Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	RM'000	RM'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
ASSETS		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	96,156	98,030
Intangible assets	35	81
Right-of-use assets	59,969	13,209
Deferred tax assets	889	2,157
Investments in associates	14,036	21,320
Investments in joint ventures	53,888	56,727
	224,973	191,524
CURRENT ASSETS		
Inventories	305	283
Trade and other receivables	10,291	4,172
Contract assets	290	364
Tax recoverable	11	111
Cash and bank balances and deposits with licensed financial institutions	12,105	11,779
-	23,002	16,709
TOTAL ASSETS	247,975	208,233
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		'
CURRENT LIABILITIES	20.00	21.250
Loans and borrowings	32,602	21,258
Trade and other payables	6,423	3,486
Lease liabilities	685	386
Contract liabilities	484	422
Tax payable	47	
_	40,241	25,552
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	(17,239)	(8,843)

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023 (cont'd.)

	31-Dec-23 RM'000	31-Dec-22 RM'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES (CONT'D.)		
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Loans and borrowings	14,777	17,165
Lease liabilities	2,909	2,475
Deferred tax liabilities	6	8
	17,692	19,648
TOTAL LIABILITIES	57,933	45,200
NET ASSETS	190,042	163,033
EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY		
Share capital	107,546	107,546
Retained earnings	93,251	68,260
Reserves	(10,755)	(12,773)
TOTAL EQUITY	190,042	163,033
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	247,975	208,233
Net assets per share (RM)	0.40	0.34

The above unaudited condensed consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to these interim financial statements.

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss for the fourth quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2023

		Quarter	Ended	Year-to-Da	te Ended
		31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	Note	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue		10,750	9,112	37,025	24,833
Other (expense)/income		(5)	(66)	865	720
Changes in inventories		(108)	(23)	22	78
Purchase of inventories		(964)	(898)	(2,693)	(2,235)
Loss on impairment of financial assets		-	(33)	-	(33)
Reversal on other impairment loss		1,657	-	1,657	-
Operating expenses		(9,955)	(8,107)	(34,137)	(27,652)
Profit/(loss) from operations	_	1,375	(15)	2,739	(4,289)
Finance costs		(693)	(694)	(2,621)	(2,104)
Investments in associates and joint ventures, net of tax					
- loss on dilution of equity interests		-	(142)	-	(142)
- loss on impairment		(2,958)	-	(2,958)	-
- share of results		(313)	4,302	29,241	4,590
(Loss)/profit before tax	25	(2,589)	3,451	26,401	(1,945)
Taxation		(1,332)	(671)	(1,410)	(683)
(Loss)/profit for the financial period attributable to owners of the Company	_	(3,921)	2,780	24,991	(2,628)
Dasis and diluted (less)/somines man andinomy		Sen	Sen	Sen	Sen
Basic and diluted (loss)/earnings per ordinary share attributable to owners of the Company	29	(0.82)	0.58	5.21	(0.55)

The above unaudited condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to these interim financial statements.

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the fourth quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2023

	Quarter Ended		Year-to-Da	te Ended
	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
(Loss)/profit for the financial period	(3,921)	2,780	24,991	(2,628)
Other comprehensive income/(loss):				
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss				
in subsequent periods, net of tax:				
Exchange differences on translation of				
investment in foreign operations	713	(283)	1,345	(397)
Share of other comprehensive income/(loss)				
in an associate	1,094	4	673	(219)
	1,807	(279)	2,018	(616)
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods, net of tax:				
Fair value changes on financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	1,068
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial period, net of tax	1,807	(279)	2,018	452
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the				
financial period, net of tax attributable to owners of the Company	(2,114)	2,501	27,009	(2,176)

The above unaudited condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to these interim financial statements.

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the fourth quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2023

	<> Foreign currency		butable>	Distributable	
	Share capital RM'000	translation reserve RM'000	Fair value reserve RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000	Total equity RM'000
At 1 January 2023	107,546	(639)	(12,134)	68,260	163,033
Gain on foreign currency translation Share of comprehensive income in an associate	-	1,345 673			1,345 673
Total other comprehensive income for the financial period Profit for the financial period	-	2,018		- 24,991	2,018 24,991
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	2,018	-	24,991	27,009
At 31 December 2023	107,546	1,379	(12,134)	93,251	190,042
At 1 January 2022	107,546	(23)	(11,768)	69,454	165,209
Loss on foreign currency translation	-	(397)	-	-	(397)
Share of comprehensive loss in an associate	-	(219)	-	-	(219)
Net change in fair value of an equity investment	-	-	1,068	-	1,068
Transfer of cumulative gain on disposal of investments to retained earnings	-	-	(1,434)	1,434	-
Total other comprehensive (loss)/income for the financial period	-	(616)	(366)	1,434	452
Loss for the financial period	-	-	-	(2,628)	(2,628)
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period	-	(616)	(366)	(1,194)	(2,176)
At 31 December 2022	107,546	(639)	(12,134)	68,260	163,033

The above unaudited condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to these interim financial statements.

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year-to-date ended 31 December 2023

	Year-to-Date Ended	
	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	RM'000	RM'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit/(loss) before tax	26,401	(1,945)
Adjustments to reconcile profit/(loss) before tax to net cash flows	(21,560)	1,585
Operating profit/(loss) before changes in working capital	4,841	(360)
(Increase)/decrease in operating assets	(1,948)	3,295
Increase in operating liabilities	2,999	1,490
Cash generated from operations	5,892	4,425
Interest received	563	518
Interest paid	(2,615)	(2,098)
Tax refunded	98	-
Tax paid	(95)	(64)
Net cash generated from operating activities	3,843	2,781
Cash flows from investing activities		
Additional investment in joint ventures	(1,226)	(1,851)
Deposit for proposed acquisition	(4,113)	-
Dividend received from an associate and joint venture companies	39,650	300
Net proceeds from disposal of other investments	-	1,292
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,179)	(532)
Purchase of right-of-use assets	(44,856)	-
Purchase of additional shares in an associate	-	(6,000)
Purchase of additional shares in other investment	-	(801)
Net cash used in investing activities	(11,724)	(7,592)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of term loans	(1,050)	(600)
Payment of lease liabilities - principal	(743)	(515)
Drawdown of loans and borrowings	10,000	-
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities	8,207	(1,115)

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year-to-date ended 31 December 2023 (cont'd.)

	Year-to-Date Ended		
	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	
	RM'000	RM'000	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	326	(5,926)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial period	11,302	17,228	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial period	11,628	11,302	
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:			
Cash and bank balances	5,249	5,055	
Deposits placements with licensed financial institutions	6,856	6,724	
	12,105	11,779	
Less: Monies held in Debt Service Reserve Accounts	(477)	(477)	
	11,628	11,302	

The above unaudited condensed consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to these interim financial statements.

Part A: Explanatory notes pursuant to Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard 134

1 Basis of preparation

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements ("Condensed Report") have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard ("MFRS") 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*, the International Accounting Standard 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia, where applicable. This Condensed Report has been prepared under the historical cost convention and is presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM") and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand (RM'000) except when otherwise indicated.

This Condensed Report has also been prepared in accordance with paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The Condensed Report should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022. The explanatory notes attached to this Condensed Report provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant for an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

2 Significant accounting policies

2.1 Adoption of Amendments to Standards

The accounting standards adopted in the preparation of the Condensed Report are consistent with those adopted in the preparation of the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, except for the following which were adopted at the beginning of the current financial period. These pronouncements are either not relevant or do not have any material impact to the Group's financial statements for the current financial period.

MFRS 17 Insurance Contracts and Amendments to MFRS 17 - Initial Application of MFRS 17 and MFRS 9 - Comparative Information

Amendments to MFRS 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors - Definition of Accounting Estimates

Amendments to MFRS 112 Income Taxes - Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction and International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules

2.2 Standards issued but not yet effective

As at the date of authorisation of this Condensed Report, the following Standards and amendments to Standards have been issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") but are not yet effective to the Group.

Effective for financial periods commencing on or after 1 January 2024

Amendments to MFRS 16 Leases - Lease liability in a Sale and Leaseback

Amendments to MFRS 101 Presentation of Financial Statements - Non-current Liabilities with Covenants

Amendments to MFRS 107 Statement of Cash Flows and MFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosure - Supplier Finance Arrangements

2 Significant accounting policies (cont'd.)

2.2 Standards issued but not yet effective (cont'd.)

Effective for financial periods commencing on or after 1 January 2025

Amendments to MFRS 121 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates - Lack of Exchangeability

Deferred to a date to be announced by MASB

Amendments to MFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and MFRS 128 Investment in Associates and Joint Ventures - Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture

The above pronouncements are either not relevant or do not have any material impact to the Group's financial statements.

3 Auditors' report on preceding annual financial statements

The auditors' report on the audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 was not qualified.

4 Comments about seasonal or cyclical factors

The business operations of the Group are not materially affected by any seasonal or cyclical factors, apart from the general economic conditions in which it operates.

5 Unusual items due to their nature, size or incidence

There were no unusual items affecting the assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows during the current quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2023.

6 Significant estimates and changes in estimates

There were no changes in estimates that have had any material effect during the current quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2023.

7 Debt and equity securities

There were no issuances, repurchases and repayments of debt and equity securities during the current quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2023.

8 Dividend paid

There was no dividend paid during the current quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2023.

9 Disaggregation of revenue

	Quarter Ended		Year-to-Da	te Ended
	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue from contract with customers:				
Hotel operations	7,810	6,528	26,923	17,033
Sale of food and beverages	1,998	1,850	6,450	5,311
Management services fees	807	675	3,083	2,199
	10,615	9,053	36,456	24,543
Revenue from other sources:				
Interest income	135	59	569	290
	135	59	569	290
	10,750	9,112	37,025	24,833
Timing of revenue recognition				
At a point in time	1,998	1,920	6,450	5,381
Over time	8,617	7,133	30,006	19,162
	10,615	9,053	36,456	24,543

All sales are made within Malaysia.

10 Segmental reporting

The Group's reportable operating segments are identified based on business units which are engaged in providing different services and products, as follows:

- (a) Investment Holding general investments and corporate related activities;
- (b) Structured Financing structured lending and financial-related services; and
- (c) Hospitality hotels ownership, management and operations of hotels and restaurant and investment in hospitality related business through joint ventures.

10 Segmental reporting (cont'd.)

	Investment Holding RM'000	Structured Financing RM'000	Hospitality RM'000	Group total RM'000
Three months' results ended 31 December	2023			
Revenue	75	10	10,665	10,750
Other income/(expense)	92	-	(97)	(5)
Changes in inventories	-	-	(108)	(108)
Purchase of inventories	-	-	(964)	(964)
Reversal on other impairment loss	-	-	1,657	1,657
Operating expenses	(1,230)	(17)	(8,708)	(9,955)
(Loss)/profit from operations	(1,063)	(7)	2,445	1,375
Finance costs	(7)	-	(686)	(693)
Investments in associates and joint ventures,	net of tax		(A 0.70)	(A 0 = 0)
- loss on impairment	(244)	-	(2,958)	(2,958)
- share of results	(244)	-	(69)	(313)
(Loss)/profit before tax	(1,314)	(7)	(1,268)	(2,589)
Taxation	(35)	1	(1,298)	(1,332)
(Loss)/profit after tax	(1,349)	(6)	(2,566)	(3,921)
Other information				
Included in the (loss)/profit after tax are:				
- Interest income	75	10	50	135
- Depreciation and amortisation	(51)	-	(1,006)	(1,057)
Three months' results ended 31 December	2022			
Revenue	11	35	9,066	9,112
Other income/(expense)	30	-	(96)	(66)
Changes in inventories	-	-	(23)	(23)
Purchase of inventories	-	-	(898)	(898)
Loss on impairment of financial assets	(33)	-	-	(33)
Operating expenses	(934)	(16)	(7,157)	(8,107)
(Loss)/profit from operations	(926)	19	892	(15)
Finance costs	-	-	(694)	(694)
Investments in associates and joint ventures,	net of tax			
- loss on dilution of equity interests	(142)	-	-	(142)
- share of results	4,511	-	(209)	4,302
Profit/(loss) before tax	3,443	19	(11)	3,451
Taxation	(11)	(4)	(656)	(671)
Profit/(loss) after tax	3,432	15	(667)	2,780
Other information				
Included in the profit/(loss) after tax are:				
- Interest income	11	35	13	59
- Depreciation and amortisation	(50)	-	(945)	(995)

10 Segmental reporting (cont'd.)

	Investment Holding RM'000	Structured Financing RM'000	Hospitality RM'000	Group total RM'000
Twelve months' results ended 31 December	er 2023			
Revenue	354	90	36,581	37,025
Other income	122	-	743	865
Changes in inventories	-	-	22	22
Purchase of inventories	-	-	(2,693)	(2,693)
Reversal on other impairment loss	-	-	1,657	1,657
Operating expenses	(3,021)	(69)	(31,047)	(34,137)
(Loss)/profit from operations	(2,545)	21	5,263	2,739
Finance costs	(23)	-	(2,598)	(2,621)
Investments in associates and joint ventures,	net of tax			
loss on impairmentshare of results	28,043	-	(2,958) 1,198	(2,958) 29,241
Profit before tax	25,475	21	905	26,401
Taxation	(106)	(6)	(1,298)	(1,410)
Profit after tax	25,369	15	(393)	24,991
Other information				
Included in the profit after tax are:				
- Interest income	354	90	125	569
- Depreciation and amortisation	(267)	-	(4,061)	(4,328)
Twelve months' results ended 31 December	er 2022			
Revenue	111	154	24,568	24,833
Other income	48	1	671	720
Changes in inventories	-	-	78	78
Purchase of inventories	-	-	(2,235)	(2,235)
Loss on impairment of financial assets	(33)	-	-	(33)
Operating expenses	(3,098)	(74)	(24,480)	(27,652)
(Loss)/profit from operations	(2,972)	81	(1,398)	(4,289)
Finance costs	(1)	-	(2,103)	(2,104)
Investments in associates and joint ventures,	net of tax			
- loss on dilution of equity interests	(142)	-	-	(142)
- share of results	6,879	-	(2,289)	4,590
Profit/(loss) before tax	3,764	81	(5,790)	(1,945)
Taxation	(11)	(16)	(656)	(683)
Profit/(loss) after tax	3,753	65	(6,446)	(2,628)
Other information				
Included in the profit/(loss) after tax are:				
- Interest income	111	154	25	290
- Depreciation and amortisation	(278)	-	(3,875)	(4,153)

10 Segmental reporting (cont'd.)

	Investment Holding RM'000	Structured Financing RM'000	Hospitality RM'000	Total RM'000
Other information as at 31 December 2023				
Total assets	74,192	660	173,123	247,975
Total liabilities	1,188	7	56,738	57,933
Investments in associates Investments in joint ventures Capital expenditure	14,036	- - -	53,888 46,035	14,036 53,888 46,035
Other information as at 31 December 2022				
Total assets	79,966	5,144	123,123	208,233
Total liabilities	652	7	44,541	45,200
Investments in associates Investments in joint ventures Capital expenditure	21,320	- - -	56,727 527	21,320 56,727 532

11 Changes in the composition of the Group

The Company's 30.0%-owned associate company, Positive Carry Sdn Bhd had disposed of all the 24,000,000 ordinary shares owned in TYK Capital Sdn Bhd pursuant to the terms of the sale and purchase agreement ("SPA") dated 5 May 2023 ("Disposal"). Following the completion of SPA on 26 June 2023, the Company no longer has an effective equity interest in TYK Capital Sdn Bhd and recorded a share of profit of RM26.23 million from the Disposal.

Other than the above and as disclosed in Note 14, there were no other material changes in the composition of the Group during the current quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2023.

12 Property, plant and equipment

The Group's property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

13 Contingent assets and liabilities

There were no contingent assets and contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2023.

14 Significant event during the financial year

On 8 September 2023, the Company announced that:

- (a) ECM Libra Desaru Sdn Bhd, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, had entered into a conditional share sale agreement with Desaru Development Holdings One Sdn Bhd for the proposed acquisition of 2 ordinary shares and 1,195,916 redeemable convertible preference shares, representing 100% equity interest in Desaru Beachfront 2 Sdn Bhd ("DB2SB") for cash consideration of RM17.05 million ("Proposed Acquisition of DB2SB").
 - On 16 November 2023, the Company announced the completion of Proposed Acquisition of DB2SB and DB2SB became an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company on the even date.
- (b) ECM Libra Beachfront Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary, had entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with Desaru Beach Parks Sdn Bhd for the proposed acquisition of a piece of leasehold land held under H.S.(D) 36682, PTD 8351, Mukim Pantai Timur, District of Kota Tinggi, State of Johor Darul Takzim, measuring in land area of approximately 44,427.00 square metres ("DBPSB Land") for cash consideration of RM19.81 million ("Proposed Acquisition of DBPSB Land").

Included in the trade and other receivables is a deposit of RM4.11 million paid for the Proposed Acquisitions of DBPSB Land.

On 24 November 2023, the Company announced that ECM Libra (Liverpool) Ltd, a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and ECML (Liverpool) OpCo Ltd, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, both companies being registered in England and Wales, had on 23 November 2023, entered into a business purchase agreement ("BPA") with Castle Street Liverpool LLP and CSL Opco Limited, both entities being registered in England and Wales for the acquisition of:

- (a) a leasehold property known as 3-19, Queen Buildings, Castle Street, Liverpool L2 4XE, United Kingdom ("UK"); and
- (b) an additional leasehold property known as ground floor shop and basement, 17 Castle Street, Liverpool L2 4SX, UK,

together with assets, letting business and the business of operating the trade of the Tune Hotel, Liverpool for a total cash consideration of GBP4.50 million (equivalent to RM26.43 million). The acquisition of Tune Hotel, Liverpool was completed in accordance with the BPA on 23 November 2023.

15 Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2023, the Group has commitments in respect of capital expenditure as follows:

RM'000

Authorised and contracted for right-of-use assets:

- Proposed Acquisition of DBPSB Land

15,700

16 Event after the reporting period

There were no material event subsequent to the current quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2023.

17 Related party disclosures

All related party transactions and balances within the Group had been entered into in the normal course of business and were carried out on normal commercial terms during the current quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2023.

18 Categories of financial instruments

The table below provides an analysis of financial instruments categorised as follows:

- (i) Financial assets measured at amortised cost ("FA"); and
- (ii) Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost ("FL").

Financial assets	
Cash and bank balances and deposits with	
licensed financial institutions 12,105 12,10	
Trade and other receivables excluding prepayments 9,432 9,43	
21,537 21,53	7 -
Financial liabilities	
Trade and other payables (6,423)	- (6,423)
Loans and borrowings (47,379)	- (47,379)
Lease liabilities (3,594)	- (3,594)
(57,396)	- (57,396)
31 December 2022	
Financial assets	
Cash and bank balances and deposits with	
licensed financial institutions 11,779 11,77	
Trade and other receivables excluding prepayments 3,600 3,60	0 -
15,379 15,37	9 -
Financial liabilities	
Trade and other payables (3,486)	- (3,486)
Loans and borrowings (38,423)	- (38,423)
Lease liabilities (2,861)	- (2,861)
(44,770)	- (44,770)

Part B – Additional information required by the listing requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa")

19 Status of corporate proposals announced

The corporate proposals as announced by the Company are as follows:

(a) On 8 September 2023 and 14 September 2023, the Company annnounced that ECM Libra Beachfront Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary, had entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with Desaru Beach Parks Sdn Bhd for the proposed acquisition of a piece of leasehold land held under H.S.(D) 36682, PTD 8351, Mukim Pantai Timur, District of Kota Tinggi, State of Johor Darul Takzim, measuring in land area of approximately 44,427.00 square metres ("DBPSB Land") for cash consideration of RM19.81 million ("Proposed Acquisition of DBPSB Land").

As at the date of this report, the Proposed Acquisition of DBPSB Land is on-going.

(b) The Company had on 23 November 2023 proposed to undertake a private placement of up to 47,992,500 new ordinary shares in the Company ("ECMLG Shares"), representing up to approximately 10% of the existing total number of issued ECMLG Shares, to independent third party investor(s) to be identified later at an issue price to be determined later ("Proposed Private Placement"). The application for the listing and quotation for the ECMLG Shares pursuant to the Proposed Private Placement was submitted to Bursa on the even date and subsequently approved on 29 November 2023 ("Date of Approval"). The Proposed Private Placement may be implemented in 1 or more tranches (as the placees may be identified and procured over a period of time rather than simultaneously) within a period of 6 months from the Date of Approval by Bursa.

The issue price for the first tranche of the Proposed Private Placement was fixed on 5 January 2024 at RM0.2053 per placement share ("Issue Price"). The Issue Price represents the 5-market day volume-weighted average market price of ECMLG Shares up to and including 4 January 2024.

On 10 January 2024, the first tranche of the Proposed Private Placement was completed following the listing of 15,368,000 ECMLG Shares on the Main Market of Bursa. Based on the Record of Depositors on the even date, the public shareholding spread of the Company stood at 25.00% and the Company is in compliance with the paragraph 8.02(1) of the main market listing requirements.

The status of utilisation of proceeds raised from the Proposed Private Placement as at 21 February 2024 are as follows:

Purpose	Proceeds Raised RM'000	Actual Utilisation RM'000	Balance RM'000	Intended timeframe for utilisation
Working capital for the Company and its subsidiaries' hospitality	3,060	(205)	2,855	Within 12 months
Estimated expenses for the Proposed Private Placement	95	(67)	28	Immediate
	3,155	(272)	2,883	

Other than the above, there were no corporate proposal announced but not completed as at 21 February 2024.

20 Review of performance

(a) Financial year ended 31 December 2023 compared with the previous financial year ended 31 December 2022

The Group recorded total revenue of RM37.03 million in the current financial year ended 31 December 2023 ("12M FY2023"), representing an increase of 49% compared to total revenue of RM24.83 million recorded in the previous financial year ended 31 December 2022 ("12M FY2022"). The improved revenue attributed to better performance of the hospitality segment, resulting from higher room occupancies and food and beverage revenue.

The Group reported a profit before tax of RM26.40 million in 12M FY2023 compared to a loss before tax of RM1.95 million in 12M FY2022. The improvement was mainly due to higher share of profit from associates and joint ventures of RM29.24 million in 12M FY2023 (12M FY2022: share of profit of RM4.59 million) mainly resulted from the disposal of shares in TYK Capital Sdn Bhd by an associate company as disclosed in Note 11 during the year.

Review of segmental performance:

(i) Investment Holding

The investment holding segment recorded a profit before tax of RM25.48 million in 12M FY2023 (12M FY2022: profit before tax of RM3.76 million) mainly due to higher share of profit from associates and joint ventures of RM28.04 million in 12M FY2023 (12M FY2022: RM6.88 million). The increase in share of results mainly resulted from the disposal of shares in TYK Capital Sdn Bhd by an associate company as disclosed in Note 11 during the year.

(ii) Structured Financing

The structured financing segment recorded a lower segment profit of RM0.02 million in 12M FY2023, a decrease of 75% from RM0.08 million in 12M FY2022 due to lower interest income. During the financial year ended 31 December 2023, the Group did not extend any loans to any party in its ordinary course of business as a licensed money lender.

(iii) Hospitality

The hospitality segment's revenue rose by 49% to RM36.58 million in 12M FY2023 (12M FY2022: RM24.57 million), primarily driven by an overall rise in occupancies across the hospitality assets and higher food and beverage revenue in 12M FY2023. A profit before tax of RM0.91 million in 12M FY2023 was recorded, an encouraged improvement from a loss before tax of RM5.79 million in 12M FY2022.

20 Review of performance (cont'd.)

(b) Financial quarter ended 31 December 2023 compared with the previous financial quarter ended 31 December 2022

The Group's revenue for the current financial quarter ended 31 December 2023 ("Q4 FY2023") was RM10.75 million, an increase of 18% from RM9.11 million in the preceding year corresponding quarter ended 31 December 2022 ("Q4 FY2022") with the hospitality segment being the main contributor to the higher revenue.

The Group reported a loss before tax of RM2.59 million in Q4 FY2023 (Q4 FY2022: profit before tax of RM3.45 million) mainly due to loss on impairment of investment in a joint venture of RM2.96 million in Q4 FY2023 and share of losses from associates and joint ventures of RM0.31 million (Q4 FY2022: share of profit of RM4.30 million).

Review of segmental performance:

(i) Investment Holding

The investment holding segment recorded a loss before tax of RM1.31 million in Q4 FY2023 (Q4 FY2022: profit before tax of RM3.44 million) mainly due to share of losses from associates and joint ventures of RM0.24 million in Q4 FY2023 (Q4 FY2022: share of profit of RM4.51 million).

(ii) Structured Financing

The structured financing recorded a loss before tax of RM0.01 million in Q4 FY2023 compared to a profit before tax of RM0.02 million in Q4FY2022 due to lower interest income. In Q4 FY2023, the Group did not extend any loans to any party in its ordinary course of business as a licensed money lender.

(iii) Hospitality

The hospitality segment's revenue rose by 18% to RM10.67 million in Q4 FY2023 (Q4 FY2022: RM9.07 million), driven by stronger leisure demand. This is offset by loss on impairment of investment in a joint venture of RM2.96 million, resulted in pre-tax loss of RM1.27 million in Q4 FY2023 (Q4 FY2022: pre-tax loss of RM0.01 million).

21 Review of performance of current financial quarter against immediate preceding financial quarter

		Immediate
	Current	preceding
	quarter	quarter
	31-Dec-23	30-Sep-23
	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	10,750	9,640
Other (expense)/income	(5)	282
Changes in inventories	(108)	20
Purchase of inventories	(964)	(564)
Reversal on other impairment loss	1,657	-
Operating expenses	(9,955)	(8,031)
Profit from operations	1,375	1,347
Finance costs	(693)	(652)
Investments in associates and joint ventures, net of tax		
- loss on impairment	(2,958)	-
- share of results	(313)	1,272
(Loss)/profit before tax	(2,589)	1,967
Taxation	(1,332)	(59)
(Loss)/profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company	(3,921)	1,908

The Group recorded a loss before tax of RM2.59 million in Q4 FY2023, compared to profit before tax of RM1.97 million in the previous quarter. The loss before tax in Q4 FY2023 was mainly due to an increase in operating expenses by RM1.92 million, particularly resulted from higher personnel related expenses in Q4 FY2023 and loss on impairment of investment in a joint venture of RM2.96 million.

22 Group's prospects

The Group's hospitality sector is expected to see continued strong demand and robust room pricing in 2024. The Group continues to explore opportunities to expand its hospitality business - both within Malaysia and internationally.

23 Profit forecast

The Group did not issue any profit forecast or profit guarantee for the current quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2023.

24 Dividend

There was no dividend declared in respect of the current quarter and the corresponding quarter in the previous year.

25 (Loss)/profit before tax

	Quarter Ended		Year-to-Date Ended	
	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
(Loss)/profit before tax for the period is arrived				
at after charging/(crediting):				
Auditors' remuneration				
- statutory audit	49	20	121	96
- non-statutory audit	-	5	5	5
Amortisation of intangible assets	8	13	46	60
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	640	745	3,067	3,066
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	409	237	1,215	1,027
Employee benefits expense	4,199	3,366	12,871	10,590
Unrealised loss on foreign exchange translation	143	33	159	33
Loss on impairment of financial assets	-	33	-	33
Reversal on other impairment loss on:				
- property, plant and equipment	14	-	14	-
- right-of-use assets	1,643	-	1,643	-
Interest expense on:				
- loans and borrowings	537	524	2,436	1,913
- lease liabilities	156	170	185	191
Rental income of premises	(55)	(55)	(187)	(216)
Interest income	(135)	(59)	(569)	(290)

26 Income tax expense

	Quarter Ended		Year-to-Date Ended	
	31-Dec-23 RM'000	31-Dec-22 RM'000	31-Dec-23 RM'000	31-Dec-22 RM'000
In respect of current period				
Total income tax expense, representing current period's provision				
- Current tax	66	25	144	37
- Deferred tax	1,266	646	1,266	646
Total income tax expense	1,332	671	1,410	683

Income tax is calculated at the Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% of the estimated assessable profit for the current and previous corresponding periods. The effective tax rates of the Group for the current and previous corresponding periods were lower than the statutory tax rate of the respective periods principally due to share of results of associates and joint ventures was net of tax.

27 Group Borrowings

The Group's borrowings as at 31 December 2023 are as follows:

	RM'000
Current	
Secured term loan	2,394
Secured revolving credit	30,208
	32,602
Non-current	
Secured term loan	14,777
Total borrowings	47,379

The Company has provided corporate guarantee for the Group Borrowings disclosed above.

28 Changes in material litigation

There was no material litigation against the Group as at the reporting date.

29 (Loss)/earnings per ordinary share

(a) Basic (loss)/earnings per ordinary share

The basic (loss)/earnings per ordinary share is calculated by dividing the Group's (loss)/earnings for the reporting period attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the reporting period.

	Quarter Ended		Year-to-Date Ended	
	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
(Loss)/profit for the financial period attributable to owners of the Company (RM'000)	(3,921)	2,780	24,991	(2,628)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (units '000)	479,926	479,926	479,926	479,926
Basic (loss)/earnings per ordinary share (sen)	(0.82)	0.58	5.21	(0.55)

(b) Diluted (loss)/earnings per ordinary share

The Group has no dilution in its (loss)/earnings per ordinary share in the current quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2023 as there are no dilutive potential ordinary shares.

Date: 21 February 2024