dividend or otherwise;
- (4) such shares which remain unvested and revert to the trustee due to the lapse of the award;
- (5) such shares as may be irrevocably donated or transferred or irrevocably vested or caused to be vested by any persons recommended by the Company to the trustee; and
- (6) returned shares.

The trustee may purchase the Shares on the Stock Exchange at the prevailing market price (subject to the maximum price as may be from time to time prescribed by the Board or its delegates), or off the market. In the event that the trustee effects any purchases off-market, the purchase price for such purchases shall not be higher than the lower of the following: (i) the closing market price on the date of such purchase, and (ii) the average closing market price for the five preceding trading days on which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange.





## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### (v) Award of shares and performance targets

The Board or its delegates shall, subject to and in accordance with the rules of the Share Award Scheme, be entitled to make an award out of the shares pool to any of the eligible participants (excluding any excluded participant), such number of issued Shares as it shall determine pursuant to the Share Award Scheme.

Subject to the terms of the Share Award Scheme and the requirements of the Listing Rules, the Board may at its absolute discretion determine the terms and conditions of any award to be granted to the selected participants and may include the performance targets that must be achieved before the awarded shares can be vested. Such performance targets shall include: financial targets such as net profit after tax for the year of the Group and management targets (such as stakeholder engagement, productivity, client satisfaction etc.) which shall be determined based on the (i) individual performance; (ii) performance of the Group and/or (iii) performance of business groups, business units, business lines, functional departments, projects and/or geographical area managed by the selected participants.

An award shall be deemed to be declined in its entirety by a selected participant unless the selected participant shall within 10 business days after receipt of such notice from the Board notify the Company in writing that he would accept such award. An award not accepted within the said period of 10 business days shall lapse.

### (vi) Maximum number of shares available for subscription

The aggregate maximum number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted under the Share Award Scheme, the New Share Option Scheme and any other share schemes of the Group must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of the adoption of the Share Award Scheme, i.e. 108,051,214 Shares.

Within the Scheme Mandate Limit, the number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted to the service providers under the Share Award Scheme, the New Share Option Scheme and any other share schemes of the Group must not in aggregate exceed 3% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of the adoption of the Share Award Scheme, i.e. 32,415,364 Shares (the "Service Provider Sublimit").

Awards and options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the Share Award Scheme or any other share schemes will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit.

### (vii) Maximum entitlement of shares of each eligible participant

The total number of Shares, in a 12-month period up to and including the date of award, which may be subject to an award or awards to a selected participant together with any Shares to be issued under any options granted to such selected participant under any share schemes of the Company shall not (i) in aggregate exceed 1% of the total number of issued Shares as at the Adoption Date; and (ii) exceed any limits applicable to such selected participant under the Listing Rules (the "Individual Limit").

### (viii) Grants of awards to directors, senior management and substantial shareholders

Any grant of awards to any Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or any of his respective associates, shall be subject to the prior approval of the remuneration committee (excluding any member who is a proposed recipient of the grant of the award) and the independent non-executive directors (excluding any independent non-executive directors who is a proposed recipient of the grant of awards).



## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### (ix) Vesting period

- (1) Save for the circumstances prescribed in paragraph (2) below, the vesting period of the awarded shares shall be not less than twelve (12) months from the date of acceptance of the award by the relevant selected employee participant or service provider.
- (2) A shorter vesting period may be granted to the employee participants (exclude service providers) at the sole discretion of the Board as in the following circumstances: (i) grants of "make whole" awards to new employee participants to replace share awards such employee participants forfeited when leaving their previous employers; (ii) grants to an employee participant whose employment is terminated due to death or disability or event of force majeure; (iii) grants of awards which are subject to the fulfilment of performance targets; (iv) grants of awards the timing of which is determined by administrative or compliance requirements not connected with the performance of the relevant employee participant, in which case the vesting date may be adjusted to take account of the time from which the award would have been granted if not for such administrative or compliance requirements; (v) grants of awards with a mixed vesting schedule such that the awards vest evenly over a period of 12 months; or (vi) grants of awards with a total vesting and holding period of more than 12 months.

### (x) Voting rights of the shares in the shares pool

The trustee shall not exercise the voting rights in respect of the shares held under trust constituted by the trust deed. The selected participants shall not have any right to receive any awarded shares set aside for them unless and until the trustee has transferred and vested the legal and beneficial ownership of such awarded shares to and in the selected participants.

### (xi) Lapse of award

In the event that an employee participant ceases to be an employee by virtue of a corporate reorganisation of the Group, then any award made to such selected participant, to the extent not already vested, shall forthwith lapse and be cancelled.

An award (or, as the case may be, the relevant part of an award) shall, under the following circumstances and subject to the terms of the Share Award Scheme, automatically lapse forthwith and all the awarded shares (or, as the case may be, the relevant awarded shares) shall become returned shares:

- (1) the selected participant ceases to be an employee participant (other than for reason of the death of a selected participant prior to date of vesting. At any time prior to date of vesting, unless the Board otherwise determines, in respect of a selected participant who died, all the awarded shares of the selected participant shall be deemed to be vested on the selected participant on the day immediately prior to his death.);
- (2) the subsidiary by which a selected participant is employed or, in respect of a deceased selected participant as provided in the paragraph (1) above, was employed immediately prior to his death, ceases to be a subsidiary of the Company (or of a member of the Group);
- (3) the Board shall at its absolute discretion determine in respect of a service provider that (a) the service provider or his associate has committed any breach of any contract entered into between the service provider or his associate on one part and any member of the Group on the other part as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine; or (b) the selected participant has been guilty of misconduct, or has committed any act of bankruptcy or has become insolvent or is subject to any winding-up, liquidation or analogous proceedings or has made any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally, or has been convicted any criminal offence involving his integrity or honesty;
- (4) the selected participant could no longer make any contribution to the growth and development of any member of the Group by reason of the cessation of its relationship with the Group or by any other reasons whatsoever;





## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

- (5) an order for the winding-up of the Company is made or a resolution is passed for the voluntary winding-up of the Company;
- (6) a selected participant is found to be an excluded participant (i.e. any person who is resident in a place where the grant of an award and/or the vesting and transfer of shares pursuant to the terms of the Share Award Scheme is not permitted under the laws and regulations of such place or where in the view of the Board or the trustee (as the case may be) compliance with applicable laws and regulations in such place make it necessary or expedient to exclude such person.); or
- (7) subject to the terms of the Share Award Scheme, a selected participant fails to return the duly executed transfer documents prescribed by the trustee for the relevant Shares awarded under the Share Award Scheme within the stipulated period.

### (xii) Duration of the share award scheme

The Share Award Scheme shall be valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing from the Adoption Date.

## MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

During the year, the aggregate revenue from sales of goods attributable to the Group's five largest customers accounted for approximately 38.0% of the Group's total revenue (2024: 38.8%) and the revenue from sales of goods attributable to the Group's largest customer was approximately 22.0% of the Group's total revenue (2024: 22.3%). The aggregate purchases during the year attributable to the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for approximately 12.1% of the Group's total purchases (2024: 20.2%) and the purchases attributable to the Group's largest supplier were approximately 2.9% of the Group's total purchases (2024: 5.7%).

None of the directors, their associates or any shareholders of the Company which, to the knowledge of the directors, owned more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital, had any interest in any of the five largest customers or suppliers of the Group.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to maintaining a high standard of corporate governance and has complied with the CG Code throughout the year ended 31 December 2025, as set out in Appendix C1 of the Listing Rules save for the deviation as disclosed in the Corporate Governance Report from pages 17 to 29, which provide further information on the Company's corporate governance practices.

## DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the model code as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules as its code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions (the "Model Code"). All directors of the Company have confirmed that, following specific enquiry by the Company, they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the year ended 31 December 2025.

## SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the directors of the Company at the date of this annual report, there was a sufficient prescribed public float of the issued shares of the Company under the Listing Rules.



## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### AUDITOR

A resolution will be submitted to the forthcoming annual general meeting to re-appoint Messrs. PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditor of the Company, the Board confirms that there has been no change in auditor of the Company since 9 March 2005, date of incorporation.

### CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

To determine the entitlement to attend and vote at the forthcoming annual general meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 18 May 2026 to 22 May 2026, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the annual general meeting, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Tricor Investor Services Limited on 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong no later than 4:30 p.m. on 15 May 2026.

On behalf of the Board

**Wang Ming Fan**

*Chairman*

Hong Kong  
23 March 2026





## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



**To the Shareholders of China Boton Group Company Limited**  
*(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

### OPINION

#### What we have audited

The consolidated financial statements of China Boton Group Company Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (the “Group”), which are set out on pages 49 to 112 comprise:

- the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2025;
- the consolidated income statement for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

#### Our opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2025, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with HKFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

### BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing (“HKSAs”) as issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA’s Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the “Code”), as applicable to audits of financial statements of public interest entities. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### KEY AUDIT MATTERS

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

The key audit matter identified in our audit is goodwill impairment assessment.

| Key Audit Matter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p><b>Goodwill impairment assessment</b></p> <p>Refer to Notes 4.4 and 9 to the consolidated financial statements.</p> <p>As at 31 December 2025, the carrying amount of goodwill was approximately RMB712,922,000, which accounted for approximately 10.5% of the Group's total assets. Management has assessed the goodwill impairment and RMB845,405,000 of impairment charge of goodwill was recognised in the current year.</p> <p>The Group engaged an external valuer to assist them in carrying out the goodwill impairment assessment. Goodwill impairment is assessed by comparing the recoverable amount of each cash generating unit ("CGU") against its carrying amount. Management determined the recoverable amounts of the CGUs based on the higher of their respective fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, which are calculated using discounted cash flows based on five-year financial projections plus a terminal value related to cash flows beyond the projection period extrapolated at an estimated terminal growth rate.</p> <p>The goodwill impairment assessment involves significant judgments and estimates which include the adoption of appropriate valuation method and the use of key assumptions, including revenue growth rates and gross profit margins during the forecast period, terminal growth rates and pre-tax discount rates, which are subject to high degree of estimation uncertainty. The inherent risk in relation to the goodwill impairment assessment is considered significant due to uncertainty of significant assumptions used.</p> | <p>We have performed the following procedures to address this key audit matter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Obtained an understanding of management's assessment process of goodwill impairment and assessed the inherent risks of material misstatement by considering the degree of estimation uncertainty and the level of other inherent risk factors such as complexity, subjectivity, changes and susceptibility to management bias and other fraud risk factors.</li> <li>(ii) Assessed the appropriateness of management's identification of the CGU to which goodwill is allocated based on the Group's accounting policies and our understanding of the Group's business.</li> <li>(iii) Assessed the competency, capabilities and objectivity of the external valuer engaged by the Group.</li> <li>(iv) Obtained the valuation report of goodwill impairment and assessed the appropriateness of the valuation method adopted by management with the involvement of our internal valuation experts.</li> <li>(v) Performed a retrospective review by comparing the prior year's cash flow forecasts with the current year's actual results to consider whether the key assumptions applied in the forecasts had been subject to management bias and to assess the effectiveness of management's estimation process.</li> </ul> |





## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT (CONTINUED)

| Key Audit Matter                                                                                                                                                                             | How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Goodwill impairment assessment (continued)</b>                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| We considered this area a key audit matter due to the significance of the goodwill balance and the involvement of significant judgments and estimates in the goodwill impairment assessment. | <p>(vi) Challenged and assessed the reasonableness of the key assumptions adopted in the cash flow forecasts, taking into consideration the historical performance, the budgets and plans approved by management, and the industry or market data based on our independent research.</p> <p>(vii) Evaluated the reasonableness of discount rates applied in the calculation with the involvement of our internal valuation experts by reviewing the relevant parameters and calculations and performing independent cross-checking analysis.</p> <p>(viii) Evaluated management’s sensitivity analysis performed over the key assumptions adopted in the impairment assessment to assess the potential implications of changes in assumptions within a reasonable range on the results of the impairment assessment.</p> <p>(ix) Assessed the appropriateness and adequacy of the disclosures related to goodwill impairment assessment in accordance with the applicable accounting standards.</p> <p>Based on the above procedures, we found the significant judgments and estimates applied in management’s goodwill impairment assessment were supported by the evidence we obtained.</p> |

### OTHER INFORMATION

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated 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.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the HKICPA and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors are 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 the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSA's 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 consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSA's, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated 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 control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' 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 consolidated 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.





## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Plan and perform the group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the Group as a basis for forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of the audit work performed for purposes of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is CHAN, Hong Wing (practising certificate number: P07746).

**PricewaterhouseCoopers**  
*Certified Public Accountants*

Hong Kong, 23 March 2026



## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(All amounts in Renminbi thousands unless otherwise stated)

|                                                       | Note | As at 31 December |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-----------|
|                                                       |      | 2025              | 2024      |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                         |      |                   |           |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                             |      |                   |           |
| Property, plant and equipment                         | 6    | 2,265,358         | 1,993,623 |
| Right-of-use assets                                   | 7    | 150,872           | 152,934   |
| Investment properties                                 | 8    | 522,100           | 631,800   |
| Intangible assets                                     | 9    | 733,833           | 1,615,432 |
| Investment in an associate                            |      | 4,311             | 1,768     |
| Deferred income tax assets                            | 25   | 47,763            | 32,495    |
| Prepayments                                           | 14   | 18,725            | 6,162     |
|                                                       |      | <b>3,742,962</b>  | 4,434,214 |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |      |                   |           |
| Inventories                                           | 13   | 250,442           | 337,053   |
| Trade and other receivables                           | 14   | 883,945           | 938,946   |
| Restricted cash                                       | 17   | 1,277,457         | 183,500   |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 11   | 205,553           | 121,491   |
| Assets classified as held for sale                    | 16   | 113,926           | –         |
| Cash and cash equivalents                             | 15   | 324,614           | 282,721   |
|                                                       |      | <b>3,055,937</b>  | 1,863,711 |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                   |      | <b>6,798,899</b>  | 6,297,925 |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                         |      |                   |           |
| <b>Attributable to owners of the Company</b>          |      |                   |           |
| Share capital                                         | 18   | 101,522           | 101,522   |
| Share premium                                         | 18   | 1,292,432         | 1,292,432 |
| Shares held under the share award scheme              | 22   | (979)             | (979)     |
| Retained earnings                                     | 19   | 205,608           | 1,245,431 |
| Other reserves                                        | 20   | 504,093           | 502,549   |
|                                                       |      | <b>2,102,676</b>  | 3,140,955 |
| <b>Non-controlling interests</b>                      |      | <b>288,614</b>    | 268,323   |
| <b>Total equity</b>                                   |      | <b>2,391,290</b>  | 3,409,278 |





## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

(All amounts in Renminbi thousands unless otherwise stated)

|                                     | Note | As at 31 December |           |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-----------|
|                                     |      | 2025              | 2024      |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                  |      |                   |           |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>      |      |                   |           |
| Deferred government grants          | 23   | <b>33,930</b>     | 34,724    |
| Deferred income tax liabilities     | 25   | <b>52,551</b>     | 73,896    |
| Borrowings                          | 26   | <b>1,258,988</b>  | 955,904   |
| Lease liabilities                   | 7    | <b>33,347</b>     | 7,121     |
|                                     |      | <b>1,378,816</b>  | 1,071,645 |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>          |      |                   |           |
| Trade and other payables            | 24   | <b>1,956,875</b>  | 807,141   |
| Contract liabilities                |      | <b>44,565</b>     | 38,454    |
| Lease liabilities                   | 7    | <b>10,761</b>     | 2,758     |
| Current income tax liabilities      |      | <b>73,320</b>     | 74,563    |
| Borrowings                          | 26   | <b>943,272</b>    | 894,086   |
|                                     |      | <b>3,028,793</b>  | 1,817,002 |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>            |      | <b>4,407,609</b>  | 2,888,647 |
| <b>Total equity and liabilities</b> |      | <b>6,798,899</b>  | 6,297,925 |

The above consolidated balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

The financial statements on pages 49 to 112 were approved by the Board of Directors on 23 March 2026 and were signed on its behalf.

**Wang Ming Fan**  
Director

**Li Qing Long**  
Director



## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

(All amounts in Renminbi thousands unless otherwise stated)

|                                                                                                                  | Note   | Year ended 31 December |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                                                  |        | 2025                   | 2024        |
| Revenue                                                                                                          | 5      | 1,495,593              | 1,652,996   |
| Cost of sales                                                                                                    | 29     | (1,118,494)            | (1,055,090) |
| <b>Gross profit</b>                                                                                              |        | <b>377,099</b>         | 597,906     |
| Selling and marketing expenses                                                                                   | 29     | (65,770)               | (48,484)    |
| Administrative expenses                                                                                          | 29     | (369,615)              | (334,671)   |
| Impairment charge of goodwill                                                                                    | 9(a)   | (845,405)              | (67,414)    |
| Net impairment losses on financial assets                                                                        | 3.1(b) | (21,652)               | (7,628)     |
| Other income                                                                                                     | 27     | 3,821                  | 3,402       |
| Other (losses)/gains – net                                                                                       | 28     | (39,477)               | 5,938       |
| <b>Operating (loss)/profit</b>                                                                                   |        | <b>(960,999)</b>       | 149,049     |
| Finance income                                                                                                   | 31     | 9,701                  | 2,085       |
| Finance costs                                                                                                    | 31     | (63,574)               | (65,905)    |
| Finance costs – net                                                                                              |        | (53,873)               | (63,820)    |
| Share of net profit of investment in an associate                                                                |        | 2,772                  | 423         |
| <b>(Loss)/profit before income tax</b>                                                                           |        | <b>(1,012,100)</b>     | 85,652      |
| Income tax credit/(expense)                                                                                      | 32     | 11,976                 | (22,370)    |
| <b>(Loss)/profit for the year</b>                                                                                |        | <b>(1,000,124)</b>     | 63,282      |
| <b>Attributable to:</b>                                                                                          |        |                        |             |
| Owners of the Company                                                                                            |        | (1,031,854)            | 18,381      |
| Non-controlling interests                                                                                        |        | 31,730                 | 44,901      |
|                                                                                                                  |        | (1,000,124)            | 63,282      |
| <b>(Losses)/earnings per share for profit attributable to owners of the Company (expressed in RMB per share)</b> |        |                        |             |
| <b>Basic and diluted (losses)/earnings per share</b>                                                             | 33     | <b>(0.96)</b>          | 0.02        |

The above consolidated income statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.





## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(All amounts in Renminbi thousands unless otherwise stated)

|                                                         | Year ended 31 December |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|
|                                                         | 2025                   | 2024   |
| <b>(Loss)/profit for the year</b>                       | <b>(1,000,124)</b>     | 63,282 |
| <b>Other comprehensive (loss)/income:</b>               |                        |        |
| <i>Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss</i> |                        |        |
| Currency translation differences                        | <b>(8,738)</b>         | 828    |
| <b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year</b>   | <b>(1,008,862)</b>     | 64,110 |
| <b>Attributable to:</b>                                 |                        |        |
| Owners of the Company                                   | <b>(1,036,006)</b>     | 20,197 |
| Non-controlling interests                               | <b>27,144</b>          | 43,913 |
| <b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year</b>   | <b>(1,008,862)</b>     | 64,110 |

The above consolidated statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(All amounts in Renminbi thousands unless otherwise stated)

|                                                            | Attributable to owners of the Company |               |                                          |                   |                |           |                           |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------------|--------------|
|                                                            | Share capital                         | Share premium | Shares held under the share award scheme | Retained earnings | Other reserves | Total     | Non-controlling interests | Total equity |
| <b>Balance at 1 January 2024</b>                           | 101,522                               | 1,292,432     | —                                        | 1,277,394         | 455,810        | 3,127,158 | 249,069                   | 3,376,227    |
| <b>Comprehensive income</b>                                |                                       |               |                                          |                   |                |           |                           |              |
| Profit for the year                                        | —                                     | —             | —                                        | 18,381            | —              | 18,381    | 44,901                    | 63,282       |
| <b>Other comprehensive income</b>                          |                                       |               |                                          |                   |                |           |                           |              |
| Currency translation differences                           | —                                     | —             | —                                        | —                 | 1,816          | 1,816     | (988)                     | 828          |
| <b>Total comprehensive income</b>                          | —                                     | —             | —                                        | 18,381            | 1,816          | 20,197    | 43,913                    | 64,110       |
| <b>Transaction with owners</b>                             |                                       |               |                                          |                   |                |           |                           |              |
| Share-based payments                                       | —                                     | —             | —                                        | —                 | 2,529          | 2,529     | 2,241                     | 4,770        |
| Dividends paid                                             | —                                     | —             | —                                        | (7,950)           | —              | (7,950)   | (26,900)                  | (34,850)     |
| Repurchase of shares for the purpose of share award scheme | —                                     | —             | (979)                                    | —                 | —              | (979)     | —                         | (979)        |
| Appropriation to reserves                                  | —                                     | —             | —                                        | (42,394)          | 42,394         | —         | —                         | —            |
|                                                            | —                                     | —             | (979)                                    | (50,344)          | 44,923         | (6,400)   | (24,659)                  | (31,059)     |
| <b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>                         | 101,522                               | 1,292,432     | (979)                                    | 1,245,431         | 502,549        | 3,140,955 | 268,323                   | 3,409,278    |

|                                            | Attributable to owners of the Company |               |                                          |                   |                |             |                           |              |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|
|                                            | Share capital                         | Share premium | Shares held under the share award scheme | Retained earnings | Other reserves | Total       | Non-controlling interests | Total equity |
| <b>Balance at 1 January 2025</b>           | 101,522                               | 1,292,432     | (979)                                    | 1,245,431         | 502,549        | 3,140,955   | 268,323                   | 3,409,278    |
| <b>Comprehensive loss</b>                  |                                       |               |                                          |                   |                |             |                           |              |
| Loss for the year                          | —                                     | —             | —                                        | (1,031,854)       | —              | (1,031,854) | 31,730                    | (1,000,124)  |
| <b>Other comprehensive loss</b>            |                                       |               |                                          |                   |                |             |                           |              |
| Currency translation differences           | —                                     | —             | —                                        | —                 | (4,152)        | (4,152)     | (4,586)                   | (8,738)      |
| <b>Total comprehensive loss</b>            | —                                     | —             | —                                        | (1,031,854)       | (4,152)        | (1,036,006) | 27,144                    | (1,008,862)  |
| <b>Transaction with owners</b>             |                                       |               |                                          |                   |                |             |                           |              |
| Dividends paid                             | —                                     | —             | —                                        | (2,255)           | —              | (2,255)     | (6,871)                   | (9,126)      |
| Transaction with non-controlling interests | —                                     | —             | —                                        | —                 | (18)           | (18)        | 18                        | —            |
| Appropriation to reserves                  | —                                     | —             | —                                        | (5,714)           | 5,714          | —           | —                         | —            |
|                                            | —                                     | —             | —                                        | (7,969)           | 5,696          | (2,273)     | (6,853)                   | (9,126)      |
| <b>Balance at 31 December 2025</b>         | 101,522                               | 1,292,432     | (979)                                    | 205,608           | 504,093        | 2,102,676   | 288,614                   | 2,391,290    |

The above consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(All amounts in Renminbi thousands unless otherwise stated)

|                                                                                  | Note  | Year ended 31 December |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                                  |       | 2025                   | 2024      |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                                      |       |                        |           |
| Cash generated from operations                                                   | 35(a) | 178,307                | 299,872   |
| Income tax paid                                                                  |       | (25,880)               | (46,222)  |
| Interest paid                                                                    |       | (63,701)               | (64,963)  |
| Net cash generated from operating activities                                     |       | 88,726                 | 188,687   |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                                      |       |                        |           |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment                                        |       | (378,299)              | (526,314) |
| Purchase of intangible assets                                                    |       | (577)                  | (428)     |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets    |       | 840                    | —         |
| Interest received                                                                |       | 9,701                  | 2,085     |
| Purchase of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                |       | (442,600)              | (180,000) |
| Proceeds from disposals of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss |       | 362,634                | 117,220   |
| Net cash used in investing activities                                            |       | (448,301)              | (587,437) |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>                                      |       |                        |           |
| Drawdown of borrowings                                                           | 35(c) | 1,342,970              | 1,194,549 |
| Repayment of borrowings                                                          | 35(c) | (990,700)              | (899,816) |
| Decrease in pledged deposits for bank borrowings                                 | 35(c) | 42,000                 | 77,072    |
| Principal elements of lease payments                                             | 35(c) | (8,237)                | (5,402)   |
| Dividends paid                                                                   |       | (9,126)                | (34,850)  |
| Advances from a related party                                                    | 35(c) | 27,207                 | —         |
| Repurchase of shares for the purpose of share award scheme                       | 22    | —                      | (979)     |
| Net cash generated from financing activities                                     |       | 404,114                | 330,574   |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents                             |       | 44,539                 | (68,176)  |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>                            |       | 282,721                | 349,794   |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents                    |       | (2,646)                | 1,103     |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>                                  |       | 324,614                | 282,721   |

The above consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(All amounts in Renminbi thousands unless otherwise stated)

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

China Boton Group Company Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”) manufacture and sell extracts, flavors, fragrances and electronic cigarette (“e-Cigarette”) products mainly in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”) and Asia. The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 9 March 2005 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961 as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The address of its registered office is: Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681 Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands.

On 9 December 2005, shares of the Company were listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi (“RMB”), unless otherwise stated.

These consolidated financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 23 March 2026.

## 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 2.1 Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with HKFRS Accounting Standards and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance Cap. 622. HKFRS Accounting Standards comprise Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRS”), Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKAS”) and Interpretations developed by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (“FVPL”), which are carried at fair value.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgments in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgments or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements are disclosed in Note 4.

### 2.2 New and amended standards

#### (a) *New and amended standards adopted by the Group*

The Group has applied the following amendments for its annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2025:

- Lack of exchangeability – Amendments to HKAS 21

The amendments listed above did not have any material impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.





## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(All amounts in Renminbi thousands unless otherwise stated)

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 2.2 New and amended standards (continued)

- (b) *Amendments to standards and interpretations that have been issued and are relevant to the Group but not yet effective for the financial year beginning on or after 1 January 2025 and have not been early adopted by the Group.*

|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                         | Effective for<br>accounting<br>periods beginning<br>on or after |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Amendments to HKFRS 9 and HKFRS 7  | Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments                                                                                                                 | 1 January 2026                                                  |
| HKFRS 18                           | Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements                                                                                                                     | 1 January 2027                                                  |
| HK Int 5                           | Hong Kong Interpretation 5 Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause (amendments) | 1 January 2027                                                  |
| HKFRS 19                           | Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures                                                                                                                 | 1 January 2028                                                  |
| Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 | Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (amendments)                                                                      | To be determined                                                |

The Group will apply the above new and amended standards and interpretations when they become effective.

HKFRS 18 will replace HKAS 1 *Presentation of financial statements*, introducing new requirements that will help to achieve comparability of the financial performance of similar entities and provide more relevant information and transparency to users. Even though HKFRS 18 will not impact the recognition or measurement of items in the financial statements, its impacts on presentation and disclosure are expected to be pervasive, in particular those related to the statement of financial performance and providing management-defined performance measures within the financial statements.

The Group is currently assessing the detailed implications of applying the above new and amended standards and interpretations on the Group's consolidated financial statements. The Group anticipates that the application of these new and amended standards and interpretations will have no material impact on the results and financial positions of the Group except for certain reclassification.



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### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, cash flow and fair value interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance. Risk management is carried out by the senior management of the Group.

##### (a) Market risk

###### (i) Foreign exchange risk

The Group mainly operates in the PRC and is exposed to foreign currency risks, mainly with respect to US dollar ("USD") and HK dollar ("HKD"). The Group currently has not entered into any forward contracts to hedge its exposure to foreign currency risk, but will consider hedging foreign exchange risk should the need arise. The conversion of RMB into foreign currencies is subject to the rules and regulations of foreign exchange control promulgated by the PRC government.

The carrying amounts of USD and HKD denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the respective balance sheet dates are as follows:

|                    | 2025    | 2024    |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| <b>Assets</b>      |         |         |
| HKD                | 29,346  | 21,920  |
| USD                | 67,915  | 75,636  |
| <b>Liabilities</b> |         |         |
| HKD                | 371,955 | 402,468 |
| USD                | 4,263   | 2,615   |

If RMB had strengthened/weakened by against USD and HKD, with all other variables held constant, the post-tax loss/profit would have been lower/(higher) as follows:

|     | 2025                                                             |                   | 2024                                                               |                   |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
|     | lower/(higher) on loss<br>after income tax if<br>exchanges rates |                   | higher/(lower) on profit<br>after income tax if<br>exchanges rates |                   |
|     | Strengthened<br>by 5%                                            | Weakened<br>by 5% | Strengthened<br>by 5%                                              | Weakened<br>by 5% |
| HKD | 14,561                                                           | (14,561)          | 16,173                                                             | (16,173)          |
| USD | (2,705)                                                          | 2,705             | (3,103)                                                            | 3,103             |





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### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

##### (a) Market risk (continued)

##### (ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group's interest-rate risk arises from borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest-rate risk. Borrowings issued at fixed rates expose the Group to fair value interest-rate risk. The Group currently has not used any interest rate swap arrangements but will consider hedging interest rate risk should the need arise.

Other than interest-bearing short-term deposits, the Group has no other significant interest-bearing assets. The directors of the Company do not anticipate there is any significant impact to interest-bearing assets resulted from the changes in interest rates, because the interest rates of short-term deposits are not expected to change significantly.

For the year ended 31 December 2025, if the floating interest rate on borrowings had been increased/decreased by 0.5% points with all other variables held constant, the post-tax profit would have changed mainly as a result of higher/lower interest expenses on floating rate borrowings. Details of changes are as follows:

|                        | 2025<br>(Increase)/<br>decrease<br>in post-tax loss | 2024<br>(Decrease)/<br>increase in<br>post-tax profit |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| – 0.5% points increase | (8,605)                                             | (5,125)                                               |
| – 0.5% points decrease | 8,605                                               | 5,125                                                 |

##### (iii) Price risk

The Group is not exposed to equity securities price risk because the Group did not invest in equity securities during the year. The Group is not exposed to commodity price risk. Fluctuation in price of raw materials is normally passed on to customers.



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### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

##### (b) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, investments in wealth management products which are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL") and trade and other receivables.

The Group is mainly exposed to credit risk in relation to its trade and other receivables.

##### (i) *Risk management and security*

For cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and investments in wealth management products, management manages the credit risk by placing all the bank deposits in investing in wealth management products issued by state-owned financial institutions or reputable banks which are all high-credit-quality financial institutions.

To manage the credit risk in respect of trade and other receivables, the Group performs ongoing credit evaluations of its counterparties' financial condition and generally does not require collateral from the counterparties on the outstanding balances. Based on the expected recoverability and timing for collection of the outstanding balances, the Group maintains a provision for expected credit loss ("ECL").

##### (ii) *Impairment of financial assets*

The Group formulates the credit losses of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and trade and other receivables using ECL models according to HKFRS 9 requirements.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash**

While cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash are also subject to the impairment requirement of HKFRS 9, the identified impairment loss was immaterial.

#### **Trade receivables**

The Group applies the HKFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables.

To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

The expected loss rates are estimated based on the roll rate approach considering the invoice days of trade receivables across historical years and the corresponding historical credit losses experienced within the period from 2019 to 2025. The historical loss rates are adjusted by considering historical cash collection and movements of the aging of trade receivables, taking into account the market conditions as well as forward looking information with reference to industry and external macroeconomic data. The Group has identified consumer price index to be the most relevant factor, and accordingly adjusts the historical loss rates based on expected changes in these factors.



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### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

##### (b) Credit risk (continued)

##### (ii) Impairment of financial assets (continued)

On that basis, the loss allowance as at 31 December 2025 and 2024 was determined as follows for trade receivables:

|                                              | Current | Between<br>1 to 90<br>days<br>past due | Between<br>91 to 360<br>days<br>past due | More<br>than<br>360 days<br>past due | Total   |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>As at 31 December 2024</b>                |         |                                        |                                          |                                      |         |
| Expected loss rate                           | 3.37%   | 11.31%                                 | 44.36%                                   | 100%                                 | —       |
| Trade receivables - gross<br>carrying amount | 444,732 | 28,997                                 | 20,420                                   | 220,784                              | 714,933 |
| <b>Loss allowance</b>                        | 14,969  | 3,281                                  | 9,058                                    | 220,784                              | 248,092 |
| <b>As at 31 December 2025</b>                |         |                                        |                                          |                                      |         |
| Expected loss rate                           | 2.28%   | 8.11%                                  | 47.14%                                   | 100%                                 | —       |
| Trade receivables - gross<br>carrying amount | 459,693 | 33,067                                 | 13,108                                   | 224,582                              | 730,450 |
| <b>Loss allowance</b>                        | 10,501  | 2,683                                  | 6,179                                    | 224,582                              | 243,945 |

The closing loss allowances for trade receivables as at 31 December 2025 reconcile to the opening loss allowances as follows:

|                                                             | 2025           | 2024    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Opening loss allowance as at 1 January                      | 248,092        | 241,444 |
| Loss allowance recognised in profit or loss during the year | (4,147)        | 6,648   |
| <b>Closing loss allowance as at 31 December</b>             | <b>243,945</b> | 248,092 |

#### Bills receivable

Most of the bills receivable represent bank acceptance notes, and the identified impairment loss was immaterial.



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### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

##### (b) Credit risk (continued)

##### (ii) Impairment of financial assets (continued)

#### Other receivables (excluding prepayments)

The Group applies the HKFRS 9 three-stage approach to measuring ECL of financial assets included in other receivables. The Group makes periodic collective assessments as well as individual assessment on the recoverability of other receivables based on historical settlement records and past experience.

The Group considers the probability of default upon initial recognition of asset and whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk on an ongoing basis throughout each reporting period. Other receivables that are not credit-impaired on initial recognition are classified in stage 1 and the expected credit losses are measured as 12-month expected credit losses. If a significant increase in credit risk of other receivable has occurred since initial recognition, the financial asset is moved to 'stage 2' but is not yet deemed to be credit impaired. The expected credit losses are measured as lifetime expected credit loss. If any financial asset is credit-impaired, it is then moved to 'stage 3' and the expected credit loss is measured as lifetime expected credit loss.

Other receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Where these financial assets have been written off, the Group continues to engage in follow-up actions such as enforcement activities to attempt to recover the receivables due. Where recoveries are made, these are recognized in profit or loss.

The Group provided for credit losses against other receivables as follows:

|                          | As at 31 December 2025 |                                    |                 | As at 31 December 2024 |                                    |                 |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                          | Gross amount           | Provision for expected credit loss | Carrying amount | Gross amount           | Provision for expected credit loss | Carrying amount |
| <b>Other receivables</b> |                        |                                    |                 |                        |                                    |                 |
| – Stage 1                | 146,918                | (2,506)                            | 144,412         | 141,465                | (2,440)                            | 139,025         |
| – Stage 3                | 25,733                 | (25,733)                           | –               | –                      | –                                  | –               |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>172,651</b>         | <b>(28,239)</b>                    | <b>144,412</b>  | <b>141,465</b>         | <b>(2,440)</b>                     | <b>139,025</b>  |

A provision for loss allowances of RMB25,799,000 (2024: RMB980,000) was recognised in profit or loss in relation to the other receivables.

The Group made no write-off of other receivables during the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: Nil).



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### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

##### (c) Liquidity risk

The Group has adequate cash to finance its operating activities. The Group's finance department maintains flexibility in funding by maintaining adequate amount of cash and through having available sources of financing.

The table below analyses the Group's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the end of each reporting period to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

|                                                                                                                                                               | Less than<br>1 year | Between<br>1 year<br>and 2 years | Between<br>2 years<br>and 5 years | Over<br>5 years | Total     | Carrying<br>amount |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>As at 31 December 2025</b>                                                                                                                                 |                     |                                  |                                   |                 |           |                    |
| Trade and other payables<br>(excluding other taxes<br>payable, salaries payable and first<br>instalment payment of the Land<br>Resumption received (Note 16)) | 728,408             | —                                | —                                 | —               | 728,408   | 728,408            |
| Borrowings                                                                                                                                                    | 1,026,634           | 625,598                          | 430,138                           | 304,407         | 2,386,777 | 2,202,260          |
| Lease liabilities                                                                                                                                             | 10,472              | 10,714                           | 21,927                            | 5,221           | 48,334    | 44,108             |
|                                                                                                                                                               | 1,765,514           | 636,312                          | 452,065                           | 309,628         | 3,163,519 | 2,974,776          |
| <b>As at 31 December 2024</b>                                                                                                                                 |                     |                                  |                                   |                 |           |                    |
| Trade and other payables<br>(excluding other taxes<br>payable and salaries payable)                                                                           | 727,558             | —                                | —                                 | —               | 727,558   | 727,558            |
| Borrowings                                                                                                                                                    | 930,732             | 516,777                          | 170,214                           | 319,578         | 1,937,301 | 1,849,990          |
| Lease liabilities                                                                                                                                             | 3,256               | 1,002                            | 4,175                             | 4,384           | 12,817    | 9,879              |
|                                                                                                                                                               | 1,661,546           | 517,779                          | 174,389                           | 323,962         | 2,677,676 | 2,587,427          |

#### 3.2 Capital management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

Consistent with others in the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as total borrowings divided by total capital. The gearing ratios at 31 December 2025 and 2024 were as follows:

|                      | 2025         | 2024      |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Borrowings (Note 26) | 2,202,260    | 1,849,990 |
| Total equity         | 2,391,290    | 3,409,278 |
| <b>Gearing ratio</b> | <b>92.1%</b> | 54.3%     |

The increase in gearing ratio in 2025 was mainly attributable to the decrease in total equity as a result of the impairment charge of goodwill during the year.



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### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### 3.3 Fair value estimation

The table below analyses the Group's assets carried at fair value as at 31 December 2025 and 2024 by level of the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. Such inputs are categorised into three levels within a fair value hierarchy as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

See Notes 8 and 11 for disclosures of the investment properties and wealth management products that are measured at fair value.

|                                    | Fair value measurements at 31 December 2025 using                             |                                                           |                                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
|                                    | Quoted prices<br>in active<br>markets for<br>identical<br>assets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>other<br>observable<br>inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>unobservable<br>inputs<br>(Level 3) | Total   |
| – Investment properties in the PRC | —                                                                             | —                                                         | 522,100                                            | 522,100 |
| – Wealth management products       | —                                                                             | 205,553                                                   | —                                                  | 205,553 |

|                                    | Fair value measurements at 31 December 2024 using                             |                                                           |                                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
|                                    | Quoted prices<br>in active<br>markets for<br>identical<br>assets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>other<br>observable<br>inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>unobservable<br>inputs<br>(Level 3) | Total   |
| – Investment properties in the PRC | —                                                                             | —                                                         | 631,800                                            | 631,800 |
| – Wealth management products       | —                                                                             | 121,491                                                   | —                                                  | 121,491 |

The Group's policy is to recognise transfer into and transfer out of fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. There were no transfers between Level 1, 2 and 3 during the year.





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### 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

#### 4.1 Useful lives and residual values of property, plant and equipment

The Group's management determines the estimated useful lives and residual values of its property, plant and equipment and consequently the related depreciation charges. This estimate is based on the historical experience of the actual useful lives and residual values of property, plant and equipment of similar nature and functions. It could change significantly as a result of technical innovations and competitor actions in response to severe industry cycles. Management will increase the depreciation charge where useful lives are less than previously estimated lives and residual values are less than previously estimated residual values, or it will write-off or write-down technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned.

#### 4.2 Expected credit loss on trade receivables

The Group makes allowance for expected credit loss on trade receivables based on an assessment about risk of default and expected loss rates. The Group uses judgment in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the counterparties' settlement history, existing market conditions as well as forward looking estimates at the end of each reporting period. Details of the key assumptions and inputs used are disclosed in Note 3.1(b).

#### 4.3 Fair value of investment properties

The Group's certain investment properties are measured at fair value, the fair value is estimated by the external valuer, which involves a number of key assumptions, including term yields, reversionary yields, fair market rents and estimated price per square meter. The assumptions require the use of judgments and estimates. Where the expectation is different from the original estimate, such difference will impact the fair value of investment properties and fair value gains on investment properties in the period in which such estimate has been changed.

#### 4.4 Impairment of goodwill

The Group tests whether goodwill has suffered any impairment annually or, whenever there is an indication of impairment, in accordance with the accounting policy stated in Note 9. The recoverable amounts of cash-generating units have been determined based on the higher of their respective fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. These calculations require the use of significant judgments and estimates. Details of impairment charge, key assumptions made by the management and third-party valuer and impact of possible changes in key assumptions are disclosed in Note 9.

#### 4.5 Income taxes and deferred taxation

Significant judgments are required in determining the provision for income tax. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such difference will impact the income tax and deferred tax provision in the period in which such determination is made.

Deferred income tax assets relating to certain temporary differences are recognised when management considers to be probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised. The outcome of their actual utilisation may be different.



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### 5. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The chief operating decision-makers have been identified as the executive directors of the Company. The executive directors review the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources. Management has determined the operating segments based on these reports.

The executive directors consider the business from a product perspective. The Group is organised into five segments during the year:

- Tobacco flavors (previously known as "Flavor enhancers");
- Food flavors;
- Fine fragrances;
- e-Cigarette products; and
- Investment properties.

The chief operating decision-makers assess the performance of the segments based on the profit for the year.

The segment information for the year ended 31 December 2025 is as follows:

|                                                                                     | Tobacco<br>flavors | Food<br>flavors | Fine<br>fragrances | e-Cigarette<br>products | Investment<br>properties | Unallocated | Total<br>segments |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Segment revenue                                                                     | 385,340            | 205,961         | 177,479            | 668,784                 | 59,488                   | —           | 1,497,052         |
| Inter-segment revenue                                                               | (1,203)            | —               | —                  | (5)                     | (251)                    | —           | (1,459)           |
| Revenue from external customers                                                     | 384,137            | 205,961         | 177,479            | 668,779                 | 59,237                   | —           | 1,495,593         |
| Other income                                                                        | 1,661              | 467             | 608                | 1,085                   | —                        | —           | 3,821             |
| Other (losses)/gains – net                                                          | (1,282)            | 1,485           | 1,940              | (3,420)                 | (38,200)                 | —           | (39,477)          |
| Operating (loss)/profit                                                             | (937,461)          | 62,272          | 43,052             | (124,850)               | 14,309                   | (18,321)    | (960,999)         |
| Finance income                                                                      | 8,763              | 559             | 274                | 79                      | —                        | 26          | 9,701             |
| Finance costs                                                                       | (53,168)           | (855)           | (155)              | (6,210)                 | —                        | (3,186)     | (63,574)          |
| Finance costs – net                                                                 | (44,405)           | (296)           | 119                | (6,131)                 | —                        | (3,160)     | (53,873)          |
| Share of net profit of investment<br>in an associate                                | —                  | 2,772           | —                  | —                       | —                        | —           | 2,772             |
| (Loss)/profit before income tax                                                     | (981,866)          | 64,748          | 43,171             | (130,981)               | 14,309                   | (21,481)    | (1,012,100)       |
| Income tax credit/(expense)                                                         | 15,447             | (7,558)         | (5,599)            | 17,219                  | (2,006)                  | (5,527)     | 11,976            |
| (Loss)/profit for the year                                                          | (966,419)          | 57,190          | 37,572             | (113,762)               | 12,303                   | (27,008)    | (1,000,124)       |
| Depreciation and amortisation                                                       | 73,335             | 6,975           | 9,088              | 43,427                  | —                        | 9,818       | 142,643           |
| Impairment charge of goodwill                                                       | 845,405            | —               | —                  | —                       | —                        | —           | 845,405           |
| Net impairment losses/(net reversal<br>of impairment losses) on<br>financial assets | 23,447             | (320)           | 45                 | (3,719)                 | 206                      | 1,993       | 21,652            |
| Write down/(reversal of write-down) of<br>inventories to net realisable value       | 21,869             | (355)           | (462)              | (5,239)                 | —                        | —           | 15,813            |
| Capital expenditures                                                                | 203,339            | 745             | 971                | 214,445                 | —                        | —           | 419,500           |



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### 5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

The segment information for the year ended 31 December 2024 is as follows:

|                                                                                     | Tobacco<br>flavors | Food<br>flavors | Fine<br>fragrances | e-Cigarette<br>products | Investment<br>properties | Unallocated | Total<br>segments |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Segment revenue                                                                     | 606,045            | 190,355         | 169,757            | 639,592                 | 51,885                   | —           | 1,657,634         |
| Inter-segment revenue                                                               | (4,025)            | —               | —                  | —                       | (613)                    | —           | (4,638)           |
| Revenue from external customers                                                     | 602,020            | 190,355         | 169,757            | 639,592                 | 51,272                   | —           | 1,652,996         |
| Other income                                                                        | 2,014              | 410             | 534                | 444                     | —                        | —           | 3,402             |
| Other gains/(losses) - net                                                          | 2,128              | 996             | 2,615              | 14                      | (200)                    | 385         | 5,938             |
| Operating profit/(loss)                                                             | 90,264             | 54,512          | 46,076             | (50,273)                | 27,332                   | (18,862)    | 149,049           |
| Finance income                                                                      | 512                | 493             | 545                | 396                     | —                        | 139         | 2,085             |
| Finance costs                                                                       | (54,946)           | —               | —                  | (3,995)                 | —                        | (6,964)     | (65,905)          |
| Finance costs – net                                                                 | (54,434)           | 493             | 545                | (3,599)                 | —                        | (6,825)     | (63,820)          |
| Share of net profit of investment in an<br>associate                                | —                  | 423             | —                  | —                       | —                        | —           | 423               |
| Profit/(loss) before income tax                                                     | 35,830             | 55,428          | 46,621             | (53,872)                | 27,332                   | (25,687)    | 85,652            |
| Income tax (expense)/credit                                                         | (13,020)           | (5,981)         | (4,898)            | 9,479                   | (4,100)                  | (3,850)     | (22,370)          |
| Profit/(loss) for the year                                                          | 22,810             | 49,447          | 41,723             | (44,393)                | 23,232                   | (29,537)    | 63,282            |
| Depreciation and amortisation                                                       | 61,921             | 7,451           | 7,340              | 36,287                  | —                        | 7,796       | 120,795           |
| Impairment charge of goodwill                                                       | 67,414             | —               | —                  | —                       | —                        | —           | 67,414            |
| Net impairment losses/(net reversal<br>of impairment losses) on<br>financial assets | (3,616)            | (66)            | 1,199              | 6,897                   | —                        | 3,214       | 7,628             |
| Write-down/(reversal of write-down) of<br>inventories to net realisable value       | 263                | (2,051)         | (2,672)            | 5,627                   | —                        | —           | 1,167             |
| Capital expenditures                                                                | 141,620            | 3,043           | 2,426              | 402,562                 | —                        | 3,419       | 553,070           |

Breakdown of revenue is as follows:

| Analysis of revenue by category                                                           | 2025      | 2024      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Revenue from contracts with customers<br>Recognised at a point in time:<br>Sales of goods | 1,436,356 | 1,601,724 |
| Revenue from other sources:<br>Rental income                                              | 59,237    | 51,272    |
|                                                                                           | 1,495,593 | 1,652,996 |
| Analysis of revenue from external customers by geographic location                        | 2025      | 2024      |
| The PRC                                                                                   | 1,134,195 | 1,363,798 |
| Asia                                                                                      | 358,769   | 287,174   |
| Others                                                                                    | 2,629     | 2,024     |
|                                                                                           | 1,495,593 | 1,652,996 |

As at 31 December 2025, the Group's total of non-current assets other than deferred income tax assets, all of which were located in the PRC, were RMB3,695,199,000 (2024: RMB4,401,719,000).



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### 5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

Accounting policies on revenue recognition

#### 5.1 Sales of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods directly to the customers is recognised at the point that the control of the goods has passed to the customers, which is primarily upon the acceptance of the goods by the customers. The customers have full discretion over the goods, and there is no unfulfilled obligation that could affect the customers' acceptance of the goods.

A receivable is recognised when the goods are delivered, since this is the point in time when the consideration is unconditional because only the passage of time is required before the payment is due. Cash collected from the customers before product delivery is recognised as contract liabilities.

### 6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

|                                    | Buildings        | Plant and machinery | Motor vehicles | Furniture, fixtures and equipment | Leasehold improvements | Construction in progress | Total            |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Year ended 31 December 2024</b> |                  |                     |                |                                   |                        |                          |                  |
| Opening net book amount            | 1,284,647        | 50,520              | 6,919          | 23,386                            | 17,275                 | 146,119                  | 1,528,866        |
| Additions                          | 8,171            | 9,166               | 43             | 6,612                             | 4,860                  | 516,070                  | 544,922          |
| Disposals                          | —                | (7,480)             | (81)           | (41)                              | —                      | —                        | (7,602)          |
| Transfers                          | 79,841           | 810                 | —              | —                                 | —                      | (80,651)                 | —                |
| Depreciation                       | (50,281)         | (7,498)             | (425)          | (8,134)                           | (6,225)                | —                        | (72,563)         |
| <b>Closing net book amount</b>     | <b>1,322,378</b> | <b>45,518</b>       | <b>6,456</b>   | <b>21,823</b>                     | <b>15,910</b>          | <b>581,538</b>           | <b>1,993,623</b> |
| <b>At 31 December 2024</b>         |                  |                     |                |                                   |                        |                          |                  |
| Cost                               | 1,742,275        | 99,115              | 28,665         | 130,539                           | 43,639                 | 581,538                  | 2,625,771        |
| Accumulated depreciation           | (419,897)        | (53,597)            | (22,209)       | (108,716)                         | (27,729)               | —                        | (632,148)        |
| <b>Net book amount</b>             | <b>1,322,378</b> | <b>45,518</b>       | <b>6,456</b>   | <b>21,823</b>                     | <b>15,910</b>          | <b>581,538</b>           | <b>1,993,623</b> |



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### 6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

|                                                | Buildings        | Plant and machinery | Motor vehicles | Furniture, fixtures and equipment | Leasehold improvements | Construction in progress | Total            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Year ended 31 December 2025</b>             |                  |                     |                |                                   |                        |                          |                  |
| Opening net book amount                        | 1,322,378        | 45,518              | 6,456          | 21,823                            | 15,910                 | 581,538                  | 1,993,623        |
| Additions                                      | 148,105          | 3,651               | 278            | 13,128                            | 1,926                  | 210,594                  | 377,682          |
| Disposals                                      | —                | (83)                | (111)          | (738)                             | —                      | —                        | (932)            |
| Reclassified as assets held for sale (Note 16) | (11,902)         | —                   | —              | —                                 | —                      | —                        | (11,902)         |
| Transfers                                      | 744,144          | 8,974               | —              | 970                               | —                      | (754,088)                | —                |
| Depreciation                                   | (69,142)         | (7,105)             | (639)          | (10,517)                          | (5,710)                | —                        | (93,113)         |
| <b>Closing net book amount</b>                 | <b>2,133,583</b> | <b>50,955</b>       | <b>5,984</b>   | <b>24,666</b>                     | <b>12,126</b>          | <b>38,044</b>            | <b>2,265,358</b> |
| <b>At 31 December 2025</b>                     |                  |                     |                |                                   |                        |                          |                  |
| Cost                                           | 2,622,622        | 111,016             | 27,567         | 135,247                           | 45,565                 | 38,044                   | 2,980,061        |
| Accumulated depreciation                       | (489,039)        | (60,061)            | (21,583)       | (110,581)                         | (33,439)               | —                        | (714,703)        |
| <b>Net book amount</b>                         | <b>2,133,583</b> | <b>50,955</b>       | <b>5,984</b>   | <b>24,666</b>                     | <b>12,126</b>          | <b>38,044</b>            | <b>2,265,358</b> |

Depreciation expense of RMB22,136,000 (2024: RMB22,982,000) has been charged to cost of sales, RMB62,000 (2024: RMB285,000) to selling and marketing expenses and RMB70,915,000 (2024: RMB49,296,000) to administrative expenses.

As at 31 December 2025, property, plant and equipment with the carrying amounts of RMB1,245,688,000 (2024: RMB1,186,918,000) were used as collateral for the Group's bank borrowings (Note 26).

#### 6.1 Accounting policies on depreciation of property, plant and equipment

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives as follows:

|                                   |                                                  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Buildings                         | 20 - 40 years                                    |
| Plant and machinery               | 10 years                                         |
| Motor vehicles                    | 5 years                                          |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | 3 - 5 years                                      |
| Leasehold improvements            | the shorter of remaining lease terms and 5 years |

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting date.

See Note 41.4 for the other accounting policies relevant to property, plant and equipment.



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### 7. LEASES

#### (a) Amounts recognised in the consolidated balance sheet

The consolidated balance sheet shows the following amounts relating to leases:

|                            | 2025    | 2024    |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| <b>Right-of-use assets</b> |         |         |
| Land use rights            | 109,296 | 143,981 |
| Buildings                  | 41,576  | 8,953   |
|                            | 150,872 | 152,934 |
| <b>Lease liabilities</b>   |         |         |
| Current                    | 10,761  | 2,758   |
| Non-current                | 33,347  | 7,121   |
|                            | 44,108  | 9,879   |

The lease periods of the land use rights are mainly 50 years. The remaining lease periods of the Group's land use rights mainly range from 32 to 47 years (2024: 33 to 48 years).

As at 31 December 2025, land use rights with the carrying amounts of RMB39,341,000 (2024: RMB64,926,000) were used as collateral for the Group's bank borrowings (Note 26).

The movement of right-of-use assets is analysed as follows:

|                                                  | 2025     | 2024    |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| <b>Opening net book amount as at 1 January</b>   | 152,934  | 154,235 |
| Additions                                        | 39,543   | 7,720   |
| Lease modification                               | 1,698    | —       |
| Reclassified as assets held for sale (Note 16)   | (30,524) | —       |
| Depreciation                                     | (12,779) | (9,021) |
| <b>Closing net book amount as at 31 December</b> | 150,872  | 152,934 |

#### (b) Amounts recognised in the consolidated income statement:

|                                                                                                                                          | 2025   | 2024  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets:                                                                                              |        |       |
| Land use rights                                                                                                                          | 4,160  | 3,866 |
| Buildings                                                                                                                                | 8,619  | 5,155 |
|                                                                                                                                          | 12,779 | 9,021 |
| Interest expenses (included in finance costs — net)                                                                                      | 1,225  | 612   |
| Expenses relating to short-term leases (included in cost of sales, selling and marketing expenses and administrative expenses) (Note 29) | 7,048  | 9,821 |

The total cash outflow for leases in 2025 was RMB15,285,000 (2024: RMB15,223,000).



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### 8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

|                                                | 2025            | 2024    |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| <b>Opening balance at 1 January</b>            | <b>631,800</b>  | 632,000 |
| Reclassified as assets held for sale (Note 16) | <b>(71,500)</b> | —       |
| Fair value losses, gross of tax (Note 28)      | <b>(38,200)</b> | (200)   |
| <b>Closing balance at 31 December</b>          | <b>522,100</b>  | 631,800 |

As at 31 December 2025, investment properties with the carrying amounts of RMB522,100,000 (2024: RMB631,800,000) were used as collateral for the Group's bank borrowings (Note 26).

(a) Amounts recognised in profit or loss for investment properties are as follows:

|                                                                      | 2025            | 2024   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Rental income from lease (Note 5)                                    | <b>59,237</b>   | 51,272 |
| Direct operating expenses from property that generated rental income | <b>(857)</b>    | (823)  |
| Fair value losses recognised in other losses - net (Note 28)         | <b>(38,200)</b> | (200)  |
|                                                                      | <b>20,180</b>   | 50,249 |

As at 31 December 2025, the Group's had no unprovided contractual obligations for future repairs and maintenance.

(b) Measuring investment property at fair value

Investment properties, principally comprising leasehold land and buildings, are held for long-term rental yields or for capital appreciation or both, and that are not occupied by the Group. They are carried at fair value.

(c) Presenting cash flows

The Group classifies cash outflows to acquire or construct investment property as investing and rental inflows as operating cash flows.

(d) Leasing arrangements

Certain investment properties have been leased to tenants under long-term operating leases with rentals payable monthly.

Minimum lease receivables under non-cancellable operating leases of investment properties not recognised in the consolidated financial statements are as follows:

|                                                   | 2025           | 2024    |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Not later than one year                           | <b>26,138</b>  | 53,705  |
| Later than one year and not later than five years | <b>73,406</b>  | 96,966  |
| Later than five years                             | <b>26,410</b>  | 79,229  |
|                                                   | <b>125,954</b> | 229,900 |



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### 8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (continued)

#### (e) Fair values of investment properties

The revaluation loss is included in 'Other (losses)/gains – net' (Note 28).

##### (i) Valuation processes of the Group

The Group's investment properties were valued at 31 December 2025 by an independent professionally qualified valuer who holds a recognised relevant professional qualification and has recent experience in the locations and segments of the investment properties valued. For all investment properties, their current use equates to their highest and best use.

##### (ii) Valuation techniques

For investment properties which fair value hierarchy level is Level 3, the valuations were determined using discounted cash flow projections based on significant unobservable inputs. These inputs include:

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Market rent        | Based on the actual location, type and quality of the properties and supported by the terms of any existing lease(s), other contracts and external evidence such as current market rents for similar properties; |
| Term yield         | Reflecting the security of the existing tenancies as compared to the market level;                                                                                                                               |
| Reversionary yield | Based on actual location, size and quality of the property and taking into account market data at the valuation date.                                                                                            |

The key assumptions used for investment properties market value calculations are as follows:

|                    | 2025                             | 2024                     | Relationship of unobservable input to fair value               |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Market rent        | <b>RMB53-86/<br/>month/sq.m.</b> | RMB52-90/<br>month/sq.m. | The higher the market rents,<br>the higher the fair value      |
| Term yield         | <b>2%-5%</b>                     | 2%-6%                    | The higher the term yield,<br>the lower the fair value         |
| Reversionary yield | <b>4%-6%</b>                     | 4%-6%                    | The higher the reversionary yield,<br>the lower the fair value |

If market rent had been 5% higher/lower than management's estimates as at 31 December 2025, the fair value of investment properties will increase/decrease by RMB22,000,000.

##### (iii) Accounting policies on investment properties

Investment properties, principally comprising leasehold land and buildings, are held for long-term rental yields or for capital appreciation or both, and that are not occupied by the Group. It also includes properties that are being constructed or developed for future use as investment properties. Land held under operating leases are accounted for as investment properties when the rest of the definition of an investment property is met. In such cases, the operating leases concerned are accounted for as if they were finance leases. Investment properties are initially measured at cost, including related transaction costs and where applicable borrowing costs. After initial recognition, investment properties are carried at fair value at each reporting date. Fair value is based on active market prices, adjusted, if necessary, for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. If the information is not available, the Group uses alternative valuation methods such as recent prices on less active markets or discounted cash flow projections.



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### 9. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

|                                    | Goodwill  | Customer relationships | Patents, formula and trademark | Development costs | Non-competition agreement | Computer software | Total     |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| <b>Year ended 31 December 2024</b> |           |                        |                                |                   |                           |                   |           |
| Opening net book amount            | 1,625,741 | 72,736                 | 16,888                         | 175               | 4,908                     | 1,181             | 1,721,629 |
| Additions                          | —         | —                      | —                              | —                 | —                         | 428               | 428       |
| Amortisation                       | —         | (29,886)               | (7,331)                        | (175)             | (1,375)                   | (444)             | (39,211)  |
| Impairment                         | (67,414)  | —                      | —                              | —                 | —                         | —                 | (67,414)  |
| Closing net book amount            | 1,558,327 | 42,850                 | 9,557                          | —                 | 3,533                     | 1,165             | 1,615,432 |
| <b>At 31 December 2024</b>         |           |                        |                                |                   |                           |                   |           |
| Cost                               | 1,625,741 | 298,884                | 112,000                        | 22,693            | 18,476                    | 5,441             | 2,083,235 |
| Accumulated amortisation           | —         | (256,034)              | (102,443)                      | (22,693)          | (11,845)                  | (4,276)           | (397,291) |
| Accumulated impairment             | (67,414)  | —                      | —                              | —                 | (3,098)                   | —                 | (70,512)  |
| Net book amount                    | 1,558,327 | 42,850                 | 9,557                          | —                 | 3,533                     | 1,165             | 1,615,432 |
|                                    | Goodwill  | Customer relationships | Patents, formula and trademark | Development costs | Non-competition agreement | Computer software | Total     |
| <b>Year ended 31 December 2025</b> |           |                        |                                |                   |                           |                   |           |
| Opening net book amount            | 1,558,327 | 42,850                 | 9,557                          | —                 | 3,533                     | 1,165             | 1,615,432 |
| Additions                          | —         | —                      | —                              | —                 | —                         | 577               | 577       |
| Disposals                          | —         | —                      | —                              | —                 | —                         | (20)              | (20)      |
| Amortisation                       | —         | (29,886)               | (4,953)                        | —                 | (1,375)                   | (537)             | (36,751)  |
| Impairment                         | (845,405) | —                      | —                              | —                 | —                         | —                 | (845,405) |
| Closing net book amount            | 712,922   | 12,964                 | 4,604                          | —                 | 2,158                     | 1,185             | 733,833   |
| <b>At 31 December 2025</b>         |           |                        |                                |                   |                           |                   |           |
| Cost                               | 1,625,741 | 298,884                | 112,000                        | 22,693            | 18,476                    | 5,998             | 2,083,792 |
| Accumulated amortisation           | —         | (285,920)              | (107,396)                      | (22,693)          | (13,220)                  | (4,813)           | (434,042) |
| Accumulated impairment             | (912,819) | —                      | —                              | —                 | (3,098)                   | —                 | (915,917) |
| Net book amount                    | 712,922   | 12,964                 | 4,604                          | —                 | 2,158                     | 1,185             | 733,833   |

Amortisation charge of RMB36,751,000 (2024: RMB39,211,000) is included in administrative expenses.



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### 9. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (continued)

#### (a) Goodwill

Goodwill arose from the acquisition of 100% interest of Kimree, Inc. ("Kimree") on 26 April 2016 and the businesses of Shenzhen Huiji Company Limited ("Huiji"), Shenzhen Da Herong Spice Company Limited ("Da Herong"), Guangzhou Fangyuan Spice Company Limited ("Fangyuan"), Hainan Central South Island Spice and Fragrance Company Limited ("Central South") (collectively "Four Businesses") on 29 July 2016.

Goodwill is monitored by management at the level of the tobacco flavors and e-Cigarette products operating segments identified in Note 5.

A segment-level summary of the goodwill cost allocation is presented below.

|                                          | At 31 December 2025 and 2024 |                      |           |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
|                                          | Tobacco flavors              | e-Cigarette products | Total     |
| Acquisition of equity interest in Kimree | —                            | 426,373              | 426,373   |
| Acquisition of Four Businesses           | 1,199,368                    | —                    | 1,199,368 |
|                                          | 1,199,368                    | 426,373              | 1,625,741 |

The recoverable amount of a cash-generating unit ("CGU") is determined based on the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use. The higher amount represents the value-in-use, which is calculated using pre-tax cash flow projections based on financial forecasts prepared by management covering a five-year period. Cash flows beyond the five-year period are extrapolated using the estimated growth rates.

The key assumptions used for value-in-use calculations are as follows:

|                        | e-Cigarette products |        | Tobacco flavors |         |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------------|---------|
|                        | 2025                 | 2024   | 2025            | 2024    |
| Revenue growth rates   | 3%-37%               | 3%-40% | 3%-7%           | -9%-3%  |
| Terminal growth rates  | 2.5%                 | 2.5%   | 2.5%            | 2.5%    |
| Gross profit margins   | 8%-11%               | 8%-10% | 45%-46%         | 53%-54% |
| Pre-tax discount rates | 14%                  | 14%    | 15%             | 16%     |

These assumptions have been used for the analysis of each CGU within the operating segment.

Management determined forecasted revenue growth rates and gross profit margins based on past performance and its expectations of market development. The terminal growth rates are based on the expected long-term inflation rate. The discount rates used are pre-tax and reflect specific risks relating to the relevant operating segments.

Based on the results of management's impairment assessment, impairment charge of RMB845,405,000 was made against the goodwill relating to the tobacco flavors segment for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: RMB67,414,000); while for the e-Cigarette products segment, the estimated recoverable amount exceeded its carrying amount by RMB40,548,000 and thus no impairment was required to make.

As at 31 December 2025, an accumulated impairment of RMB912,819,000 has been provided against the goodwill cost of tobacco flavors segment, and its net book amount was RMB286,549,000.



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### 9. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (continued)

#### (a) Goodwill (continued)

If the revenue growth rates used in the value in use calculation for the Tobacco flavors segment had been 1% lower than management's estimates at 31 December 2025 (2% - 6% instead of 3% - 7%), the Group would have had to recognise an impairment against the carrying amount of goodwill of RMB909,436,000.

If the terminal growth rates used in the value in use calculation for the tobacco flavors segment had been 1% lower than management's estimates at 31 December 2025 (1.5% instead of 2.5%), the Group would have had to recognise an impairment against the carrying amount of goodwill of RMB910,537,000.

If the gross profit margins used in the value in use calculation for the tobacco flavors segment had been 1% lower than management's estimates at 31 December 2025 (44% - 45% instead of 45% - 46%), the Group would have had to recognise an impairment against the carrying amount of goodwill of RMB880,727,000.

If the pre-tax discount rates applied to the cash flow projections of the tobacco flavors segment had been 1% higher than management's estimates at 31 December 2025 (16% instead of 15%), the Group would have had to recognise an impairment against goodwill of RMB929,997,000.

The recoverable amount of the e-Cigarette products segment, would equal its carrying amount if the key assumptions were changed to:

|                       | 2025                | 2024         |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Revenue growth rate   | <b>1.8% - 36.1%</b> | 1.8% - 38.8% |
| Terminal growth rate  | <b>0.7%</b>         | 0.8%         |
| Gross profit margin   | <b>7.8% - 10.2%</b> | 7.2% - 9.6%  |
| Pre-tax discount rate | <b>16%</b>          | 16%          |

#### (b) Accounting policies on intangible assets

Goodwill arises on the acquisition of subsidiaries represents the excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the identified net assets acquired.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is allocated to each of the CGU, or groups of CGU, that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Each unit or group of units to which the goodwill is allocated represents the lowest level within the entity at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes. Goodwill is monitored at the operating segment level.

Goodwill impairment reviews are undertaken annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate a potential impairment. The carrying value of the CGUs containing the goodwill is compared to the recoverable amount, which is the higher of value in use ("VIU") and the fair value less costs of disposal. Any impairment is recognized immediately as an expense and is not subsequently reversed.

The Group engaged an external valuer to assist them in carrying out the goodwill impairment assessment. Management determined the recoverable amounts of the CGUs based on higher of their respective fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, which is calculated using discounted cash flows based on five-year financial projections plus a terminal value related to cash flows beyond the projection period extrapolated at an estimated termination growth rate.

See Note 41.5 for the other accounting policies relevant to intangible assets.



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### 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

|                                                                                                                                                     | As at 31 December |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
|                                                                                                                                                     | 2025              | 2024      |
| <b>Financial assets</b>                                                                                                                             |                   |           |
| <b>At amortised cost</b>                                                                                                                            |                   |           |
| – Trade and other receivables (excluding prepayments)                                                                                               | 647,239           | 610,911   |
| – Restricted cash                                                                                                                                   | 1,277,457         | 183,500   |
| – Cash and cash equivalents                                                                                                                         | 324,614           | 282,721   |
| <b>At fair value</b>                                                                                                                                |                   |           |
| – Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                                                                                             | 205,553           | 121,491   |
|                                                                                                                                                     | <b>2,454,863</b>  | 1,198,623 |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b>                                                                                                                        |                   |           |
| <b>At amortised cost</b>                                                                                                                            |                   |           |
| – Trade and other payables (excluding other taxes payable, salaries payable and first instalment payment of the Land Resumption received (Note 16)) | 728,408           | 727,558   |
| – Borrowings                                                                                                                                        | 2,202,260         | 1,849,990 |
| – Lease liabilities                                                                                                                                 | 44,108            | 9,879     |
|                                                                                                                                                     | <b>2,974,776</b>  | 2,587,427 |

### 11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

|                            | 2025    | 2024    |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Wealth management products | 205,553 | 121,491 |

The range of expected return rates of the wealth management products as at 31 December 2025 was 0.60% to 2.05% (2024: 1.00% to 3.25%). The range of the terms of these products as at 31 December 2025 was 3 months to 6 months (2024: 6 months to 12 months).



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### 12. SUBSIDIARIES

The following is a list of principal subsidiaries at 31 December 2025 and 2024:

| Name                                                                                                                                                                  | Place of incorporation/<br>operation and kind<br>of legal entity | Particulars of issued share<br>capital/registered capital       | Issued capital/<br>paid- in capital | Interest held |      | Principal activities                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                  |                                                                 |                                     | 2025          | 2024 |                                                                             |
| <b>Directly held:</b>                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                  |                                                                 |                                     |               |      |                                                                             |
| CFF Holdings Limited                                                                                                                                                  | British Virgin Islands,<br>limited liability company             | HKD389,500 divided<br>into 38,950,000 shares of<br>HKD0.01 each | HKD300                              | 100%          | 100% | Investment holding                                                          |
| Boton Investments Limited                                                                                                                                             | British Virgin Islands,<br>limited liability company             | 50,000 shares with par value of<br>USD1 each                    | USD1                                | 100%          | 100% | Investment holding                                                          |
| Neland Development Limited                                                                                                                                            | British Virgin Islands,<br>limited liability company             | 50,000 shares with par value of<br>USD1 each                    | USD100                              | 100%          | 100% | Investment holding                                                          |
| Kimree, Inc.                                                                                                                                                          | Cayman Islands, limited<br>liability company                     | 5,000,000,000 shares with par<br>value of USD0.00001 each       | USD1,000                            | 100%          | 100% | Investment holding                                                          |
| <b>Indirectly held:</b>                                                                                                                                               |                                                                  |                                                                 |                                     |               |      |                                                                             |
| Shenzhen Boton Flavors &<br>Fragrances Co., Ltd.<br>("Shenzhen Boton") <sup>#</sup>                                                                                   | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | RMB420,000,000                                                  | RMB420,000,000                      | 100%          | 100% | Manufacture and sale of flavors<br>and fragrances, investment<br>properties |
| Boton Flavors and Fragrances<br>Co., Ltd. (Previously known as<br>"Dongguan Boton Flavors<br>and Fragrances Co., Ltd.")<br>("Dongguan Boton") (Note (a)) <sup>*</sup> | The PRC, company limited<br>by shares                            | RMB85,000,000                                                   | RMB85,000,000                       | 53%           | 53%  | Manufacture and sale of flavors<br>and fragrances                           |
| Boton (Shanghai) Biotechnologies<br>Co., Ltd. <sup>@</sup>                                                                                                            | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | RMB30,000,000                                                   | RMB11,000,000                       | 100%          | 100% | Research and sale of<br>flavors and fragrances                              |
| Kimree Holdings (HK) Co.,<br>Limited ("Kimree Holdings")                                                                                                              | Hong Kong, limited<br>liability company                          | HKD1                                                            | HKD1                                | 100%          | 100% | Trading of e-Cigarette products                                             |
| Kimsun Technology (Huizhou)<br>Co., Ltd. ("Kimsun Huizhou") <sup>#</sup>                                                                                              | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | RMB20,000,000                                                   | RMB20,000,000                       | 100%          | 100% | Manufacture and sale of<br>e-Cigarette products                             |
| Huizhou Kimree Technology<br>Co., Ltd. ("Kimree Huizhou") <sup>@</sup>                                                                                                | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | RMB10,000,000                                                   | RMB10,000,000                       | 100%          | 100% | Trading of e-Cigarette products                                             |
| Geakon Technology (Huizhou)<br>Co., Ltd. ("Geakon Huizhou") <sup>@</sup>                                                                                              | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | RMB60,000,000                                                   | RMB60,000,000                       | 100%          | 100% | Trading of e-Cigarette products                                             |
| Shenzhen Ygreen Technology<br>Co., Ltd. ("Ygreen") <sup>@</sup>                                                                                                       | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | RMB1,000,000                                                    | RMB1,000,000                        | 51%           | 51%  | Manufacture and sale of<br>e-Cigarette products                             |
| Boton Global Technology<br>(Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.<br>(Previously known as<br>"Shenzhen Huashang<br>Biotechnology Co.,Ltd.")<br>("Huashang Biotechnology") <sup>@</sup>  | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | RMB10,000,000                                                   | RMB10,000,000                       | 91%           | 91%  | Trading of e-Cigarette products                                             |



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### 12. SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

The following is a list of principal subsidiaries at 31 December 2025 and 2024: (continued)

| Name                                                                                                                                            | Place of incorporation/<br>operation and kind<br>of legal entity | Particulars of issued share<br>capital/registered capital | Issued capital/<br>paid- in capital | Interest held |      | Principal activities                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|---------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                  |                                                           |                                     | 2025          | 2024 |                                                   |
| <b>Indirectly held: (continued)</b>                                                                                                             |                                                                  |                                                           |                                     |               |      |                                                   |
| Boton Flavors and Fragrances<br>(Hong Kong) Limited                                                                                             | Hong Kong, limited<br>liability company                          | HKD10,000 divided into 10,000<br>shares of HKD1 each      | HKD1                                | 100%          | 100% | Sale of flavors<br>and fragrances                 |
| Best Fortune International<br>Investment Limited                                                                                                | Hong Kong, limited<br>liability company                          | HKD10,000 divided into 10,000<br>shares of HKD1 each      | HKD100                              | 100%          | 100% | Investment holding                                |
| Boton E-Liquid Technology<br>(Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.<br>(Previously known as<br>"China Flavors & Fragrances<br>(Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.") <sup>#</sup> | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | HKD15,000,000                                             | HKD15,000,000                       | 100%          | 100% | Manufacture and sale of<br>e-Cigarette products   |
| Shenzhen Huachang Industrial<br>Co., Ltd. ("Huachang") <sup>@</sup>                                                                             | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | RMB9,803,921                                              | —                                   | 51%           | 51%  | Trading of e-Cigarette products                   |
| PT DBFF Boton Indonesia<br>Co., Ltd. ("PT DBFF Boton")                                                                                          | Indonesia, limited<br>liability company                          | USD3,400,000                                              | USD3,400,000                        | 53%           | 53%  | Manufacture and sale of flavors<br>and fragrances |
| Hubei Boton Biological<br>Technology Co., Ltd.<br>("Hubei Boton") <sup>@</sup>                                                                  | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | RMB500,000,000                                            | RMB130,700,000                      | 100%          | 100% | Research of flavors<br>and fragrances             |
| Top Brave Investment Limited                                                                                                                    | British Virgin Islands,<br>limited liability company             | 50,000 shares with par value<br>of USD1 each              | USD100                              | 100%          | 100% | Investment holding                                |
| Kings Joe Holdings Limited                                                                                                                      | British Virgin Islands,<br>limited liability company             | 50,000 shares with par value<br>of USD1 each              | USD100                              | 100%          | 100% | Investment holding                                |
| Fuzhou Meike Technology<br>Co., Ltd. (Previously known as<br>"Fuzhou Ygreen Technology<br>Co., Ltd.") ("Fuzhou Ygreen") <sup>@</sup>            | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | RMB20,000,000                                             | RMB20,000,000                       | 51%           | 51%  | Manufacture and sale of<br>e-Cigarette products   |
| Shenzhen Shengchuangda<br>Biotechnology Co., Ltd. <sup>#</sup>                                                                                  | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | HKD20,000,000                                             | —                                   | 100%          | 100% | Investment holding                                |
| Huizhou Babo Technology<br>Co., Ltd. ("Huizhou Babo") <sup>@</sup>                                                                              | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | RMB5,000,000                                              | RMB5,000,000                        | 66%           | 66%  | Manufacture and sale of<br>e-Cigarette products   |
| Boton Technology (Huizhou)<br>Co., Ltd. <sup>#</sup>                                                                                            | The PRC, limited<br>liability company                            | HKD55,000,000                                             | HKD47,720,000                       | 100%          | 100% | Manufacture and sale of<br>e-Cigarette products   |

<sup>#</sup> Registered as wholly foreign owned enterprises under PRC law

<sup>@</sup> Registered as wholly domestic owned enterprises under PRC law

<sup>\*</sup> Registered as company limited by shares (Hong Kong-Macau-Taiwan investments, not yet listed) under PRC law

#### Significant restrictions

Cash and bank balances held in Asian countries (including China) are subject to local exchange control regulations. These regulations provide for restrictions on exporting capital from those countries, other than through normal dividends. The carrying amount of the cash and bank balances included within the consolidated financial statements to which these restrictions apply is RMB276,896,000 (2024: RMB251,678,000).



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### 12. SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

- (a) Shenzhen Boton conditionally agreed to transfer approximately 15.9% of the equity interests in Dongguan Boton to the directors and employees of Dongguan Boton at a consideration of approximately RMB36,491,000 for the proposed spin-off for initial public offering of the shares of Dongguan Boton on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange of the PRC. The completion of the transfer is subject to the fulfillment of certain performance conditions of Dongguan Boton and the equity transfer has not been completed as of 31 December 2025 and the date of these consolidated financial statements, Shenzhen Boton continues to hold 53% of the registered capital of Dongguan Boton and has controlling power over Dongguan Boton. Please refer to Note 21 for details.

#### (b) Material non-controlling interests

The total non-controlling interests as at 31 December 2025 is RMB288,614,000 (2024: RMB268,323,000), which is mainly attributed to Dongguan Boton, Fuzhou Ygreen, Ygreen, Huizhou Babo, Huashang Biotechnology, Huachang and PT DBFF Boton.

#### Summarised financial information on subsidiaries with material non-controlling interests

Set out below are the summarised financial information for the subsidiaries that have material non-controlling interests to the Group.

##### Summarised balance sheet

|                              | Dongguan Boton |          | Huizhou Babo  |          |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------|----------|
|                              | 2025           | 2024     | 2025          | 2024     |
| <b>Current</b>               |                |          |               |          |
| Assets                       | 457,507        | 372,120  | 132,334       | 60,179   |
| Liabilities                  | (65,971)       | (67,871) | (108,971)     | (30,656) |
| Total net current assets     | 391,536        | 304,249  | 23,363        | 29,523   |
| <b>Non-current</b>           |                |          |               |          |
| Assets                       | 219,055        | 232,025  | 27,551        | 15,619   |
| Total net non-current assets | 219,055        | 232,025  | 27,551        | 15,619   |
| <b>Net assets</b>            | <b>610,591</b> | 536,274  | <b>50,914</b> | 45,142   |

##### Summarised income statement

|                                                                              | Dongguan Boton |         | Huizhou Babo |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------|---------|
|                                                                              | 2025           | 2024    | 2025         | 2024    |
| Revenue                                                                      | 383,440        | 360,113 | 164,661      | 132,322 |
| Profit for the year                                                          | 94,762         | 89,956  | 4,410        | 3,140   |
| Profit and total comprehensive income                                        | 94,762         | 89,956  | 4,410        | 3,140   |
| Profit and total comprehensive income allocated to non-controlling interests | 44,538         | 42,279  | 1,499        | 1,068   |



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### 12. SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

#### (b) Material non-controlling interests (continued)

##### Summarised statement of cash flows

|                                                              | Dongguan Boton |          | Huizhou Babo |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------|--------------|----------|
|                                                              | 2025           | 2024     | 2025         | 2024     |
| Cash generated from/(used in) operating activities           | 98,662         | 72,524   | 23,935       | (1,215)  |
| Cash used in investing activities                            | (79,092)       | (75,920) | (2,422)      | (3,312)  |
| Cash used in financing activities                            | (15,897)       | (50,000) | (1,420)      | (10,000) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents         | 3,673          | (53,396) | 20,093       | (14,527) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year               | 68,134         | 106,249  | 12,583       | 27,102   |
| Effects of currency translation on cash and cash equivalents | (1,500)        | 15,281   | (29)         | 8        |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year                     | 70,307         | 68,134   | 32,647       | 12,583   |

### 13. INVENTORIES

|                                                          | 2025     | 2024     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Raw materials                                            | 104,282  | 127,651  |
| Work in progress                                         | 39,271   | 61,762   |
| Finished goods                                           | 135,990  | 160,928  |
|                                                          | 279,543  | 350,341  |
| Less: write-downs of inventories to net realisable value | (29,101) | (13,288) |
| Inventories – net                                        | 250,442  | 337,053  |

The cost of inventories recognised as expense and included in cost of sales for the year amounted to RMB993,765,000 (2024: RMB954,043,000).

During the year, write-downs of inventories to net realisable value amounted to RMB15,813,000 (2024: RMB1,167,000) has been made in the consolidated income statement.

Write-downs of inventories to net realisable value were mainly due to impairment of finished goods and raw materials.



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### 14. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

|                                                                   | Note | 2025             | 2024      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------|-----------|
| Trade receivables                                                 | (a)  | <b>730,450</b>   | 714,933   |
| Less: provision for expected credit loss                          |      | <b>(243,945)</b> | (248,092) |
| Trade receivables – net                                           |      | <b>486,505</b>   | 466,841   |
| Bills receivable                                                  | (b)  | <b>16,322</b>    | 5,045     |
|                                                                   |      | <b>502,827</b>   | 471,886   |
| Other receivables:                                                |      |                  |           |
| – Prepayments                                                     | (c)  | <b>255,431</b>   | 334,197   |
| – Other deposits                                                  | (d)  | <b>86,793</b>    | 72,671    |
| – Excess of input over output value added tax                     |      | <b>73,525</b>    | 30,530    |
| – Advances to staff                                               |      | <b>4,566</b>     | 4,166     |
| – Others                                                          |      | <b>7,767</b>     | 34,098    |
|                                                                   |      | <b>428,082</b>   | 475,662   |
| Less: provision for expected credit loss                          |      | <b>(28,239)</b>  | (2,440)   |
| Other receivables – net                                           |      | <b>399,843</b>   | 473,222   |
|                                                                   |      | <b>902,670</b>   | 945,108   |
| Less: non-current – prepayments for property, plant and equipment |      | <b>(18,725)</b>  | (6,162)   |
| Current                                                           |      | <b>883,945</b>   | 938,946   |

Fair values of trade and other receivables approximate their carrying amounts.

The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables are mainly denominated in RMB.

- (a) The credit period granted to customers is generally between 30 to 360 days. The ageing analysis of the trade receivables based on invoice date is as follows:

|                                             | 2025           | 2024    |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Less than 3 months                          | <b>364,119</b> | 300,331 |
| More than 3 months but not exceeding 1 year | <b>90,767</b>  | 149,314 |
| More than 1 year                            | <b>275,564</b> | 265,288 |
|                                             | <b>730,450</b> | 714,933 |

Information about the expected credit loss of trade receivables and the Group's exposure to credit risk can be found in Note 3.1(b).



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### 14. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (continued)

#### (b) Bills receivable

Bills receivable include bank acceptance bills and commercial acceptance bills which are analysed as follows:

|                             | 2025   | 2024  |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|
| Bank acceptance bills       | 15,413 | 3,629 |
| Commercial acceptance bills | 909    | 1,416 |
|                             | 16,322 | 5,045 |

The maturity profile of bills receivable is as follows:

|                | 2025   | 2024  |
|----------------|--------|-------|
| Up to 3 months | 8,882  | 3,776 |
| 3 to 6 months  | 7,440  | 1,269 |
|                | 16,322 | 5,045 |

(c) The amount mainly represents prepayments for raw materials.

(d) The amount mainly represents deposits for suppliers and rental deposits.

### 15. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

|                                 | 2025        | 2024      |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Cash at bank and on hand        | 1,602,071   | 466,221   |
| Less: restricted cash (Note 17) | (1,277,457) | (183,500) |
| Cash and cash equivalents       | 324,614     | 282,721   |

The balance is mainly denominated in RMB.

The carrying amount of the balance approximates its fair value and represents maximum exposure to credit risk.



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### 16. ASSETS CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE

On 7 December 2025, Shenzhen Boton, entered into a land resumption agreement with Xili Residential District Office in Nanshan District of Shenzhen (深圳市南山區西麗街道辦事處) (the “Local Authority”) (the “Land Resumption Agreement”). Pursuant to the Land Resumption Agreement, Shenzhen Boton shall surrender a land parcel located at Le Li Road, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, the PRC (the “Proposed Land”) and its land use rights to the Local Authority in return for a total compensation of RMB2,271,913,552 and an early completion bonus of RMB222,472,334 (the “Land Resumption”), which shall be payable in cash to Shenzhen Boton by instalments into the jointly managed bank account by the parties. As at 31 December 2025, the Company has received the first instalment payment of RMB1,135,956,776 according to the Land Resumption Agreement, which was restricted for use at 31 December 2025. Such restriction was subsequently discharged in February 2026 after the Company’s shareholders approved the Land Resumption transaction in the related extraordinary general meeting held on 2 February 2026.

The Proposed Land, comprising certain land use rights and buildings and structures, is classified as assets held for sale, which includes the following:

|                                        | 2025    |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Right-of-use assets (Note 7)           | 30,524  |
| Investment properties (Note 8)         | 71,500  |
| Property, plant and equipment (Note 6) | 11,902  |
|                                        | 113,926 |

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Land Resumption Agreement, Shenzhen Boton shall (a) surrender the land use rights of the Proposed Land and procure the amendment of the land use rights granting agreement of the Proposed Land with the Nanshan Administration Bureau of the Shenzhen Municipal Planning and Natural Resources Bureau (深圳市規劃和自然資源局南山管理局); and (b) arrange for the de-registration of the land title certificate of the Proposed Land under its name. As at the date of these consolidated financial statements, the Land Resumption transaction has not been completed, thus the above first instalment payment received was recorded in ‘Other payables’ as at 31 December 2025.

### 17. RESTRICTED CASH

|                                                                                                | 2025      | 2024    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Pledged deposits for bank borrowings (Note 26(b))                                              | 141,500   | 183,500 |
| First instalment payment of the Land Resumption under the jointly management account (Note 16) | 1,135,957 | —       |
|                                                                                                | 1,277,457 | 183,500 |

The carrying amount of the balance approximates its fair value and represents maximum exposure to credit risk.



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### 18. SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE PREMIUM

Ordinary shares, issued and fully paid:

|                                                                    | Number of<br>shares<br>(thousands) | Share<br>capital | Share<br>premium | Total            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>As at 1 January 2024, 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2025</b> | <b>1,080,512</b>                   | <b>101,522</b>   | <b>1,292,432</b> | <b>1,393,954</b> |

### 19. RETAINED EARNINGS

|                            | 2025               | 2024      |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| <b>At 1 January</b>        | <b>1,245,431</b>   | 1,277,394 |
| (Loss)/profit for the year | <b>(1,031,854)</b> | 18,381    |
| Dividends paid (Note 21)   | <b>(2,255)</b>     | (7,950)   |
| Appropriation to reserves  | <b>(5,714)</b>     | (42,394)  |
| <b>At 31 December</b>      | <b>205,608</b>     | 1,245,431 |



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### 20. OTHER RESERVES

|                                  | Reserve funds<br>Note (a) | Share-based payments reserve | Discretionary surplus reserve<br>Note (a) | Enterprise expansion fund<br>Note (a) | Merger reserve<br>Note (b) | Currency translation reserve | Revaluation reserve | Others | Total   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------|---------|
| <b>At 1 January 2024</b>         | 273,835                   | 67,718                       | 6,034                                     | 6,966                                 | 22,920                     | (66,509)                     | 142,332             | 2,514  | 455,810 |
| Profit appropriations            | 42,394                    | —                            | —                                         | —                                     | —                          | —                            | —                   | —      | 42,394  |
| Share-based payments             | —                         | 2,529                        | —                                         | —                                     | —                          | —                            | —                   | —      | 2,529   |
| Currency translation differences | —                         | —                            | —                                         | —                                     | —                          | 1,816                        | —                   | —      | 1,816   |
| <b>At 31 December 2024</b>       | 316,229                   | 70,247                       | 6,034                                     | 6,966                                 | 22,920                     | (64,693)                     | 142,332             | 2,514  | 502,549 |

|                                            | Reserve funds<br>Note (a) | Share-based payments reserve | Discretionary surplus reserve<br>Note (a) | Enterprise expansion fund<br>Note (a) | Merger reserve<br>Note (b) | Currency translation reserve | Revaluation reserve | Others | Total   |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------|---------|
| <b>At 1 January 2025</b>                   | 316,229                   | 70,247                       | 6,034                                     | 6,966                                 | 22,920                     | (64,693)                     | 142,332             | 2,514  | 502,549 |
| Profit appropriations                      | 5,714                     | —                            | —                                         | —                                     | —                          | —                            | —                   | —      | 5,714   |
| Currency translation differences           | —                         | —                            | —                                         | —                                     | —                          | (4,152)                      | —                   | —      | (4,152) |
| Transaction with non-controlling interests | —                         | —                            | —                                         | —                                     | —                          | —                            | —                   | (18)   | (18)    |
| <b>At 31 December 2025</b>                 | 321,943                   | 70,247                       | 6,034                                     | 6,966                                 | 22,920                     | (68,845)                     | 142,332             | 2,496  | 504,093 |

- (a) In accordance with relevant laws and regulations of the PRC, the PRC subsidiaries of the Group should make appropriations from the net profit to the reserve fund, discretionary surplus reserve and the enterprise expansion fund, after offsetting accumulated losses from prior years, and before profit distributions to the shareholders. The appropriations to the reserve fund are made at 10% of the net profit until the balance of the fund reaches 50% of their registered capital. The amounts of appropriations to the discretionary surplus reserve and the enterprise expansion fund are determined by the directors of the PRC subsidiaries.

Upon approval from the board of directors, the reserve fund can be used to offset accumulated losses or to increase capital; the enterprise expansion fund can be used to expand production or to increase capital.

- (b) Merger reserve represents the difference between the par value of the share capital issued by the Company and the share capital and premium of a subsidiary acquired through an exchange of shares.



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### 21. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

On 12 June 2020, Shenzhen Boton, Champion Sharp International Investment Limited (“Champion Sharp”) and the non-controlling shareholders of Dongguan Boton (collectively, as “Vendors”) entered into an equity transfer agreement in respect of the disposal of approximately 30% of equity interest of Dongguan Boton (“Sale Interest”), with a director of Dongguan Boton, a director of the Company, the spouse of the Chairman of the Company, and Shenzhen Xiangyuan Enterprise Management Partnership and Shenzhen Xiangju Enterprise Management Partnership, limited partnerships set up by the Chairman of the Company and certain employees of Dongguan Boton (collectively, as “Purchasers”) and Dongguan Boton, pursuant to which the Vendors have conditionally agreed to sell to the Purchasers and the Purchasers have conditionally agreed to purchase from the Vendors the Sale Interest at the aggregate consideration of approximately RMB68,850,000 (the “Consideration”), of which approximately RMB36,491,000 (representing 15.9% equity interests of Dongguan Boton) was paid to Shenzhen Boton and approximately RMB32,359,000 (representing 14.1% equity interests of Dongguan Boton) was paid to Champion Sharp. The above arrangement is to facilitate the proposed spin-off for initial public offering of shares of Dongguan Boton on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange of the PRC (the “A-Share listing”). Since the Company had announced the proposal to spin-off Dongguan Boton and proposed to make arrangement so that Dongguan Boton would become a joint stock limited company to qualify for the proposed A-Share listing. To, inter alia, satisfy the aforesaid requirement, the above equity transfer was taken place and the Sale Interest of Dongguan Boton were then proposed to be transferred by the Vendors to the Purchasers to facilitate its conversion to a joint stock limited company.

The completion of the above equity transfer was subject to the fulfillment of certain performance conditions of Dongguan Boton in the five financial years commencing year ended 31 December 2020 (the “Performance Guarantee”), the Performance Guarantee period was further extended to 31 March 2026 pursuant to a supplement agreement entered into by the relevant parties in August 2025. The Performance Guarantee shall be automatically terminated upon completion of the proposed spin-off for the A-Share listing.

As the Performance Guarantee has not been fulfilled as of 31 December 2025, the above equity transfer has not been completed as of 31 December 2025, and the RMB36,491,000 of consideration received by Shenzhen Boton has been accounted for as payables to the Purchasers and included in ‘Other payables’ (Note 24 (c)).

The difference between the Consideration and the fair value of the Sale Interest, amounting to approximately RMB23,850,000, was accounted for as share-based payments and amortised over five years, and recognised in employee benefit expenses (Note 30) and equity in the share-based payment reserve (Note 21). There was no share-based payments recognised during the year (2024: RMB4,770,000).

The Purchasers are legally entitled to dividends. During the year ended 31 December 2025, Dongguan Boton paid RMB2,255,000 of dividends to the Purchasers (2024: RMB7,950,000).

### 22. SHARES HELD UNDER THE SHARE AWARD SCHEME

On 11 December 2023, the Company adopted a share award scheme (the “Share Award Scheme”). The adoption of the Share Award Scheme provides for the award of ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company to any employee participant or service provider which the Company considers, in their sole discretion, to have contributed or will contribute to the Company and its subsidiaries, who are not required to pay for those shares either on grant or on vesting of the award. The trustee, namely Tricor Trust (Hong Kong) Limited, is a professional institution appointed by the Company as such to operate and administer the Share Award Scheme in accordance with the terms of the Share Award Scheme.

No share was awarded under the Share Award Scheme during the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: Nil). As at 31 December 2025, 500,000 shares are held by the trustee and have yet to be awarded (2024 : 500,000 shares).



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### 23. DEFERRED GOVERNMENT GRANTS

|                                           | 2025          | 2024   |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| At 1 January                              | <b>34,724</b> | 35,518 |
| Credited to consolidated income statement | <b>(794)</b>  | (794)  |
| At 31 December                            | <b>33,930</b> | 34,724 |

As at 31 December 2025, amounts mainly represented various government grants received by Shenzhen Boton for subsidising the research and development and government grants received by Hubei Boton for land use rights. There were no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attached to these government grants.

### 24. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

|                                                             | Note | 2025             | 2024    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------|---------|
| Trade payables                                              | (a)  | <b>382,219</b>   | 432,587 |
| Payables for business combinations                          | (b)  | <b>150,000</b>   | 150,000 |
| Salaries payable                                            |      | <b>57,366</b>    | 44,447  |
| Other taxes payable                                         |      | <b>35,144</b>    | 35,136  |
| Accrued expenses                                            |      | <b>30,444</b>    | 17,238  |
| Amount due to the directors and employees of Dongguan Boton | (c)  | <b>36,491</b>    | 36,491  |
| Bills payable                                               |      | —                | 1,141   |
| First instalment payment of the Land Resumption received    | 16   | <b>1,135,957</b> | —       |
| Advances from a related party                               | (d)  | <b>27,207</b>    | —       |
| Others                                                      |      | <b>102,047</b>   | 90,101  |
|                                                             |      | <b>1,956,875</b> | 807,141 |

The carrying amounts of trade and other payables are mainly denominated in RMB.

(a) The ageing analysis of the trade payables based on invoice date is as follows:

|                                             | 2025           | 2024    |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Less than 3 months                          | <b>306,305</b> | 290,632 |
| More than 3 months but not exceeding 1 year | <b>7,361</b>   | 64,980  |
| More than 1 year                            | <b>68,553</b>  | 76,975  |
|                                             | <b>382,219</b> | 432,587 |

- (b) The balance represented the outstanding consideration payable in relation to the acquisition of Kimree, Inc. (Note 37).
- (c) The balance represented consideration from the directors and employees of Dongguan Boton for the proposed transfer of equity interests of Dongguan Boton (Note 21).
- (d) The above advances from a related party represents advances from to Mr. Wang Ming Fan, the ultimate controlling shareholder of the Company, which are unsecured, repayable on demand and interest-free.



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### 25. DEFERRED INCOME TAX

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax is related to the same taxation authority. The analysis of deferred income tax assets and liabilities is as follows:

#### Before offsetting:

|                                             | 2025     | 2024     |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Deferred income tax assets:                 |          |          |
| – to be recovered within 12 months          | 8,637    | 25,373   |
| – to be recovered after more than 12 months | 52,038   | 12,669   |
|                                             | 60,675   | 38,042   |
| Deferred income tax liabilities:            |          |          |
| – to be recovered within 12 months          | (8,881)  | (8,816)  |
| – to be recovered after more than 12 months | (56,582) | (70,627) |
|                                             | (65,463) | (79,443) |

#### After offsetting:

|                                 | 2025     | 2024     |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Deferred income tax assets      | 47,763   | 32,495   |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | (52,551) | (73,896) |

As at 31 December 2025, deferred income tax assets and deferred income tax liabilities were offset, where they are in the same entity, to the extent of RMB12,912,000 (2024: RMB5,547,000).

The movement of the deferred income tax account is as follows:

|                                                     | 2025     | 2024     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| At 1 January                                        | (41,401) | (57,186) |
| Credited to consolidated income statement (Note 32) | 36,613   | 15,785   |
| At 31 December                                      | (4,788)  | (41,401) |





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### 25. DEFERRED INCOME TAX (continued)

The movement in deferred income tax assets and liabilities during the year before offsetting of balances relating to the same entity is as follows:

#### Deferred income tax assets

|                                                        | Provision for<br>impairment<br>on trade and<br>other<br>receivables | Tax losses    | Accrued<br>expenses<br>and salaries<br>payable | Others       | Total         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>At 1 January 2024</b>                               | 27,601                                                              | 364           | 5,286                                          | 1,703        | 34,954        |
| Credited/(charged) to<br>consolidated income statement | 1,111                                                               | 3,438         | (1,656)                                        | 195          | 3,088         |
| <b>At 31 December 2024</b>                             | 28,712                                                              | 3,802         | 3,630                                          | 1,898        | 38,042        |
| <b>At 1 January 2025</b>                               | <b>28,712</b>                                                       | <b>3,802</b>  | <b>3,630</b>                                   | <b>1,898</b> | <b>38,042</b> |
| Credited/(charged) to<br>consolidated income statement | (912)                                                               | 19,823        | 1,242                                          | 2,480        | 22,633        |
| <b>At 31 December 2025</b>                             | <b>27,800</b>                                                       | <b>23,625</b> | <b>4,872</b>                                   | <b>4,378</b> | <b>60,675</b> |

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for tax loss carry-forwards to the extent that the realisation of the related tax benefits through the future taxable profits is probable. The Group did not recognise deferred income tax assets of RMB7,962,000 (2024: RMB30,176,000) in respect of tax losses amounting to RMB42,877,000 (2024: RMB133,051,000) that can be carried forward against future taxable income. These tax losses have not been recognised due to uncertainty of their future recoverability.



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### 25. DEFERRED INCOME TAX (continued)

#### Deferred income tax liabilities

|                                              | Fair value<br>change<br>on investment<br>properties | Transfer of<br>owner-occupied<br>properties to<br>investment<br>properties | Withholding tax<br>on the earnings<br>anticipated<br>to be<br>remitted by<br>subsidiaries<br>(Note (a)) | Amortisation<br>of intangible<br>assets | Total           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>At 1 January 2024</b>                     | (24,282)                                            | (25,118)                                                                   | (16,500)                                                                                                | (26,240)                                | (92,140)        |
| Credited to consolidated<br>income statement | 30                                                  | —                                                                          | 3,850                                                                                                   | 8,817                                   | 12,697          |
| <b>At 31 December 2024</b>                   | (24,252)                                            | (25,118)                                                                   | (12,650)                                                                                                | (17,423)                                | (79,443)        |
| <b>At 1 January 2025</b>                     | <b>(24,252)</b>                                     | <b>(25,118)</b>                                                            | <b>(12,650)</b>                                                                                         | <b>(17,423)</b>                         | <b>(79,443)</b> |
| Credited to consolidated<br>income statement | <b>5,730</b>                                        | <b>—</b>                                                                   | <b>—</b>                                                                                                | <b>8,250</b>                            | <b>13,980</b>   |
| <b>At 31 December 2025</b>                   | <b>(18,522)</b>                                     | <b>(25,118)</b>                                                            | <b>(12,650)</b>                                                                                         | <b>(9,173)</b>                          | <b>(65,463)</b> |

- (a) With effect from 1 January 2008, companies within the PRC are required to withhold income tax at 10% of the amount of dividend declares to their immediate holding companies outside the PRC out of profits earned after 1 January 2008. A lower 5% withholding income tax rate is applied when the immediate holding companies of the PRC subsidiaries are established in Hong Kong and fulfil certain requirements under the tax treaty arrangements between the PRC and Hong Kong. As at 31 December 2025, deferred income tax liabilities were not recognised for the withholding tax that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of RMB7,910,800 (2024: RMB111,893,000) of certain subsidiaries in the PRC as these earnings are expected to be retained by these PRC subsidiaries for reinvestment purposes and would not be remitted to their overseas holding companies in the foreseeable future based on management's estimation of the Group's overseas funding requirements.



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### 26. BORROWINGS

|                                                 | 2025             | 2024             |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Non-current</b>                              |                  |                  |
| Bank borrowings                                 |                  |                  |
| — secured (b)                                   | 1,241,608        | 701,240          |
| — unsecured                                     | 499,231          | 456,948          |
| Other borrowings                                |                  |                  |
| — secured                                       | 83,655           | 72,000           |
|                                                 | 1,824,494        | 1,230,188        |
| Less: current portion of non-current borrowings | (565,506)        | (274,284)        |
|                                                 | 1,258,988        | 955,904          |
| <b>Current</b>                                  |                  |                  |
| Bank borrowings                                 |                  |                  |
| — secured (b)                                   | 95,889           | 231,192          |
| — unsecured                                     | 281,877          | 388,610          |
|                                                 | 377,766          | 619,802          |
| Current portion of non-current borrowings       | 565,506          | 274,284          |
|                                                 | 943,272          | 894,086          |
| <b>Total borrowings</b>                         | <b>2,202,260</b> | <b>1,849,990</b> |

(a) The Group's borrowings are denominated in the following currencies:

|              | As at 31 December |                  |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
|              | 2025              | 2024             |
| RMB          | 2,012,071         | 1,605,911        |
| HKD          | 190,189           | 244,079          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2,202,260</b>  | <b>1,849,990</b> |

(b) As at 31 December 2025, bank borrowings were secured by:

- Property, plant and machinery of RMB1,245,688,000 (2024: RMB1,186,918,000);
- Investment properties of RMB522,100,000 (2024: RMB631,800,000);
- Bank deposits of RMB141,500,000 (2024: RMB183,500,000);
- Land use rights of RMB39,341,000 (2024: RMB64,926,000);
- 100% equity pledge of Shenzhen Boton held by CFF Holdings Limited (2024: same);
- Personal guarantee by Wang Ming Fan, Chairman of the Group (2024: same);
- Corporate guarantee by China Boton Group and Shenzhen Boton (2024: same).



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### 26. BORROWINGS (continued)

- (c) The exposure of the borrowings to interest-rate changes at the end of the year are as follows:

|                              | 2025             | 2024      |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Borrowings at floating rates |                  |           |
| 6 months or less             | 150,241          | 249,574   |
| 6 - 12 months                | 1,570,724        | 1,058,138 |
|                              | 1,720,965        | 1,307,712 |
| Borrowings at fixed rates    | 481,295          | 542,278   |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>2,202,260</b> | 1,849,990 |

- (d) The borrowings are repayable as follows:

|                       | 2025             | 2024      |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Within 1 year         | 943,272          | 894,086   |
| Between 1 and 2 years | 566,116          | 511,513   |
| Between 2 and 5 years | 417,071          | 163,570   |
| Over 5 years          | 275,801          | 280,821   |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>2,202,260</b> | 1,849,990 |

- (e) The weighted-average effective interest rate of the borrowings at the balance sheet date is 3.01% (2024: 4.79%).
- (f) The fair values of the borrowings are not materially different from their carrying amounts as they are either short term in nature or the interest rates on these borrowings are close to the current market rates.
- (g) As at 31 December 2025, the Group had unused credit facilities from banks amounted to RMB299,750,000 (2024: RMB1,180,206,000).

### 27. OTHER INCOME

|                   | 2025  | 2024  |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Government grants | 3,616 | 3,372 |
| Others            | 205   | 30    |
|                   | 3,821 | 3,402 |



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### 28. OTHER (LOSSES)/GAINS – NET

|                                                               | 2025            | 2024  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Fair value gains on investments in wealth management products | 4,096           | 1,324 |
| (Losses)/gains on disposal of property, plant and equipment   | (112)           | 3,130 |
| Fair value losses on investment properties (Note 8)           | (38,200)        | (200) |
| Others                                                        | (5,261)         | 1,684 |
|                                                               | <b>(39,477)</b> | 5,938 |

### 29. EXPENSES BY NATURE

Expenses included in cost of sales, selling and marketing expenses and administrative expenses are analysed as follows:

|                                                                                    | 2025             | 2024      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Depreciation and amortisation                                                      | 142,643          | 120,795   |
| Employee benefit expenses                                                          | 220,982          | 213,322   |
| Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress                      | 47,429           | (20,303)  |
| Raw materials and consumables used                                                 | 946,336          | 974,346   |
| Write-downs of inventories to net realisable value                                 | 15,813           | 1,167     |
| Other taxes and levies                                                             | 25,389           | 24,683    |
| Water and electricity                                                              | 17,082           | 13,506    |
| Transportation and traveling                                                       | 13,247           | 16,633    |
| Advertising costs                                                                  | 7,244            | 5,567     |
| Consulting and commission fees                                                     | 61,460           | 30,981    |
| Short-term lease expenses                                                          | 7,048            | 9,821     |
| Auditor's remuneration                                                             |                  |           |
| – Audit services                                                                   | 6,480            | 6,480     |
| Entertainment                                                                      | 16,168           | 13,332    |
| Office expenses                                                                    | 13,106           | 17,792    |
| Donation                                                                           | 903              | 264       |
| Others                                                                             | 12,549           | 9,859     |
| Total of cost of sales, selling and marketing expenses and administrative expenses | <b>1,553,879</b> | 1,438,245 |



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### 30. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES

|                                    | 2025    | 2024    |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Wages, allowance and bonus         | 200,074 | 195,600 |
| Share-based payments               | —       | 4,770   |
| Retirement scheme contribution (a) | 14,831  | 6,911   |
| Others                             | 6,077   | 6,041   |
|                                    | 220,982 | 213,322 |

#### (a) Retirement scheme contribution

The PRC subsidiaries made defined contributions to a retirement scheme managed by the local government in the PRC principally based on percentage of the basic salary of eligible staff, subject to certain ceilings imposed. During the years ended 31 December 2025 and 2024, the Group had no forfeited contributions under its defined contribution schemes which was used to reduce the existing level of contribution.

It is the local government's responsibility to pay the retirement pension to those staff who retired.

#### (b) Five highest paid individuals

The five individuals whose emoluments were the highest in the Group for the year ended 31 December 2025 include two (2024: three) directors whose emoluments are reflected in the analysis presented in Note 40. The emoluments paid to the remaining three (2024: two) individuals during the year are as follows:

|                                | 2025  | 2024  |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Wages, allowance and bonus     | 3,939 | 2,717 |
| Retirement scheme contribution | 100   | 101   |
|                                | 4,039 | 2,818 |

The emoluments fell within the following bands:

|                               | Number of individuals |      |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------|
|                               | 2025                  | 2024 |
| Emolument bands               |                       |      |
| HK\$1,000,001 - HK\$1,500,000 | 1                     | 1    |
| HK\$1,500,001 - HK\$2,000,000 | 2                     | 1    |
|                               | 3                     | 2    |



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### 31. FINANCE INCOME AND COSTS

|                                                    | 2025     | 2024     |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Finance income                                     |          |          |
| – Interest income                                  | 9,701    | 2,085    |
| Finance costs                                      |          |          |
| – Interest expenses                                | (78,512) | (75,021) |
| – Net exchange losses                              | 1,352    | (330)    |
|                                                    | (77,160) | (75,351) |
| Less: amounts capitalised on qualifying assets (a) | 13,586   | 9,446    |
|                                                    | (63,574) | (65,905) |
| Finance costs – net                                | (53,873) | (63,820) |

- (a) The capitalisation rate used to determine the amount of borrowing costs to be capitalised is the weighted average interest rate applicable to the entity's borrowings during the year, which was 3.86% (2024: 4.50%).

### 32. INCOME TAX (CREDIT)/EXPENSE

The amount of tax charged to the consolidated income statement represents:

|                               | 2025     | 2024     |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Current income tax            | 24,637   | 38,155   |
| Deferred income tax (Note 25) | (36,613) | (15,785) |
|                               | (11,976) | 22,370   |

- (a) No provision for profits tax in the British Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands has been made as the Group has no income assessable for profits tax for the year in these jurisdictions.
- (b) Pursuant to the corporate income tax law effective from 1 January 2008, the subsidiaries of the Group established in the PRC are subject to income tax at a rate of 25% unless preferential rates are applicable.

Certain subsidiaries of the Group, Shenzhen Boton, Dongguan Boton, Kimsun Huizhou and Hubei Boton are qualified as High/New Technology Enterprises, and accordingly they are entitled to the preferential rate of 15% for the year.



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### 32. INCOME TAX (CREDIT)/EXPENSE (continued)

- (c) The tax on the Group's (loss)/profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the tax rate of 15%, the applicable tax rate of major subsidiaries of the Group, as follows:

|                                                                             | 2025        | 2024    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| (Loss)/profit before income tax                                             | (1,012,100) | 85,652  |
| Tax calculated at the tax rate of 15% (2024: 15%)                           | (151,815)   | 12,848  |
| Effect of different tax rates available to different companies of the Group | (5,471)     | (479)   |
| Temporary differences and tax losses not recognised                         | 10,365      | 7,512   |
| Utilisation of previously unrecognised temporary differences and tax losses | (2,403)     | (2,655) |
| Withholding tax on earnings distributed by subsidiaries                     | 5,527       | —       |
| Expenses not deductible for tax purposes                                    | 138,731     | 12,532  |
| Accelerated research and development deductible expenses                    | (6,910)     | (7,388) |
| Income tax (credit)/expense                                                 | (11,976)    | 22,370  |

### 33. EARNINGS PER SHARE

#### (a) Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year, excluding the ordinary shares repurchased and held for the purpose of the share award scheme (Note 22).

|                                                                     | 2025        | 2024      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| (Loss)/profit attributable to owners of the Company (RMB thousands) | (1,031,854) | 18,381    |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousands)     | 1,080,012   | 1,080,252 |
| Basic (losses)/earnings per share (RMB per share)                   | (0.96)      | 0.02      |

#### (b) Diluted earnings per share

For the year ended 31 December 2025 and 2024, diluted earnings per share were the same as basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares as at year end date.



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### 34. DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: Nil).

### 35. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

#### (a) Reconciliation of profit before tax to cash generated from operations

|                                                                  | 2025               | 2024     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| (Loss)/profit before income tax                                  | <b>(1,012,100)</b> | 85,652   |
| Adjustments for:                                                 |                    |          |
| – Depreciation and amortisation                                  | <b>142,643</b>     | 120,795  |
| – Deferred government grants                                     | <b>(794)</b>       | (794)    |
| – Impairment charge of goodwill                                  | <b>845,405</b>     | 67,414   |
| – Net impairment losses on financial assets                      | <b>21,652</b>      | 7,628    |
| – Losses/(gains) on disposal of property, plant and equipment    | <b>112</b>         | (3,130)  |
| – Gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | <b>(4,096)</b>     | (1,324)  |
| – Write-downs of inventories to net realisable value             | <b>15,813</b>      | 1,167    |
| – Interest income                                                | <b>(9,701)</b>     | (2,085)  |
| – Interest expense                                               | <b>64,926</b>      | 65,575   |
| – Fair value losses on investment properties                     | <b>38,200</b>      | 200      |
| – Share-based payment expenses                                   | —                  | 4,770    |
| – Share of net profit of investment in an associate              | <b>(2,772)</b>     | (423)    |
| Changes in working capital:                                      |                    |          |
| – Inventories                                                    | <b>70,798</b>      | (7,601)  |
| – Trade and other receivables                                    | <b>27,486</b>      | (2,072)  |
| – Trade and other payables                                       | <b>(19,265)</b>    | (35,900) |
| <b>Cash generated from operations</b>                            | <b>178,307</b>     | 299,872  |

#### (b) Non-cash investing and financing activities

Significant non-cash investing and financing activities for the year end 31 December 2025 represented the additions to right-of-use assets of RMB41,241,000 (2024: RMB7,720,000) (Note 7) and first instalment payment of the Land Resumption received as restricted cash.



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### 35. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

#### (c) Net debt reconciliation

This section sets out an analysis of net debt and the movements in net debt for each of the periods presented.

|                                      | 2025        | 2024        |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents            | 324,614     | 282,721     |
| Pledged deposits for bank borrowings | 141,500     | 183,500     |
| Lease liabilities                    | (44,108)    | (9,879)     |
| Borrowings                           | (2,202,260) | (1,849,990) |
| Advances from a related party        | (27,207)    | –           |
| Net debt                             | (1,807,461) | (1,393,648) |

| Net debt                                             | Cash and cash equivalents | Pledged deposits for bank borrowings | Liabilities from financing activities |             | Advances from a related party | Total       |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                      |                           |                                      | Lease                                 | Borrowing   |                               |             |
| <b>As at 1 January 2024</b>                          | 349,794                   | 260,572                              | (6,949)                               | (1,555,257) | –                             | (951,840)   |
| Cash flows                                           | (68,176)                  | –                                    | 5,402                                 | (294,733)   | –                             | (357,507)   |
| New leases                                           | –                         | –                                    | (8,332)                               | –           | –                             | (8,332)     |
| Foreign exchange adjustments                         | 1,103                     | –                                    | –                                     | –           | –                             | 1,103       |
| Interest expense                                     | –                         | –                                    | (612)                                 | (64,351)    | –                             | (64,963)    |
| Interest payment (presented as operating cash flows) | –                         | –                                    | 612                                   | 64,351      | –                             | 64,963      |
| Decrease in pledged deposits for bank borrowings     | –                         | (77,072)                             | –                                     | –           | –                             | (77,072)    |
| <b>As at 31 December 2024</b>                        | 282,721                   | 183,500                              | (9,879)                               | (1,849,990) | –                             | (1,393,648) |
| Cash flows                                           | 44,539                    | –                                    | 8,237                                 | (352,270)   | (27,207)                      | (326,701)   |
| New leases                                           | –                         | –                                    | (42,466)                              | –           | –                             | (42,466)    |
| Foreign exchange adjustments                         | (2,646)                   | –                                    | –                                     | –           | –                             | (2,646)     |
| Interest expense                                     | –                         | –                                    | (1,225)                               | (62,476)    | –                             | (63,701)    |
| Interest payment (presented as operating cash flows) | –                         | –                                    | 1,225                                 | 62,476      | –                             | 63,701      |
| Decrease in pledged deposits for bank borrowings     | –                         | (42,000)                             | –                                     | –           | –                             | (42,000)    |
| <b>As at 31 December 2025</b>                        | 324,614                   | 141,500                              | (44,108)                              | (2,202,260) | (27,207)                      | (1,807,461) |



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### 36. COMMITMENTS

#### (a) Capital commitments

Capital commitments of the Group at the balance sheet date but not yet incurred is as follows:

|                                                               | 2025   | 2024    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Property, plant and equipment contracted but not provided for | 68,195 | 188,898 |

#### (b) Commitments related to short-term leases

The future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable short-term leases contracted for at the end of year but not recognised as liabilities, are as follows:

|                       | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------------|------|------|
| Not later than 1 year | 99   | 412  |

### 37. CONTINGENCIES

During the ended 31 December 2025, there was a legal proceeding between the Company and one of the sellers (the "Plaintiff") under the share purchase agreement ("SPA") for the acquisition of Kimree (the "Kimree Acquisition") for an alleged RMB150 million as the remaining payment of the consideration under the SPA in respect of the Kimree Acquisition. The pleading stage of this case had been closed and since then, no further step has been taken by the Plaintiff up to the date of these consolidated financial statements. As at the date these consolidated financial statements, the above case is still at an early stage and thus management cannot reasonably estimate the outcome of this case at this stage. As of 31 December 2025, the RMB150 million of the remaining payment of the consideration has been accrued and included in "Other payables" (Note 24).

### 38. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Group is controlled by Creative China Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, which is controlled by Mr. Wang Ming Fan.

Save as disclosed in Note 21 and elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements, there was no significant transaction with related parties during the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024: Nil).

#### Key management personnel compensation

The compensations paid or payable to key management personnel (including directors) for employee services are shown below:

|                                            | 2025  | 2024  |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Wages, salaries and bonuses                | 8,927 | 9,214 |
| Pension costs – defined contribution plans | 269   | 267   |
| Share-based payments                       | —     | 240   |
|                                            | 9,196 | 9,721 |



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### 39. BALANCE SHEET OF THE COMPANY

|                                              | Note | As at 31 December |                  |
|----------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|------------------|
|                                              |      | 2025              | 2024             |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                |      |                   |                  |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                    |      |                   |                  |
| Investments in subsidiaries                  |      | 1,657,292         | 1,699,163        |
| <b>Current assets</b>                        |      |                   |                  |
| Trade and other receivables                  |      | 266,590           | 269,072          |
| Cash and cash equivalents                    |      | 20,582            | 13,796           |
|                                              |      | 287,172           | 282,868          |
| <b>Total assets</b>                          |      | <b>1,944,464</b>  | <b>1,982,031</b> |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                |      |                   |                  |
| <b>Attributable to owners of the Company</b> |      |                   |                  |
| Share capital                                |      | 101,522           | 101,522          |
| Share premium and capital reserve            |      | 1,390,949         | 1,390,949        |
| Shares held under the share award scheme     |      | (979)             | (979)            |
| Other reserves                               | (a)  | (862,496)         | (823,867)        |
| <b>Total equity</b>                          |      | <b>628,996</b>    | <b>667,625</b>   |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                           |      |                   |                  |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>               |      |                   |                  |
| Borrowings                                   |      | 51,066            | 145,706          |
|                                              |      | 51,066            | 145,706          |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                   |      |                   |                  |
| Trade and other payables                     |      | 1,125,279         | 1,070,326        |
| Borrowings                                   |      | 139,123           | 98,374           |
|                                              |      | 1,264,402         | 1,168,700        |
| <b>Total equity and liabilities</b>          |      | <b>1,944,464</b>  | <b>1,982,031</b> |

The above balance sheet was approved by the Board of Directors on 23 March 2026 and was signed on its behalf.

**Wang Ming Fan**  
Director

**Li Qing Long**  
Director



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### 39. BALANCE SHEET OF THE COMPANY (continued)

#### (a) Movement of other reserves

|                            | Accumulated losses and currency translation reserve | Share-based payments reserve | Total     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>At 1 January 2024</b>   | (874,306)                                           | 57,603                       | (816,703) |
| Loss for the year          | (7,164)                                             | —                            | (7,164)   |
| <b>At 31 December 2024</b> | (881,470)                                           | 57,603                       | (823,867) |
| <b>At 1 January 2025</b>   | (881,470)                                           | 57,603                       | (823,867) |
| Loss for the year          | (38,629)                                            | —                            | (38,629)  |
| <b>At 31 December 2025</b> | (920,099)                                           | 57,603                       | (862,496) |

### 40. BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS

#### (a) Directors' and chief executive's emoluments

The remuneration of directors and the chief executive for the year ended 31 December 2025 is set out in below.

| Name of director                         | Fees       | Salaries     | Employer's contribution to a retirement benefit scheme | Share-based payments | Total        |
|------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Mr. Wang Ming Fan <sup>(1)</sup>         | —          | 1,517        | 73                                                     | —                    | 1,590        |
| Mr. Li Qing Long                         | —          | 1,385        | 17                                                     | —                    | 1,402        |
| Mr. Yang Ying Chun <sup>(2)</sup>        | —          | 620          | 29                                                     | —                    | 649          |
| Ms. Wang Xinyi <sup>(3)</sup>            | —          | 767          | 50                                                     | —                    | 817          |
| Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger                 | 135        | —            | —                                                      | —                    | 135          |
| Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong                      | 135        | —            | —                                                      | —                    | 135          |
| Mr. Ng Kwun Wan                          | 135        | —            | —                                                      | —                    | 135          |
| Mr. Yau How Boa                          | 135        | —            | —                                                      | —                    | 135          |
| Ms. Wan Shuk Ching, Candy <sup>(4)</sup> | 199        | —            | —                                                      | —                    | 199          |
|                                          | <b>739</b> | <b>4,289</b> | <b>169</b>                                             | <b>—</b>             | <b>5,197</b> |

There was no payment to the above directors during the year for housing allowance, estimated money value of other benefits, remunerations paid or receivable in respect of accepting office as director and emoluments paid or receivable in respect of director's other services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company or its subsidiary undertaking.

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Wang Ming Fan is also the chief executive officer of the Company.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Yang Ying Chun had resigned as the executive director of the Company with effect from 30 June 2025.

<sup>(3)</sup> Ms. Wang Xinyi has been appointed as an executive director and Group Financial Controller of the Company on 1 April 2025.

<sup>(4)</sup> Ms. Wan Shuk Ching, Candy had resigned as the non-executive director of the Company with effect from 30 November 2025.



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### 40. BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS (continued)

#### (a) Directors' and chief executive's emoluments (continued)

The remuneration of directors and the chief executive for the year ended 31 December 2024 is set out in below.

| Name of director                 | Fees | Salaries | Employer's contribution to a retirement benefit scheme | Share-based payments | Total |
|----------------------------------|------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Mr. Wang Ming Fan <sup>(1)</sup> | —    | 1,901    | 55                                                     | —                    | 1,956 |
| Mr. Li Qing Long                 | —    | 1,440    | 16                                                     | 240                  | 1,696 |
| Mr. Yang Ying Chun               | —    | 1,386    | 56                                                     | —                    | 1,442 |
| Mr. Leung Wai Man, Roger         | 137  | —        | —                                                      | —                    | 137   |
| Mr. Zhou Xiao Xiong              | 137  | —        | —                                                      | —                    | 137   |
| Mr. Ng Kwun Wan                  | 137  | —        | —                                                      | —                    | 137   |
| Mr. Yau How Boa                  | 137  | —        | —                                                      | —                    | 137   |
| Ms. Wan Shuk Ching, Candy        | 219  | —        | —                                                      | —                    | 219   |
|                                  | 767  | 4,727    | 127                                                    | 240                  | 5,861 |

There was no payment to the above directors during the year for housing allowance, estimated money value of other benefits, remunerations paid or receivable in respect of accepting office as director and emoluments paid or receivable in respect of director's other services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company or its subsidiary undertaking.

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Wang Ming Fan is also the chief executive officer of the Company.

#### (b) Directors' retirement benefits and termination benefits

No directors' retirement benefits, directors' termination benefits, consideration provided to third parties for making available directors' services, and loans, quasi-loans or other dealing in favour of directors, controlled bodies corporate by and connected entities with such directors, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

#### (c) Directors' material interests in transactions, arrangements and contracts

No significant transactions, arrangements and contracts in relation to the Group's business to which the Company was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.





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### 41. SUMMARY OF OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 41.1 Subsidiaries

##### (a) Consolidation

###### (i) *Merger accounting*

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the combining entities or businesses in which the common control combination occurs as if they had been combined from the date when the combining entities or businesses first came under the common control of the controlling party.

The net assets of the combining entities or businesses are combined using the existing book values from the controlling parties' perspective. No amount is recognised in consideration for goodwill or excess of acquirers' interest in the net fair value of acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities over cost at the time of common control combination, to the extent of the continuation of the controlling party's interest.

The consolidated income statement includes the results of each of the combining entities or businesses from the earliest date presented or since the date when the combining entities or businesses first came under the common control, whichever is shorter, regardless of the date of the common control combination.

The comparative amounts in the consolidated financial statements are presented as if the entities or businesses had been combined at the previous balance sheet date or when they first came under common control, whichever is shorter.

A uniform set of accounting policies is adopted by those entities. All intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between combining entities or businesses are eliminated on consolidation.

###### (ii) *Subsidiaries*

A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity) 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 over the entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The Group applies the acquisition method to account for non-common control business combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. The Group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis. Non-controlling interests in the acquiree that are present ownership interests and entitle their holders to a proportionate share of the entity's net assets in the event of liquidation are measured at either fair value or the present ownership interests' proportionate share in the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. All other components of non-controlling interests are measured at their acquisition date fair value, unless another measurement basis is required by HKFRSs.

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.



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### 41. SUMMARY OF OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 41.1 Subsidiaries (continued)

##### (a) Consolidation (continued)

##### *(ii) Subsidiaries (continued)*

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquisition date carrying value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is re-measured to fair value at the acquisition date; any gains or losses arising from such re-measurement are recognised in profit or loss.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the Group is recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration that is deemed to be an asset or liability is recognised in accordance with HKAS 39 in profit or loss. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured, and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the total of consideration transferred, non-controlling interest recognised and previously held interest measured is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognised directly in the income statement.

Intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated. When necessary, amounts reported by subsidiaries have been adjusted to conform with the Group's accounting policies.

##### *(iii) Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without change of control*

Transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions – that is, as transactions with the owners of the subsidiary in their capacity as owners. The difference between fair value of any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired of the carrying amount of net assets of the subsidiary is recorded in equity. Gains or losses on disposals of subsidiaries to non-controlling interests are also recorded in equity.

##### *(iv) Disposal of subsidiaries*

When the Group ceases to have control, any retained interest in the entity is re-measured to its fair value at the date when control is lost, with the change in carrying amount recognised in profit or loss. The fair value is the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate, joint venture or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. It means the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss or transferred to another category of equity as specified/permitted by applicable HKFRSs.





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### 41. SUMMARY OF OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 41.1 Subsidiaries (continued)

##### (a) Consolidation (continued)

###### (v) *Separate financial statements*

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost less impairment. Cost also includes direct attributable costs of investment. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the company on the basis of dividend received and receivable.

Impairment testing of the investments in subsidiaries is required upon receiving dividends from these investments if the dividend exceeds the total comprehensive income of the subsidiary in the period the dividend is declared or if the carrying amount of the investment in the separate financial statements exceeds the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements of the investee's net assets including goodwill.

#### 41.2 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-makers, who are responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, have been identified as the executive directors that make strategic decisions.

#### 41.3 Foreign currency translation

##### (a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in RMB, which is the Company's functional and the Group's presentation currency.

##### (b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the consolidated income statement.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the income statement within 'finance income or costs'. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the consolidated income statement within 'other (losses)/gains – net'.

Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in profit or loss as part of the fair value gain or loss. Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets, such as equities classified as available for sale, are included in other comprehensive income.



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### 41. SUMMARY OF OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 41.3 Foreign currency translation (continued)

##### (c) Group companies

The results and financial position of all the Group entities (none of which has the currency of a hyper-inflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- (i) assets and liabilities for each balance sheet presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet;
- (ii) income and expenses for each income statement are translated at average exchange rates (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the rate on the dates of the transactions); and
- (iii) all resulting currency translation differences are recognised in other comprehensive income.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign entity are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign entity and translated at the closing rate. Currency translation differences arising are recognised in other comprehensive income.

#### 41.4 Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment except for construction in progress are stated at historical cost less depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Construction in progress is property, plant and equipment on which construction work has not been completed and stated at cost. Cost includes acquisition and construction expenditure incurred, interest and other direct costs attributable to the development. Depreciation is not provided on construction in progress until the related asset is completed for intended use.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 41.6).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within 'other gains – net', in the consolidated income statement.





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## 41. SUMMARY OF OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### 41.5 Intangible assets

The Group amortises intangible assets with a limited useful life using the straight-line method over the following period:

|                                                      |             |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Customer relationships and non-competition agreement | 10-15 years |
| Patents, formula and trademark                       | 8-10 years  |
| Computer software                                    | 2-5 years   |

(a) **Customer relationships and non-competition agreement**

Customer relationships and non-competition agreement acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. The customer relations and non-competition agreement have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method from 10 to 15 years over the expected life of the intangible assets.

(b) **Patents, formula and trademark**

Patents, Formula and Trademark include purchased technology and skills acquired from third parties. They have a finite useful life and carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of the technology and skills over their estimated useful life of 8 to 10 years.

(c) **Computer software**

The amount mainly comprises acquired computer software. Acquired computer software are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. These costs are amortised over the estimated useful lives of 2 to 5 years on a straight-line basis.

### 41.6 Impairment of non-financial assets

Intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

### 41.7 Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the company or the counterparty.



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### 41. SUMMARY OF OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 41.8 Other financial assets

##### (a) Classification

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income or through profit or loss), and
- those to be measured at amortised cost. The expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development can be reliably measured.

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

For assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss or other comprehensive income.

##### (b) Recognition and derecognition

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

##### (c) Measurement

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at 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.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

##### (d) Impairment

The Group assesses on a forward looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

For trade receivables, the Group applies the simplified approach permitted by HKFRS 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables, see Note 3.1(b) for further details.

#### 41.9 Non-current assets classified as held for sale

Non-current assets are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use and a sale is considered highly probable. They are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell, except for assets such as deferred tax assets, assets arising from employee benefits, financial assets and investment property that are carried at fair value, which are specifically exempt from this requirement.

An impairment loss is recognised for any initial or subsequent write-down of the asset to fair value less costs to sell. A gain is recognised for any subsequent increases in fair value less costs to sell of an asset, but not in excess of any cumulative impairment loss previously recognised. A gain or loss not previously recognised by the date of the sale of the non-current asset is recognised at the date of derecognition.

Non-current assets are not depreciated or amortised while they are classified as held for sale.

Non-current assets classified as held for sale are presented separately from the other assets in the consolidated balance sheet.

#### 41.10 Fair value of financial assets through profit or loss

The fair value of FVPL that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The Group uses its judgment to select a variety of methods and make assumptions that are mainly based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period.



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### 41. SUMMARY OF OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 41.11 Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined using the weighted average method. The cost of finished goods and work in progress comprises raw materials, direct labour, other direct costs and related production overheads (based on normal operating capacity). It excludes borrowing costs. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses.

#### 41.12 Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection of trade and other receivables is expected in one year or less, they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment (Note 41.8(d)).

#### 41.13 Cash and cash equivalents

In the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

#### 41.14 Share capital

Ordinary shares issued are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issuance of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

#### 41.15 Share-based payments

Share-based payments was amortised over five years, and recognised as part of employee benefit expense and equity in the share-based payment reserve. Information relating to this agreement is set out in Note 21.

#### 41.16 Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 41.17 Accounting policy on other revenue and other income

##### (a) Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method.

##### (b) Rental income

Rental income from investment properties leased out under an operating lease is recognised in the consolidated income statement on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

#### 41.18 Government grants

Grants from the government are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grants will be received and the Group will comply with all attached conditions.

Government grants relating to costs are deferred and recognised in the income statement over the period necessary to match them with the costs that they are intended to compensate.

Government grants relating to property, plant and equipment are included in non-current liabilities as deferred government grants and are credited to the consolidated income statement on a straight-line basis over the expected lives of the related assets.



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### 41. SUMMARY OF OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 41.19 Current and deferred income tax

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the consolidated income statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

##### (a) Current income tax

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company and its subsidiaries operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

##### (b) Deferred income tax

###### *Inside basis differences*

Deferred income tax is recognised using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, deferred income tax liabilities are not recognised if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill, the deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

The deferred income tax asset and liability in relation to investment property that is measured at fair value is determined assuming the property will be recovered entirely through sale.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

###### *Outside basis differences*

Deferred income tax liabilities are provided on taxable temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, except for deferred income tax liability where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future, deferred income tax liability in relation to taxable temporary differences arising from the associate's undistributed profits is not recognised.

###### *Offsetting*

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.





## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 41. SUMMARY OF OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 41.20 Pension obligations

The Group contributes on a monthly basis to various defined contribution plans organised by the relevant governmental authorities. The Group has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior years. The contributions are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due.

#### 41.21 Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the consolidated income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case, the fee is deferred until the draw-down occurs. To the extent there is no evidence that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down, the fee is capitalised as a pre-payment for liquidity services and amortised over the period of the facility to which it relates.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless, at the end of the reporting period, the Group has a right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

Covenants that the Group is required to comply with, on or before the end of the reporting period, are considered in classifying loan arrangements with covenants as current or non-current. Covenants that the Group is required to comply with after the reporting period do not affect the classification at the reporting date.

#### 41.22 Borrowings costs

General and specific borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.



## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 41. SUMMARY OF OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 41.23 Leases

Leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Group.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the respective lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for leases in the Group, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Group:

- where possible, uses recent third-party financing received by the individual lessee as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third party financing was received;
- uses a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate adjusted for credit risk for leases held by the Group, which does not have recent third party financing; and
- makes adjustments specific to the lease, e.g. term, country, currency and security.

If a readily observable amortising loan rate is available to the individual lessee (through recent financing or market data) which has a similar payment profile to the lease, then the group entities use that rate as a starting point to determine the incremental borrowing rate.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable
- variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date
- amounts expected to be payable by the Group under residual value guarantees
- the exercise price of a purchase option if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option, and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising that option.

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received
- any initial direct costs, and
- restoration costs.





## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 41. SUMMARY OF OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 41.23 Leases (continued)

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the Group is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life. While the Group revalues its land and buildings that are presented within property, plant and equipment, it has chosen not to do so for the right-of-use buildings held by the Group.

Payments associated with short-term leases of equipment and vehicles and all leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less. Low-value assets comprise IT equipment and small items of office furniture.

#### 41.24 Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the Company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Group's and the Company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders or board of directors, as appropriate.

#### 41.25 Provisions

Provisions for service warranties and make good obligations are recognised when the Group has a present constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period. The discount rate used to determine the present value is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.



## FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

|                                                     | Year ended 31 December |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                                     | 2025<br>RMB'000        | 2024<br>RMB'000 | 2023<br>RMB'000 | 2022<br>RMB'000 | 2021<br>RMB'000 |
| Revenue                                             | <b>1,495,593</b>       | 1,652,996       | 2,063,746       | 2,324,807       | 2,286,102       |
| Gross profit                                        | <b>377,099</b>         | 597,906         | 798,110         | 786,864         | 892,337         |
| (Loss)/Profit before income tax                     | <b>(1,012,100)</b>     | 85,652          | 183,471         | 112,214         | 302,528         |
| (Loss)/Profit attributable to owners of the Company | <b>(1,031,854)</b>     | 18,381          | 146,370         | 48,317          | 183,512         |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Company        | <b>2,102,676</b>       | 3,140,955       | 3,127,158       | 2,975,693       | 2,913,015       |
| Total assets                                        | <b>6,798,899</b>       | 6,297,925       | 6,006,867       | 6,451,006       | 6,311,610       |
| Total liabilities                                   | <b>4,407,609</b>       | 2,888,647       | 2,630,640       | 3,188,886       | 3,142,041       |
| Cash and cash equivalents                           | <b>324,614</b>         | 282,721         | 349,794         | 433,015         | 330,484         |





## DETAILS OF INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

|   | Properties                                                                                                                           | Category of lease | Existing Use |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Various portions of Tower B of Boton Technology Building, Le Li Road, Nanshan District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province, the PRC   | Medium            | Office       |
| 2 | Various portions of Tower A of Boton Technology Building, Le Li Road, Nanshan District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province, the PRC   | Medium            | Office       |
| 3 | Units A2507 & A2508 of Block A and B703 of Block B, Allied Plaza (聯合廣場), Futian District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province, the PRC | Medium            | Office       |
| 4 | Unit A3906 of Block A, Allied Plaza (聯合廣場), Futian District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province, the PRC                              | Medium            | Office       |
| 5 | Unit B701 of Block B, Allied Plaza (聯合廣場), Futian District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province, the PRC                               | Medium            | Office       |