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SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD.

特海国际控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(HKEX Stock Code: 9658; NASDAQ Symbol: HDL)

OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

This announcement is made by SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. (the “**Company**”) pursuant to Rule 13.10B of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The Company filed an annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025 (“**Form 20-F**”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States.

For details of the filing, please refer to the attached Form 20-F, which is also available for viewing on the Company’s investor relations website at www.superhiinternational.com.

By order of the Board
SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD.
Ms. SHU Ping
Chairperson

Singapore, April 13, 2026

As of the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Ms. SHU Ping as the chairperson and non-executive Director; Ms. June YANG Lijuan, Mr. LI Yu and Ms. LIU Li as executive Directors; and Mr. TAN Kang Uei, Anthony, Mr. TEO Ser Luck and Mr. LIEN Jown Jing Vincent as independent non-executive Directors.

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 20-F**

(Mark One)

- REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
OR
- ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.
OR
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
OR
- SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of event requiring this shell company report.

For the transition period from to .

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SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of Each Class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol</u>	<u>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</u>
American depositary shares (each representing ten (10) ordinary shares), par value US\$0.000005 per share	HDL	Nasdaq Stock Market
Ordinary shares, par value US\$0.000005 per share	9658	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

(Title of Class)

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

None

(Title of Class)

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report:

As of December 31, 2025, there were 650,299,000 ordinary shares outstanding, par value US\$0.000005 per share.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emerging growth company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards † provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

† The term "new or revised financial accounting standard" refers to any update issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to its Accounting Standards Codification after April 5, 2012.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board Other

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow. Item 17 Item 18

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

(APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes No

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INTRODUCTION

In this annual report on Form 20-F, except where the context otherwise requires and for purposes of this annual report only:

- “ADR” refers to the American depositary receipt that evidences the ADS;
- “ADSs” refer to our American depositary shares, each of which represents ten (10) of our ordinary shares;
- “Greater China” refers to Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan;
- “HK\$” or “HK dollar” refers to the legal currency of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;
- “HDL Group” refers to Haidilao International Holding Ltd., together with its subsidiaries;
- “Hong Kong Listing Rules” refer to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time;
- “HKEx” or Hong Kong Stock Exchange” refers to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
- “IFRS Accounting Standards” refer to International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board;
- “international market” refers to the global market excluding Greater China, unless the context indicates otherwise;
- “ordinary shares” are to our ordinary shares, par value US\$0.000005 per share;
- “self-operated restaurants” are to Haidilao restaurants that are directly owned and operated by our company. When we self-operate a restaurant, we retain full control of the restaurant’s operations and keep all the profit or loss generated by the restaurant. As of the date of this annual report, all of the Haidilao restaurants within our network are self-operated restaurants;
- “we,” “us,” “our company,” and “our” refer to SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD., our Cayman Islands holding company, and its subsidiaries; and
- “US\$,” “dollars” or “U.S. dollars” refer to the legal currency of the United States.

Our reporting currency is the U.S. dollar. In addition, this annual report also contains translations of certain foreign currency amounts into U.S. dollars for the convenience of the reader. Unless otherwise noted, all translations of HK dollars into U.S. dollars in this annual report were made at a rate of HK\$7.7833 to US\$1.00, the exchange rate in effect as of December 31, 2025 as set forth in the H.10 statistical release of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The exchange rates used in the financial statements and related notes in this annual report are as indicated therein. We make no representation that any HK dollar or U.S. dollar amounts referred to in this annual report, could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars or HK dollars, as the case may be, at any particular rate, or at all.

FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This annual report contains forward-looking statements that reflect our current expectations and views of future events. These forward-looking statements are made under the “safe-harbor” provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, including those listed under “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors,” that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

You can identify these forward-looking statements by words or phrases such as “may,” “will,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “aim,” “estimate,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “likely to,” “potential,” “continue” or other similar expressions. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy and financial needs. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about relating to:

- our operations and business prospects;
- future developments, trends and conditions in the industry and markets in which we operate;
- our strategies, plans, objectives and goals and our ability to successfully implement these strategies, plans, objectives and goals;
- our ability to maintain an effective food safety and quality control system;
- our ability to continue to maintain our leadership position in the industry and markets in which we operate;
- our dividend policy;
- our capital expenditure plans;
- our expansion plans;
- our future debt levels and capital needs;
- our expectations regarding the effectiveness of our marketing initiatives and the relationship with our third-party partners;
- our ability to recruit and retain qualified personnel;
- relevant government policies and regulations relating to our industry;
- our ability to protect our systems and infrastructures from cyber-attacks;
- general economic and business conditions globally; and
- assumptions underlying or related to any of the foregoing.

These forward-looking statements involve various risks and uncertainties. Although we believe that our expectations expressed in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, our expectations may later be found to be incorrect. Our actual results could be materially different from our expectations. Moreover, new risk factors and uncertainties emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for our management to predict all risk factors and uncertainties, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

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This annual report contains certain data and information that we obtained from various government and private publications. Statistical data in these publications also include projections based on a number of assumptions. Our industry may not grow at the rate projected by market data, or at all. Failure of this market to grow at the projected rate may have a material adverse effect on our business and the market price of our ADSs or ordinary shares. In addition, the rapidly evolving nature of this industry results in significant uncertainties for any projections or estimates relating to the growth prospects or future condition of our market. Furthermore, if any one or more of the assumptions underlying the market data are later found to be incorrect, actual results may differ from the projections based on these assumptions. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements made in this annual report relate only to events or information as of the date on which the statements are made in this annual report. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date on which the statements are made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. You should read this annual report and the documents that we refer to in this annual report and exhibits to this annual report completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

PART I.

ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS

Not applicable.

ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION

A. [Reserved]

B. Capitalization and Indebtedness

Not applicable.

C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

D. Risk Factors

Summary of Risk Factors

An investment in our ADSs and ordinary shares involves significant risks. Below is a summary of material risks we face, organized under headings. These risks are discussed more fully in “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors.”

Risks Related to Our Business and Industry

Risks and uncertainties related to our business and industry include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Our multi-jurisdiction operations may lead to increasing risks and uncertainties and our management system may not be effective to address risks and uncertainties in our international restaurant operations.
- If we fail to retain existing guests or attract new guests, our financial condition and business operations may be materially and adversely affected.
- Our continued success depends on our ability to deliver and maintain our high-quality services and dining experience.
- We face risks related to the instance of any food safety incidents and any food-borne illnesses.
- We may fail to maintain or enhance brand recognition or reputation.
- We will continue to expand our restaurant network, which may increase risks and uncertainties.
- Our historical financial and operating results may not be indicative of our future performance.
- We face intense competition in the international market for catering services.
- Uncertainties relating to the growth of the international market for Chinese cuisine restaurants, especially the hot pot market, could adversely affect our revenues and business prospects.
- Rising interest rates could negatively impact our performance and restaurant expansion plans.

Risks Related to Our ADSs and Ordinary Shares

In addition to the risks described above, we are subject to risks related to our ADSs and ordinary shares:

- The trading prices of our ADSs and ordinary shares are likely to be volatile, which could result in substantial losses to investors.
- We are an emerging growth company within the meaning of the Securities Act and may take advantage of certain reduced reporting requirements.

Risks Related to Our Business and Industry

Our multi-jurisdiction operations may lead to increasing risks and uncertainties and our management system may not be effective to address risks and uncertainties in our international restaurant operations.

Operating in multiple jurisdictions around the world and expanding to new regions may expose us to various risks, which may include, among others:

- failure to anticipate changes to the competitive landscape in the new market due to lack of familiarity with the local business environment;
- different consumer preferences and discretionary spending patterns;
- difficulty in finding reliable suppliers of food ingredients meeting our quality standards at acceptable prices and quantities;
- the infringement of our intellectual property rights in foreign jurisdictions;
- political risks, including civil unrest, acts of terrorism, acts of war, regional and global political or military tensions and strained or altered foreign relations, which may lead to interruptions in our business operations and/or loss of property;
- geopolitical risks in the countries we operate;
- economic, financial and market instability and credit risks;
- material tariffs imposed on our food ingredients imported from other countries;
- challenges in interpreting and difficulties in complying with foreign investment laws and regulations in different jurisdictions. For example, we may still be found non-compliant with foreign investment laws and regulations by the local authorities due to uncertainties in interpretation and enforcement, despite the steps we already take;
- difficulties and costs associated with complying with, and enforcing remedies under, a wide variety of complex local and international laws, treaties and regulations;
- inability to obtain or maintain the requisite registrations, filings, licenses, permits, approvals and certificates in multiple jurisdictions;
- economic sanctions, trade restrictions, discrimination, protectionism or unfavorable policies against Chinese brands;
- difficulties with localized management of employees and operations, including compliance with local labor and immigration laws and regulations;
- exposure to litigation or third-party claims in different jurisdictions;
- foreign currency exchange controls and fluctuations;
- stringent consumer protection and data security requirements in multiple jurisdictions;

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- uncertainties in the interpretation and application of tax laws and regulations, more onerous tax obligations and unfavorable tax conditions; and
- cultural differences and language difficulties.

As a result of the above factors, our ability to operate in certain jurisdictions may be restricted, or our restaurants in multiple jurisdictions may take longer than expected to ramp up and reach, or may never reach, expected sales and profit levels, thereby affecting our overall profitability. We may also be subject to fines and penalties imposed by local governments and our brand image and reputation may be adversely and materially affected.

In addition, our restaurant network covered 14 countries internationally as of December 31, 2025. Our business and reputation may be adversely and materially affected if there are any geopolitical issues relating to us in the countries we operate. Geopolitical issues may also cause significant inflation in one particular country, which may result in higher procurement costs and therefore affect our business, financial conditions and results of operations.

We believe our proven management philosophy of “aligned interests and disciplined management” will assist with our expansion. However, as we continue to grow and expand, our current management system may not continue to be effective and successful. Even though we are devoted to adapting our management philosophy in different countries based on local conditions, there is no assurance that we will be able to successfully manage our restaurants in all jurisdictions and effectively manage our growth.

We adopt a multi-tier management system to achieve scalable growth while maintaining standardization, which gives our restaurant managers significant autonomy in the day-to-day operations of the restaurants they manage. Our headquarters are responsible for functions such as food safety, procurement, growth strategy and our regional managers primarily serve as the bridge that connects our headquarters and each restaurant. However, we cannot assure you that our headquarters, regional managers and restaurant managers will be able to effectively manage all of our restaurants directly as we grow in business scale. In addition, our current restaurant assessment scheme primarily focused on guest satisfaction and employee contribution and places less emphasis on financial performance of the restaurant, which may not always be effective in assessing the performance of our restaurants in different countries.

There can be no assurance that our management system, as it evolves, will always be able to address our needs at different stages of our growth. Any significant failure or deterioration of our management system could have a material and adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

If we fail to retain existing guests or attract new guests, our financial condition and business operations may be materially and adversely affected.

We cannot guarantee that we will be able to retain our existing customers or attract new customers, and our financial condition and business operations may be materially and adversely affected. Our ability to attract and retain guests could be negatively affected in the following events:

- decline in the quality of service;
- failure to introduce new services or dishes that gain popularity amongst guests;
- inability to meet the needs of our guests and changes in consumer tastes or preferences;
- inability to continually upgrade our technology system; and
- inability to provide customized services to our guests.

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In particular, our business is affected by consumer tastes and dining preferences. While we are committed to regularly updating our menu and introducing innovative and localized dishes from time to time to adapt to dining trends in different geographical locations, shifts in consumer tastes and nutritional trends, we cannot assure you that hot pot is always preferred by guests among all cuisine styles, particularly in a market with smaller Asian communities. In addition, consumer tastes and preferences are constantly changing and our failure to anticipate, identify, interpret and react to these changes could lead to reduced guest traffic and demand for our restaurants. We cannot assure you that our hot pot will continue to be preferred by consumers, or that we will be able to adapt to local tastes and preferences as we expand into new markets. In addition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to launch new dishes that effectively respond to consumer preferences or result in increased profits. If we are unable to respond to changes in consumer tastes and preferences in a timely manner or at all, or if our competitors are able to address these concerns more effectively, we may face a decrease in guest visits and our business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

Our continued success depends on our ability to deliver and maintain our high-quality services and dining experience.

The success of our restaurants revolves primarily around guest satisfaction, which is dependent on the continued popularity of the “Haidilao” brand and lies in our ability to provide a great dining experience. As we continue to grow in size, extend our geographic reach and expand our food offerings and services, maintaining food and services quality and consistency may become more difficult and we cannot assure you that customer confidence in our brand will not diminish. There is no assurance that we will be able to continue to provide high-quality services and an enjoyable dining experience to our customers. If consumers perceive or experience a deterioration in food quality, service, ambiance or value for money or believe in any way that we are failing to deliver a consistently enjoyable dining experience, our brand value could suffer and the number of customers visiting our restaurants may decline, which could have a material and adverse impact on our business. The quality of our dining experience may be adversely impacted by a number of factors, including, among others:

- long waiting time;
- decline in the quality of service provided by our staff;
- inability to pioneer and introduce new menu items that gain popularity among guests;
- inability to meet the localized needs of our guests and adapt to changes in consumer tastes and preferences;
- decline in food quality, or the perception of such decline amongst guests;
- any significant liability claims or food contamination complaints from our guests;
- inability to offer quality food at affordable prices;
- decrease in the attractiveness or quality of design of our restaurants; and
- low quality of delivery service.

We cannot guarantee that our dining experience will continue to be of high quality and favored by guests, nor that our existing and new restaurants will continue to be successful.

We face risks related to the instance of any food safety incidents and any food-borne illnesses.

As a restaurant brand, the quality and safety of the food we serve in our restaurants is critical to our success and we face risks in relation to instance of food safety incidents. Due to the different geographical locations we operate in and the expansion of our restaurant network, maintaining consistent food quality depends significantly on the effectiveness of our quality control system, which in turn depends on a number of factors, including but not limited to the design of our quality control system, employee trainings to ensure that our employees adhere to those quality control policies and the ability to identify and prevent any potential violation of our quality control system. There can be no assurance that our quality control system will always prove to be effective and can identify all the potential risks and issues in relation to food safety arising from our restaurant operations. The quality of the food ingredients or service provided by our suppliers is subject to factors beyond our control, including the effectiveness of their quality control system, among others. There can be no assurance that our suppliers may always be able to adopt appropriate quality controls and meet our stringent quality control requirements. Any significant failure or deterioration of our quality control system may result in food safety incidents, which could have a material and adverse effect on our reputation, financial condition and results of operations.

Furthermore, our business is susceptible to food-borne illnesses. We cannot guarantee that our internal controls and training will be fully effective in preventing all food-borne illnesses. Our reliance on third-party food suppliers increases the risk of food-borne illness incidents and the risk of multiple locations instead of a single restaurant being affected. Drug-resistant illnesses may develop in the future, or diseases with long incubation periods could arise, such as mad cow disease, that could give rise to claims or allegations on a retroactive basis. Reports in the media of instances of food-borne illnesses could, if highly publicized, negatively affect our industry overall, and our operations could suffer as a result, regardless of whether we were directly involved in the spread of the illness. Furthermore, other illnesses, such as hand, foot and mouth disease or avian influenza, could adversely affect the supply of some of our ingredients and significantly increase our costs, thereby impacting our restaurant sales and conceivably having a material and adverse effect on our results of operations.

We may fail to maintain or enhance brand recognition or reputation.

We believe that maintaining and enhancing our brand is important to maintain our competitive advantages in the international catering service industry. However, our ability to maintain our brand recognition depends on a number of factors, some of which are beyond our control. We may face negative publicity, malicious allegations, customer disputes, and unauthorized use of the “Haidilao” brand, all of which may tarnish the appeal and reputation of our brand. In particular, the “Haidilao” brand is also used by HDL Group. Our brand image and reputation may be adversely affected by negative publicity or customer disputes of HDL Group, which are out of our control. Moreover, our continued success in maintaining and enhancing our brand and image depends to a large extent on our ability to maintain our distinctive combination of our services, and our localized and high-quality food ingredients at affordable prices, as well as our flexibility to adapt to any changes in the competitive landscape in the hot pot industry. If we are unable to do so, the value of our brand or image will be diminished and our business and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected. As we continue to extend our geographic reach and grow in size, maintaining quality and consistency may be more difficult and we cannot assure you that guests’ confidence in our brand will not be diminished.

We will continue to expand our restaurant network, which may increase risks and uncertainties.

We have increased the number of our restaurants from 111 as of January 1, 2023 to 126 as of December 31, 2025. We plan to continue to expand our restaurant geographical coverage and increase our restaurant penetration rate internationally. Our expansion may cause a deterioration in our corporate culture and restaurant quality, which may adversely affect our brand reputation.

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Our future growth significantly relies on our ability to open and profitably operate new restaurants. It is challenging for us to continue our expansion while ensuring a localized and consistent high-quality of our food and services. As such, we are exposed to the resulting risks in the following areas:

- **An increase in labor costs or labor reserve.** The catering service market is labor-intensive. To achieve continuous expansion and ensure consistent high-quality of customer service, we need sufficient human resources. There is no assurance that we will be able to attract, retain and develop sufficient qualified employees, including restaurant staff, in management, administration, marketing and providing services for our new restaurants in different geographical locations. In particular, we may not be able to attract or develop employees with required language skills in different geographical location. Further, we may incur considerable labor costs in order to retain sufficient labor resources.
- **Significant pre-opening costs and capital expenditures.** Opening new restaurants incurs significant pre-opening costs and capital expenditures. Pre-opening costs, which mainly consist of staff salaries, consulting services fees, staff relocation expenses, rent and miscellaneous administrative expenses prior to the opening of a restaurant, are incurred before the restaurant begins to generate revenue. Our financial conditions and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected by these pre-opening costs and capital expenditures.
- **Risks in ingredients supply.** Our high-quality dining experience depends significantly on the quality of our food ingredients. Any disruption or damages to our ingredients supply chains could place us at a disadvantaged position. It may take a longer period to set up sound ingredients supply chains for our new restaurants in different geographical locations, and we may fail to maintain or upgrade supply chains in a timely and effective manner.
- **Intense competition and failure to anticipate market changes.** We may face intense competition when expanding geographically within existing markets or entering into new markets where we have no prior operating experience. Moreover, we may fail to anticipate market changes in these locations.
- **Failure to strengthen our market position.** As our current expansion plan involves some uncertainties, we cannot assure you that we will be able to assemble high-quality, affordable ingredients, to replicate our services, and to ensure that all of our employees are in compliance, in particular in compliance with the laws and regulations in respect of food safety in multiple jurisdictions. As a result, we may fail to consolidate our market position.

In addition, we may face intense competition when expanding geographically within existing markets or entering into countries or cities where we have little or no experience operating. We cannot assure you that our new restaurants will not cannibalize the business of our existing restaurants, in which case our business, financial conditions and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected. Further, new markets may have different competitive conditions, consumer preferences and spending patterns from our existing markets. As a result, any new restaurants we open in those markets may be less successful than restaurants in our existing markets. Consumers in the new markets, particularly those with smaller Asian communities, may not be familiar with our brand and we may need to build brand awareness in the relevant markets through greater investments in promotional and marketing activities than we originally planned. Sales at the restaurants opened in new markets may take longer than expected to ramp up and reach, or may never reach, expected sales and profit levels, thereby affecting our overall profitability. Further, it may be difficult for us to hire, train and retain qualified employees with a certain level of language skill. Restaurants opened in new markets may also have higher decoration, occupancy or operating costs than restaurants in existing markets.

There is no assurance that we will be able to open new restaurants, either in the existing markets or in new countries or cities. Delays or failures in opening new restaurants could materially and adversely affect our growth and financial and operating results. If new restaurants are opened, they may be less profitable than our existing restaurants due to any decrease in average sales or average spending per customer and/or any increase in construction, occupancy or operating costs.

Our historical financial and operating results may not be indicative of our future performance.

We generated net profit of US\$25.3 million, US\$21.4 million and US\$36.3 million in 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively. Our revenue amounted to US\$686.4 million, US\$778.3 million and US\$840.8 million in 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively. Our future profitability will depend on a variety of factors, including the performances of our new and existing restaurants, competitive landscape, customer preference and macroeconomic and regulatory environment. Therefore, our historical results and growth may not be indicative of our future performance. Our financial and operating results may not meet the expectations of public market analysts or investors, which could cause the future price of our ADSs to decline. In particular, as we expand and open new restaurants, our historical financial and operating results may not be indicative of the performance of our new restaurants. See “— We will continue to expand our restaurant network, which may increase risks and uncertainties.” Our revenue, expenses and operating results may vary from period to period in response to a variety of factors beyond our control, including general economic conditions, special events, government regulations or policies affecting our restaurants and our ability to control costs and operating expenses. You should not rely on our historical results to predict the future performance of our ordinary shares and ADSs.

We cannot guarantee that our innovative business forms will be successfully implemented or generate sustainable revenue or profit.

We continue to execute a number of new business initiatives, strategies and operating plans designed to diversify our business offerings. However, we may face multiple challenges in the implementation of such plans and exploration of innovative business forms. Our newly launched business forms will enter business segments with established competitors and may encounter intense competition and consumer awareness barriers. If we fail to establish clear brand positioning or create sufficient differentiation, our new business forms may struggle to rapidly gain market share. Our operations of innovative business forms could also disperse our management’s focus and resources, requiring the constant optimization of our organizational structure, talent reserves, and internal management. In addition, as such innovative business forms could involve long return cycles, continuous investment in innovative business forms could strain our short-term cash flow and affect our financial performance. We cannot guarantee that our innovative business forms may receive market acceptance and customer demands as we currently expect. As a result, we cannot assure you that any of these innovative business forms will increase the penetration of our addressable market or generate sustainable revenue or profit. If our efforts fail to enhance our monetization abilities, we may not be able to maintain or increase our revenue or recover any associated costs, and our business and results of operations may be materially and adversely impacted.

We face intense competition in the international market for catering services.

The catering service industry is intensely competitive with respect to, among other things, service, food quality, taste, value, ambiance and location. We face significant competition at each of our locations from a variety of restaurants in various market segments, including locally owned Chinese cuisine restaurants and international chains. Many of our competitors are well-established in the markets where we have restaurants, or in which we intend to open new restaurants. Additionally, other companies may develop new restaurants that operate with similar concepts and target our guests resulting in increased competition.

Failure to successfully compete with other restaurants in our markets may prevent us from increasing or sustaining our revenues and profitability and may result in losing market share, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. We may also need to modify or refine elements of our restaurant network to evolve our concepts in order to compete with popular new restaurant menu dishes or concepts that develop from time to time. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in implementing these modifications or that these modifications will not reduce our profitability.

Uncertainties relating to the growth of the international market for Chinese cuisine restaurants, especially the hot pot market, could adversely affect our revenues and business prospects.

Our business is affected by the development of the international market for Chinese cuisine and hot pot. Our future results of operations will depend on numerous factors affecting the development of the international markets for Chinese cuisine and hot pot, such as government regulations and policies over this industry, investments in this industry and tastes and dining habits of guests, and some of them are completely beyond our control. Any decline in the popularity of Chinese cuisine in general, especially hot pot, or any failure by us to adapt our strategies in response to trends in the international markets for Chinese cuisine and hot pot may adversely affect our results of operations and business prospects.

We will continue to incur costs on marketing efforts, including advertising, promotions and marketing campaigns to attract guests, some of which may not be sustainable or effective.

We incur costs and expend other resources in our marketing efforts to attract and retain guests. Our marketing activities include advertisements, promotions and in-store marketing campaigns. As we continue to expand globally, we expect to increase our investments in advertising and marketing promotional activities that are tailored to local market. Accordingly, we may incur higher costs in relation to marketing activities, resulting in greater financial risk and a greater impact on our company. Further, some of our marketing activities may not be successful, resulting in expenses incurred without the benefit of higher revenue. Additionally, some of our competitors have greater financial resources, which enable them to spend significantly more on marketing and advertising than we are able to at this time. Should our competitors increase spending on marketing and advertising, or our marketing funds decrease for any reason, or should our advertising and promotions be less effective than those of our competitors, there could be a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

We may not be able to achieve, maintain and increase the sales and profitability of our existing restaurants.

The sales and profitability of existing restaurants will also affect our sales growth and will continue to be a critical factor affecting our revenue and profit. Our ability to increase sales and profitability of existing restaurants depend in part on our ability to successfully implement our initiatives to increase customer traffic, table turnover rate and spending per guest. Examples of these initiatives include offering innovative localized dishes and soup bases, enhancing cultural-oriented dining experience, upgrading customer loyalty program and adjusting prices of our dishes. There can be no assurance that we will be able to achieve our targeted sales growth and profitability for our existing restaurants. If we are unable to achieve our targeted sales and profitability in our existing markets, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

To minimize the negative impact of existing restaurants with weaker performance, we may decide to close the restaurants with unsatisfactory sales growth or profitability based on our continuous assessment. The closure of restaurants may have a material and adverse impact on our business, financial conditions and results of operations.

Any shortage or interruption in supply could slow our growth and reduce our profitability.

We maintain a relatively broad supplier network as we only adopt centralized procurement in markets where we have larger presence. In 2023, 2024 and 2025, we did not experience any incidents of interruption or delay in our supply chain or failure to secure sufficient quantities of food ingredients from our suppliers that had a material and adverse effect on us. We may incur higher costs in managing such a broad supplier network. While we maintain good business relationships with these parties, we cannot assure you that these suppliers will not breach their contractual obligations to us, or that our agreements will not be suspended, terminated or otherwise expired without renewal. The operations of these parties may be subject to any natural disasters or other unanticipated catastrophic events, including adverse weather, natural disasters, fires, technical or mechanical difficulty, storms, explosions, earthquakes, strikes, acts of terrorism, wars and outbreaks of epidemics could cause a delay or suspension of operations of these parties, which may affect the quality of their products and services, cause interruptions in our operations. In such event, our business, financial conditions and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

In addition, we rely on third party logistics service providers to deliver food ingredients to our restaurants. We cannot guarantee that these logistic service providers will be able to deliver food ingredients on time, or the food ingredients will not be subject to contamination during the delivery, which is beyond our control. In such event, our business, financial condition and results of operations will be materially and adversely affected.

Fluctuations in exchange rates could have a material and adverse effect on our results of operations.

Because we conduct a significant and growing portion of our business in currencies other than the US dollars but report our consolidated financial results in US dollars, we face exposure to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. In 2023 and 2024, we recorded net foreign exchange losses of US\$5.0 million and US\$19.7 million, respectively. We recorded net foreign exchange gains of US\$14.1 million in 2025. As exchange rates vary, revenue, cost of raw materials and consumables, exclusive of depreciation and amortization, operating expenses, other income and expense, and assets and liabilities, when translated, may also vary materially and thus affect our overall financial results. We may in the future, enter into hedging arrangements to manage foreign currency translation, but such activity may not completely eliminate fluctuations in our operating results due to currency exchange rate changes. Hedging arrangements are inherently risky, and we do not have experience establishing hedging programs, which could expose us to additional risks that could adversely affect our financial condition and operating results.

Rising interest rates could negatively impact our performance and restaurant expansion plans.

We are exposed to fair value interest rate risk in relation to pledged bank deposits, fixed-rate bank borrowings, other financial assets and lease liabilities. We are also exposed to cash flow interest rate risk in relation to variable-rate bank balances, and variable-rate bank borrowings which carry prevailing market interests. We attempt to minimize this risk and lower our overall borrowing costs through maintaining a balanced portfolio of fixed rate and floating rate bank borrowings and bank balances.

This risk has not had a material impact on our overall borrowing cost or our financial performance. However, in the event that we fail to control this risk in the future, rising interest rates could significantly increase our cost of borrowing or could make it difficult for us to obtain financing in the future. An increased cost of borrowing would make it more expensive for us to acquire or lease properties to convert into a Haidilao restaurant unit or to acquire an existing restaurant, which may negatively impact our performance. If we are unable to obtain financing in the future, our growth could be limited, which could negatively impact our business and operating results.

We may not be able to retain or secure key members of our management team or other key personnel including our regional managers for our operations.

Our future success depends on the continued service and efforts of our directors and executive officers. Losing their service and that of other key personnel with industry experience and know-how in areas such as restaurant operations, financial, accounting and risk management, could have a material and adverse effect on our ability to sustain and grow our business. We need to continue to attract, retain and motivate a sufficient number of qualified management and operating personnel to maintain consistency in the quality and atmosphere of our restaurants and meet our expansion plans.

We will need to continue to attract, train and retain talents at all levels, such as skillful restaurant staff, as we expand our business and operations. Competition for experienced management and operating personnel in the restaurant industry is intense, and the pool of qualified candidates is limited. We may not be able to retain the services of our core management team and key personnel or attract and retain high-quality core management team or key personnel in the future. We invest significant amounts of time and effort to cultivate qualified restaurant managers and other key personnel at restaurant level. Historically, substantially all of our restaurant managers were promoted internally within the organization from the most junior ranking positions. If one or more of our key personnel are unable or unwilling to continue in their present positions, we may not be able to replace them easily or at all, and our business may be disrupted, and our results of operations may be materially and adversely affected. In addition, if any member of our core management team or any of our other key personnel joins a competitor or forms a competing business, we may lose business secrets and know-how as a result, which may have a material and adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

We are subject to the risks associated with leasing premises for our restaurants.

We lease the premises for all of our restaurants. Our property rent costs may increase our vulnerability to adverse economic conditions, limit our ability to obtain additional financing and reduce our cash for other purposes. Our property rent costs may further increase in line with our restaurant network expansion.

We normally negotiate with the landlords to renew our leases upon their expiration. If we are unable to renew the leases, we may have to close or relocate the restaurant. We may not be able to identify suitable premises at commercially reasonable prices and we may incur significant relocation and decoration costs in relation to the new premises we lease. In addition, the revenue and profit generated from this restaurant may be adversely affected. Even though we are able to renew the lease agreements, we cannot assure you that we will be able to renew without substantial additional costs or increase in rental cost. If a lease agreement is renewed at a rent substantially higher than the historical rate, or any historical favorable terms granted by the lessor to us are not extended, our business and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected. As a result, any inability to obtain leases for desirable restaurant locations or renew existing leases on commercially reasonable terms could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are also subject to risks generally associated with the property rental market. These risks mainly include changes in market rental rates, relocation of business districts or communities, supply or demand for the products of our restaurants and potential liability for environmental contamination. In addition, we are also subject to risks in relation to potential title defects of the premises we lease, which sometimes are beyond our control.

We may experience liability claims or complaints from our guests, or adverse publicity involving our products, our service or our restaurants.

Being in the catering service industry, we face an inherent risk of food contamination and liability claims. Our food quality substantially depends on the quality of the food ingredients provided by our suppliers, and we may not be able to detect all defects in those supplies. We have implemented comprehensive food safety measures and inspection procedures for key stages in our supply chain, and we conduct periodic and spot inspections of the participants in our supply chain (i.e., suppliers, food processing service providers, and inventory and logistics providers) and of our restaurants. However, as we expand our business scale, we cannot assure you that these counterparties or our restaurant employees will adhere to our internal procedures and requirements at all times. Any failure to detect defective food supplies, poor hygiene or cleanliness standards in our operations or other failure to observe our requirements, could adversely affect the quality of the food served in our restaurants, which could lead to liability claims, complaints, or related adverse publicity and could result in the imposition of penalties by competent authorities or compensation awarded by courts against us.

In the past, we have received an insignificant number of guest complaints, considering the scale of our business and guest traffic. Most of the guest complaints we received were related to the taste and style of a particular dish, and the service quality of our staff. Some related to scalding and other accidents occurred in the dining process. We take these complaints seriously and endeavor to reduce such complaints by implementing various remedial measures. Nevertheless, we cannot assure you that we can successfully prevent all guest complaints of similar nature.

Any complaints or claims against us, even if meritless and unsuccessful, may divert management attention and other resources from our business and adversely affect our business and operations. Guests may lose confidence in us and our brand, which may adversely affect the business of our restaurants, resulting in declines in our revenue and even losses. Furthermore, negative publicity, including but not limited to negative online reviews on social media and restaurant review platforms, and media reports or industry findings related to food quality, safety, public health concerns, illness, injury or governmental investigations, whether or not accurate, and whether or not concerning our restaurants, can adversely affect our business, results of operations and reputation.

Interruptions, delays or failure in providing our food delivery services may have a material and adverse effect on us.

In addition to dine-in services in our restaurants, we offer food delivery services in certain restaurants. We primarily engage local third-party food delivery service companies to deliver our food and we have less control over their services and quality control measures. As the food provider, we may be held liable for complaints and/or compensation related to orders made through these platforms, even if through no fault of ours.

Interruptions, delays or failures in providing our delivery services, whether or not at our fault, may materially and adversely impact the experience of our customers and, further, damage our reputation and business. These interruptions may be caused by unforeseen events that are beyond our control or the control of the food delivery services platforms, such as inclement weather, natural disasters, transportation disruptions, and labor unrest. In addition, food safety or product quality issues may occur when food delivery services are performed by third-party platforms. Any such incidents may result in the return of our food or complaints and, further, harm the reputation of our overall business image.

The payment methods that we accept subject us to third-party payment-related risks.

A significant portion of our revenue were settled through third-party payment service providers, such as Visa and Mastercard. Therefore, the ability to accept digital payments from these third-party channels are crucial for our success. If we fail to extend or renew the agreements with these third-party payment processors on acceptable terms or if these payment service processors are unwilling or unable to provide us with payment service or impose onerous requirements on us in order to access their services, or if they increase the fees they charge us for these services, our business and results of operations could be harmed. Furthermore, to the extent we rely on the systems of the third-party payment processors, any defects, failures and interruptions in their systems could result in similar adverse effect on our business.

Our results of operations may fluctuate due to seasonality.

We have been subject to certain levels of seasonal fluctuations. For example, we normally record higher guest visits and generate higher sales during winter months and holiday seasons. Going forward, our financial condition and results of operations may fluctuate due to seasonality as we continue to expand our store network and our historical results of operations may not be comparable to or indicative of our future results of operations.

We may be unable to receive compensation from suppliers for contaminated ingredients used in our dishes and indemnity provisions in our supply contracts may be insufficient.

In the event that we become subject to food safety claims caused by contaminated or otherwise defective ingredients or raw materials from our suppliers, we may attempt to seek compensation from the relevant suppliers. However, indemnities provided by suppliers may be limited and the claims against suppliers may be subject to certain conditions precedent which may not be satisfied. Further, our supply contracts usually do not have provisions to cover lost profits and indirect or consequential losses. If no claim can be asserted against a supplier or amounts that we claim cannot be recovered from the supplier to the extent that our insurance coverage is insufficient, we may be required to bear such losses and compensation at our own costs. This could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may not be able to adequately manage our inventory.

As a restaurant operator, our raw materials mainly include food ingredients that have limited shelf lives. The shorter the shelf life and the longer we hold such inventories, the higher our risk of inventory obsolescence is. We monitor our inventory levels at each restaurant through a just-in-time inventory management system. However, consumption of our food ingredients is subject to various factors beyond our control, including fluctuations in guest traffic, and in the long term, changes in consumer tastes and dining preferences. We cannot guarantee that our inventory levels will be able to meet the demands of guests, which may adversely affect our sales. We also cannot guarantee that all of our food inventory can be consumed within its shelf life. Excess inventory may increase our inventory holding costs and subject us to the risk of inventory obsolescence or write-offs, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Sites of our existing restaurants may become unattractive, and our new restaurants may not be able to obtain quality sites at commercially reasonable prices, if at all.

We consider geographical locations to be critical in the success of our restaurants and we thus carefully evaluate our restaurant sites. There can be no assurance that the sites of our existing restaurants will continue to be attractive as the areas in which they are located may deteriorate or otherwise change in the future, resulting in reduced sales at these sites. For example, construction or renovation works at the local areas or activities centers where our restaurants are located may adversely affect the accessibility of our relevant restaurant sites, which in turn may result in a decrease in the pedestrian or vehicle flow and ultimately the guest traffic at our relevant restaurants.

Our long-term success is also dependent on our ability to effectively identify and secure appropriate sites for new restaurants at commercially reasonable prices and terms. We compete with other retailers and restaurants for quality sites in the highly competitive market. Some of our competitors may have the ability to negotiate more favorable lease terms than we can, and some lessors and developers may offer priority or grant exclusivity to some of our competitors for desirable locations. If we cannot obtain desirable restaurant locations at commercially reasonable prices and terms, our ability to implement our growth strategy will be adversely affected.

Our information technology systems are subject to risks.

In the ordinary course of business, we use various information technology systems to manage our restaurants and maintain our customer loyalty program, among others. Our information technology systems may be vulnerable to damage or interruption from circumstances beyond our control, including power outages, fire, natural disasters, systems failures, security breaches and viruses. Any significant failure of our information technology systems, or loss or leakage of confidential information could have a material and adverse effect on our business and result in transaction errors, processing inefficiencies and loss of sales and guests. Any security breach caused by hackings to gain unauthorized access to our information or systems, or to cause intentional malfunctions, loss or corruption of data, software, hardware or other computer equipment, or any intentional or inadvertent transmission of computer viruses and similar events or third-party actions could have a material and adverse effect on our business. We also receive and maintain certain personal information about our guests through our customer loyalty programs, as well as by making credit or debit cards sales, which may be breached due to the actions of outside parties, employee error, malfeasance, or a combination of these or otherwise. If any actual or perceived breach of our security occurs, our guests' confidence in the effectiveness of our security measures could be harmed and we may lose guests and suffer financial losses due to such events or in connection with remediation efforts, investigation costs and system protection measures, any of which could harm our reputation and materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations.

The improper collection, transfer, use or disclosure of data could harm our reputation and have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Our business collects, transfers and processes certain personal and business data. We face risks inherent to the collection, transfer, use and disclosure of data, especially personal data. In particular, we face a number of challenges relating to data security and privacy, including but not limited to:

- protecting the data in and hosted on our system, including against attacks on our system by outside parties, data leakage or fraudulent behavior or improper use by our employees or business partners;
- addressing concerns, challenges, negative publicity and litigation related to data security and privacy, collection, transfer, use and actual or perceived sharing, safety, security and other factors;
- complying with applicable laws and regulations relating to the collection, use, storage, transfer, disclosure and security of personal data, including requests from data subjects and compliance requirements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Data protection and privacy laws, regulations and standards are constantly being reviewed and updated to ensure that the standard of protection afforded is kept abreast with technological developments and advancements in this digital era. In lieu of the above, it is thus essential that our internal data protection policy, training materials and guidelines are similarly reviewed and updated in a timely manner to ensure that they remain in compliance and meet the standards required under the relevant data protection rules and regulations.

Any failure, breach or lapse of our data policies may expose us to liability and/or regulatory actions, and may attract negative publicity from media outlets, privacy advocates, our competitors or others, resulting in a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Our insurance policies may not cover the risks relating to our business and operations.

Currently, we maintain insurance policies that we believe are customary for businesses of our size and type and in line with the industry practice. We do not maintain insurance policies against all risks associated with the catering industry, either because we believe it is commercially unfeasible to do so, or the risk is minimal, or because the insurers have carved certain risks out of their standard policies. These risks include, without limitation, events such as the loss of business arising from increased competition and loss of reputation, among others. If an incident occurs, in relation to which we have inadequate insurance coverage, our business, financial position and operating results could be materially and adversely affected.

We may not be able to adequately protect our proprietary know-how or intellectual property, including our recipes, which, in turn, could harm the value of our brand and adversely affect our business.

Our proprietary know-how, recipes, trade secrets and other intellectual property, including our names and logos, are important to our business. We use confidentiality and non-compete agreements with key management and operating personnel and other parties that may have access to our proprietary know-how, recipes and trade secrets. We also take other precautionary measures to protect our intellectual properties. However, we cannot assure you that these measures are adequate and effective in preventing others from independently developing or otherwise obtaining access to our proprietary know-how, recipes and trade secrets. As a result, the appeal of our restaurants could be reduced, and our business and results of operations could be adversely affected.

We cannot assure you that we can prevent third parties from infringing upon our intellectual property rights. We may, from time to time, be required to institute litigation, arbitration or other proceedings to enforce our intellectual property rights, which could be time-consuming and expensive to resolve and would divert our management's time and attention regardless of its outcome, materially and adversely affecting our business, financial conditions and results of operations.

On the other hand, we may face claims of infringement that could interfere with the use of our proprietary know-how, recipes or trade secrets. Defending against such claims may be costly and, if we are unsuccessful, we may be prohibited from continuing to use such proprietary information in the future or be forced to pay damages, royalties or other fees for using such proprietary information, any of which could negatively affect our sales, profitability and prospects.

In addition, certain of our intellectual properties are licensed from Sichuan Haidilao Catering Co., Ltd. (“Sichuan Haidilao”). We cannot guarantee that Sichuan Haidilao will not breach the trademark license agreement, due to the changes in the factors beyond our control, including local laws or government regulations or that the trademark license agreement will not be terminated for other reasons. We believe that our brand and trademarks are important to our business. If a third-party successfully challenges Sichuan Haidilao’s ownership of, or our right to use, the “Haidilao” and related trademarks, our business, financial conditions and results of operations will be materially and adversely affected.

We may fail to be in compliance with regulatory requirements or obtain related licenses required by relevant authorities.

In accordance with the relevant laws and regulations in jurisdictions in which we operate, we are required to maintain various approvals, licenses and permits to operate our restaurant business, including food operation license, environmental protection assessment, fire safety verification and fire safety inspection. These approvals, licenses and permits are obtained upon satisfactory compliance with, amongst other things, the applicable food hygiene and safety, environmental protection, fire safety and liquor licensing laws and regulations.

Going forward, if we fail to obtain all of the necessary licenses, permits and approvals, we may be subject to fines, confiscation of the gains derived from the related restaurants or the suspension of operations of the restaurants, which could materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations. We may also experience adverse publicity arising from such non-compliance with government regulations that negatively impacts our brand. We may experience difficulties or failures in obtaining the necessary approvals, licenses and permits for new restaurants. If we fail to obtain the material licenses, our restaurant opening, and expansion plan may be delayed. In addition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain, renew and/or convert all of the approvals, licenses and permits required for our existing business operations upon expiration in a timely manner or at all. If we cannot obtain and/or maintain all licenses required by us, our ongoing business could be interrupted, and we may also be subject to fines and penalties. In such event, our business, reputation and prospects will be materially and adversely affected.

We may be unable to detect, deter and prevent all instances of fraud or other misconduct committed by our employees, suppliers or other third parties.

We may be exposed to fraud, bribery or other misconduct committed by our employees, suppliers or third parties that could subject us to financial losses and sanctions imposed by governmental authorities, which may adversely affect our reputation. In particular, being in the restaurant business, we usually receive and handle relatively large amounts of cash in our daily operations. We implement internal procedures and policies to monitor our operations and ensure overall compliance, specifically in relation to employee conduct and cash management. As of the date of this annual report, we are not aware of any instances of fraud, bribery, and other misconduct involving employees, suppliers and other third parties that had any material and adverse impact on our business and results of operations. However, we cannot assure you that there will not be any such instances in the future. Although we consider our internal control policies and procedures to be adequate, we may be unable to prevent, detect or deter all such instances of misconduct. Any such misconduct committed against our interests, which may include past acts that have gone undetected or future acts, may have a material and adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Macroeconomic factors may have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial conditions and results of operations.

The catering industry is affected by macroeconomic factors, including changes in international, national, regional and local economic conditions, employment levels and consumer spending patterns. In particular, our restaurants are located in multiple jurisdictions and accordingly, our results of operations are affected by the global macroeconomic conditions. Any deterioration of the global economy, decrease in disposable consumer income, fear of a recession and decrease in consumer confidence may lead to a reduction of guest traffic and average spending per guest at our restaurants, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial conditions and results of operations.

Moreover, the occurrence of a sovereign debt crisis, banking crisis or other disruptions in the global financial markets that could impact the availability of credit generally may have a material and adverse impact on financings available to us. Renewed turmoil affecting the financial markets, banking systems or currency exchange rates may significantly restrict our ability to obtain financing from the capital markets or from financial institutions on commercially reasonable terms, or at all, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may be subject to health epidemics and outbreaks, natural disasters, acts of war or terrorism or other factors beyond our control.

We face risks related to health epidemics. Past occurrences of epidemics or pandemics, depending on their scale of occurrence, have caused different degrees of damage to regional and global economies. For example, our historical performance has been materially and adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, acts of war or terrorism or other factors beyond our control may adversely affect the economy, infrastructure and livelihood of the people in the countries where we conduct our business. Our operations may be under the threat of floods, earthquakes, sandstorms, snowstorms, fire or drought, power, water or fuel shortages, failures, malfunction and breakdown of information management systems, unexpected maintenance or technical problems, or are susceptible to potential wars or terrorist attacks. In such events, our restaurants may be forced to close or relocate. Serious natural disasters may result in loss of lives, injury, destruction of assets and disruption of our business and operations. Acts of war or terrorism may also injure our employees, cause loss of lives, disrupt our business network and destroy our markets. Any of these factors and other factors beyond our control could have an adverse effect on the overall business sentiment and environment, cause uncertainties in the countries where we conduct business, cause our business to suffer in ways that we cannot predict and materially and adversely impact our business, financial conditions and results of operations.

We may face risks in relation to labor disputes.

The catering service market is labor intensive in nature. Due to our large employment base across different jurisdictions, we may be subject to various employment-related claims from our employees and former employees, such as individual or class actions or government enforcement actions relating to alleged employment discrimination, employee classification and related withholding, wage-hour, labor standards or healthcare and benefit issues. Such actions, if brought against us and successful in whole or in part, may affect our ability to compete or materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We may be involved in claims, disputes and legal proceedings in our ordinary course of business.

From time to time, we may be involved in claims, disputes and legal proceedings in our ordinary course of business. These may concern issues relating to, among others, food safety and quality incidents, environmental matters, breach of contract, employment or labor disputes and infringement of intellectual property rights. As of the date of this annual report, we are not involved in any litigations or legal proceedings that may materially affect our business and results of operations. Any claims, disputes or legal proceedings initiated by us or brought against us, with or without merit, may result in substantial costs and diversion of resources, and if we are unsuccessful, could materially harm our reputation. Furthermore, claims, disputes or legal proceedings against us may be caused by defective supplies sold to us by our suppliers, who may not be able to indemnify us in full and in a timely manner, or at all, for any costs that we incur as a result of such claims, disputes and legal proceedings.

Taxation authorities could challenge our allocation of taxable income which could increase our consolidated tax liability.

Our international operations involve certain intra-group transactions and cross border business arrangements during the ordinary course of business, which may impose inherent uncertainty over our profit allocation and its respective tax position across different jurisdictions. The tax treatments of these transactions or arrangements may be subject to interpretation by respective tax authorities in different countries. Although in the past we did not identify transfer pricing risks in the intra-group transactions of us, there is no assurance that relevant tax authorities would not challenge the appropriateness of our transfer pricing arrangement in the future or that the relevant regulations or standards governing such arrangement will not be subject to future changes. In the event a competent tax authority later finds that the transfer prices and the terms that we have applied are not appropriate, such authority could require our relevant subsidiaries to re-determine transfer prices and thereby reallocate the income or adjust the taxable income or deduct costs and expenses of the relevant subsidiary in order to accurately reflect such income. Any such reallocation or adjustment could result in a higher overall tax liability for us and if this occurs, it may have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Specifically, with respect to Singapore, to strengthen international cooperation in taxation matters, stamp out harmful practices and combat tax avoidance by multinational enterprises (“MNEs”), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development was tasked by the G20 to study and deal with the issue of Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (“BEPS”) by MNEs. Discussions on BEPS were subsequently broadened to include more than 140 jurisdictions, through a platform called the Inclusive Framework on BEPS (“IF”). In October 2021, the IF agreed on a Two Pillar solution (“BEPS 2.0”) to address the tax challenges arising from the digitalization of the economy. BEPS 2.0 has since been accepted by more than 140 member jurisdictions of the IF, including Singapore. Under BEPS 2.0:

- Pillar 1 seeks to re-allocate some profits and in turn, taxes, of affected MNE groups from where economic activities are conducted to where the customers are. International discussions remain ongoing as to how to determine the jurisdictions that will surrender profits for re-allocation to market jurisdictions, and how much each will have to surrender.
- Pillar 2 introduces, among other things, the Global Anti-Base Erosion Model Rules (“GloBE Rules”), which in turn introduces a global minimum effective tax rate (“ETR”) of 15% for MNE groups with annual global revenues of 750m Euros or more. If an affected MNE group has an ETR of less than 15% in Singapore at the group level, other jurisdictions can collect the difference of up to 15%. Singapore has enacted the Multinational Enterprise (Minimum Tax) Act 2024 and published the related subsidiary legislation to implement the GloBE Rules (Pillar Two) relating to top-up tax under the Income Inclusion Rule and the Domestic Top-up Tax, both which has taken effect from January 1, 2025.

We are subject to anti-corruption, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering, financial and economic sanctions and similar laws, and non-compliance with such laws can subject us to administrative, civil and criminal fines and penalties, collateral consequences, remedial measures and legal expenses, any discrimination or riot action, could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and reputation.

We are subject to anti-corruption, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering, financial and economic sanctions and similar laws and regulations in various jurisdictions in which we conduct activities, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, or FCPA, the U.K. Bribery Act 2010, the Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) Act 2002 of Singapore, the Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act 1992 of Singapore and other anti-corruption laws and regulations. A violation of these laws or regulations could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and reputation.

Increasing focus on environmental, social and governance matters may impose additional costs on us or expose us to additional risks.

We believe our long-term success rests on our ability to make positive impact on the environment and society and we have adopted a series of environmental, social and governance related policies in our business operations. Investor advocacy groups, certain institutional investors, investment funds, and other influential investors are also increasingly focused on ESG practices and in recent years have placed increasing importance on the implications and social cost of their investments. Regardless of the industry, increased focus from investors on ESG and similar matters may hinder access to capital, as investors may decide to reallocate capital or to not commit capital as a result of their assessment of a company’s ESG practices. Any ESG concern or issue could increase our regulatory compliance costs. If we do not adapt to or comply with the evolving expectations and standards on ESG matters from investors or are perceived to have not responded appropriately to the growing concern for ESG issues, regardless of whether there is a legal requirement to do so, we may suffer from reputational damage and the business, financial condition, and the price of the ADSs could be materially and adversely effected.

Our restaurant operations in various countries may subject us to cultural and language difficulties.

As of December 31, 2025, we had 126 Haidilao restaurants covering 14 countries. We have made, and expect to continue to make, significant investments to expand our international operations and compete with local competitors.

Conducting our business internationally, particularly in countries in which we have limited experience, subjects us to risks that we do not face to the same degree in other jurisdictions. In particular, we are subject to operational and compliance challenges caused by distance, language, and cultural differences. Further, we are subject to resources that are required to localize our business, which requires qualified employees with certain level of language skills, the translation of our website into foreign languages and the adaptation of our operations to local practices, laws, and regulations. We are also facing different levels of social acceptance of our brand, products, and offerings. These cultural and language risks could adversely affect our international operations, which could in turn adversely affect our business, financial condition, and operating results.

Our operations are susceptible to increases in our purchase costs of food ingredients and labor costs, which could adversely affect our margins and results of operations.

Our profitability depends significantly on our ability to anticipate and react to changes in purchase costs of food ingredients. We primarily rely on certain connected persons and local suppliers in the jurisdictions we operate to supply soup based, fresh produce, seafood, meat and other ingredients. Increases in distribution costs or sale prices or failure to perform by our suppliers could cause our food costs to increase. We may be unwilling or unable to pass these cost increases onto our guests, and our operating margins may decrease as a result.

The type, variety, quality and price of food supplies are volatile and subject to factors beyond our control, including seasonal shifts, climate conditions, natural disasters, local regulations and availability, each of which may affect our food costs or cause a disruption in our supply. We are also subject to inflation pressure in the international market, which may also result in an increase in our purchase costs. Although we do not believe that inflation has had a material impact on our financial position or results of operations to date, a high rate of inflation, for example, for certain local or seasonal ingredients or items we offer, may have an adverse effect on financial position if our menu prices do not increase with these increases. Our suppliers may also be affected by higher costs to produce and transport commodities used in our restaurants, rising labor costs and other expenses that they pass through to their customers, which could result in higher costs for goods and services supplied to us. Although we are able to contract for some of the food ingredients used in our restaurants for periods of up to one year, the pricing and availability of some of the food ingredients used in our operations cannot be locked in for periods of longer than one month or at all. We currently do not enter into futures contracts or engage in other financial risk management strategies against potential price fluctuations in food costs. We may not be able to anticipate and react to changes in food costs through our purchasing practices and menu price adjustments in the future, and failure to do so could materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Labor costs and the long-term trend of higher wages may also lead to declines in our margins and operating results. The catering service industry is labor intensive. Since our staff costs account for a significant portion of our cost of sales, we believe that controlling and reducing our labor costs is crucial for us to maintain and improve our profit margins as well as other operating costs.

We face pressure from rising labor costs due to various factors, including but not limited to:

- ***Higher minimum wages.*** The minimum wage in certain jurisdictions where we operate may continue to increase, which has a direct impact on our labor costs; and
- ***Increase in headcount.*** As we expand our operations, the headcount of our employees may increase. We may also need to retain and continuously recruit qualified employees to meet our growing demand for talent, which might further increase our total headcount. Any increases in headcount would also increase our costs in relation to, among other things, recruiting, salaries, training and employee benefits.

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For example, in the United States, many of our restaurant team members are paid hourly rates subject to federal, state or local minimum wage requirements. Numerous state and local governments have their own minimum wage and other regulatory requirements for employees that are generally greater than the federal minimum wage and are subject to annual increases based on changes in local consumer price indices. Although we have experienced general labor cost inflation, we have focused on productivity and cost management initiatives to minimize the financial impact. We cannot assure you that we will be able to control our labor costs or improve our efficiency. Any failure in effectively controlling our labor costs may have a material and adverse impact on our business, financial position and results of operations.

We have recognized, and may continue to recognize impairment losses for property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets.

In 2023 and 2024, we recognized net reversal of impairment losses in respect of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets of US\$7.6 million and US\$47 thousand, respectively, as we continue to recover and grow our business following the pandemic. In 2025, we recognized net impairment losses in respect of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets of US\$2.0 million. We may continue to recognize impairment losses for property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets in the future as we are actively expanding our restaurant network and the performance of certain restaurants may not meet our expectation. If we continue to recognize impairment losses for property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets, our financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

We may need to obtain substantial financing for our operations. If we fail to obtain sufficient funding, our growth may be adversely affected.

In 2023, 2024 and 2025, our net cash generated from operating activities amounted to US\$114.0 million, US\$119.7 million and US\$114.6 million, respectively. We cannot assure you that we will be able to continue generating positive cash flows from operating activities in the future. Our liquidity and financial condition may be materially and adversely affected by negative net cash flows, and we cannot assure you that we will have sufficient cash from other sources to fund our operations. The cost of continuing operations could reduce our cash position, and any increase in our net cash outflow from operating activities could adversely affect our operations by reducing the amount of cash available to meet the cash needs for operating our business and to fund our business expansion.

We primarily fund our operations, expansion and capital expenditures through cash generated from our operations and net proceeds we received from our initial public offering on the Nasdaq Stock Market. As our business scale grows, we may require additional cash resources to finance our continued growth or other future developments, including any investments we may decide to pursue. The amount and timing of such additional financing needs will vary depending on the timing of our new restaurant openings, investments in new restaurants and the amount of cash flow from our operations. The incurrence of indebtedness would result in increased debt service obligations and finance costs and could result in operating and financing covenants that may, among other things, restrict our operations or our ability to pay dividends. Servicing such debt obligations could also be burdensome to our operations. If we fail to service the debt obligations or are unable to comply with such debt covenants, we could be in default under the relevant debt obligations and our liquidity and financial conditions may be materially and adversely affected.

Share-based compensation expenses may cause shareholding dilution to our existing shareholders and potentially have a material and adverse effect on our financial performance.

We have adopted a share award scheme to grant share awards to provide incentives or rewards to eligible participants for their contribution to us. The adoption of the Share Award Scheme may result us to incur share-based compensation expenses in the future. To further incentivize our employees to contribute to us, we may grant additional share-based compensation in the future. Issuance of additional shares with respect to such share-based payment may dilute the shareholding percentage of our existing shareholders. Expenses incurred with respect to such share-based compensation may also have a material and adverse effect on our financial performance.

We may not be able to collect all of our trade and other receivables and thus are exposed to credit risk.

Our trade and other receivables primarily receivables from credit card networks, food delivery platforms and payment platforms, as well as interest receivable and others. At the end of each year, we assess whether the credit risk of a financial instrument has increased significantly since its initial recognition. When making the assessment, we compare the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as of the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as of the date of initial recognition and consider reasonable and supportive forward-looking information. We cannot assure you that we will be able to collect our trade and other receivables in full, or at all, in the future, despite our efforts to conduct credit assessment on them.

Our indebtedness could materially and adversely affect our business, financial conditions and results of operations.

As of December 31, 2025, our total indebtedness was US\$228.8 million, which consisted of our lease liabilities. This indebtedness is primarily used to support our daily operations and expansion plan. We intend to repay such indebtedness with cash flows from operations and our cash and cash equivalents. However, we may continue to incur debt to fund our daily operations and to pursue our expansion plans. This indebtedness could have important consequences for our business and operations including, but not limited to:

- limiting or impairing our ability to obtain financing, refinance any of our indebtedness, obtain equity or debt financing on commercially reasonable terms or at all, which could cause us to default on our obligations and materially impair our liquidity;
- restricting or impeding our ability to access capital markets at attractive rates and increasing the cost of future borrowings;
- reducing our flexibility to respond to changing business and economic conditions or to take advantage of business opportunities that may arise;
- requiring us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments of principal and interest on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow for other purposes;
- placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have lower leverage or better access to capital resources;
- limiting our ability to dispose of assets that secure our indebtedness or utilize the proceeds of such dispositions and, upon an event of default under any such secured indebtedness, allowing the lenders thereunder to foreclose upon our assets pledged as collateral; and
- increasing our vulnerability to downturns in general economic or industry conditions, or in our business.

Risks Related to Our ADSs and Ordinary Shares

The trading prices of our ADSs and ordinary shares are likely to be volatile, which could result in substantial losses to investors.

The trading prices of our ADSs and ordinary shares are likely to be volatile and could fluctuate widely due to factors beyond our control. This may happen because of broad market and industry factors, including the performance and fluctuation of the market prices of other cuisine brands that have listed their securities in the United States or Hong Kong. In addition to market and industry factors, the prices and trading volumes for our ADSs and ordinary shares may be highly volatile for factors specific to our own operations, including the following:

- variations in our quarterly or annual revenue, earnings and cash flow;
- announcements of new investments, acquisitions, strategic partnerships or joint ventures by us or our competitors;
- announcements of new restaurant openings, launch of menu dishes or service types by us or our competitors;
- changes in financial estimates by securities analysts;
- detrimental adverse publicity about us or our restaurants or the industry in which we operate;
- additions or departures of key personnel;
- release of lock-up or other transfer restrictions on our outstanding equity securities or sales of additional equity securities; and
- potential litigation or regulatory investigations.

Any of these factors may result in large and sudden changes in the volume and price of our ADSs and ordinary shares.

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In the past, shareholders of public companies have often brought securities class action suits against those companies following periods of instability in the market price of their securities. If we were involved in a class action suit, it could divert a significant amount of our management's attention and other resources from our business and operations and require us to incur significant expenses to defend the suit, which could harm our results of operations. Any such class action suit, whether or not successful, could harm our reputation and restrict our ability to raise capital in the future. In addition, if a claim is successfully made against us, we may be required to pay significant damages, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

The time required for the exchange between our ordinary shares and ADSs might be longer than expected and investors might not be able to settle or effect any sale of their securities during this period, and the exchange between our ordinary shares and ADSs involves costs.

There is no direct trading or settlement between the Nasdaq Stock Market and the HKEx on which our ADSs and our ordinary shares are respectively traded. In addition, the time differences between New York and Hong Kong, unforeseen market circumstances, or other factors may delay the deposit of ordinary shares in exchange for the ADSs or the cancellation of ADSs and withdrawal of ordinary shares underlying such ADSs. Investors will be prevented from settling or effecting the sale of their securities during such periods of delay. In addition, we cannot assure you that any exchange for ordinary shares into ADSs (and vice versa) will be completed in accordance with the timelines that investors may anticipate.

Furthermore, the depository for the ADSs is entitled to charge holders fees for various services including for the issuance of ADSs upon deposit of ordinary shares, cancellation of ADSs upon withdrawal of ordinary shares, distributions of cash dividends or other cash distributions, distributions of ADSs pursuant to share dividends or other free share distributions, distributions of securities other than ADSs, and annual service fees. As a result, shareholders who exchange ordinary shares into ADSs, and vice versa, may not achieve the level of economic return the shareholders may anticipate.

Exchange between our ordinary shares and ADSs may adversely affect the liquidity or trading price of each other.

Our ordinary shares are currently listed and traded on the HKEx. Subject to compliance with U.S. securities laws and the terms of the deposit agreement, holders of our ordinary shares may deposit ordinary shares with the depository in exchange for the issuance of the ADSs. Any holder of ADSs may also withdraw the underlying ordinary shares represented by the ADSs pursuant to the terms of the deposit agreement for trading on the HKEx. In the event that a substantial number of ordinary shares are deposited with the depository in exchange for ADSs or vice versa, the liquidity and trading price of our ADSs on the Nasdaq Stock Market and the ordinary shares on the HKEx may be adversely affected.

The characteristics of the U.S. capital markets and the HKEx are different, which may negatively affect the trading prices of our ordinary shares and/or ADSs.

The Nasdaq Stock Market and the HKEx have different trading hours, trading characteristics (including trading volume and liquidity), trading rules, listing rules, regulatory requirements, and investor bases (including different levels of retail and institutional participation). As a result of these differences, the trading prices of our ADSs and ordinary shares representing them might not be the same, even allowing for currency differences. Fluctuations in the price of the ordinary shares due to circumstances peculiar to the HKEx could materially and adversely affect the price of the ADSs. Because of the different characteristics of the U.S. and Hong Kong equity markets, the historical market prices of our ordinary shares may not be indicative of the performance of our ADSs on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Our largest shareholders have substantial influence over our company and his interests may not be aligned with the interests of our other shareholders and ADS holders.

As of March 31, 2026, entities controlled by Mr. Yong Zhang and Ms. Ping Shu collectively owns 43.02% of our outstanding shares. Mr. Yong Zhang is the spouse of Ms. Ping Shu, our director and chairperson of the board of directors. Mr. Yong Zhang and Ms. Ping Shu are co-founders of HDL Group. As the largest shareholders of our company, Mr. Yong Zhang and Ms. Ping Shu have substantial influence over our business, including matters relating to our management, policies and decisions regarding acquisitions, mergers, expansion plans, consolidations and sales of all or substantially all of our assets, election of directors and other significant corporate actions. This concentration of ownership may discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of us, which could deprive other shareholders or ADS holders of an opportunity to receive a premium for their ADSs or ordinary shares as part of a sale of our company and might reduce the price of our ADSs or ordinary shares. These events may occur even if they are opposed by our other shareholders. In addition, the interests of Mr. Yong Zhang and Ms. Ping Shu may differ from the interests of our other shareholders and ADS holders, and it is possible that Mr. Yong Zhang and Ms. Ping Shu may exercise substantial influence over us and cause us to enter into transactions or take, or fail to take, actions or make decisions that conflict with the best interests of our other shareholders and ADS holders.

The voting rights of holders of ADSs are limited by the terms of the deposit agreement, and you may not be able to exercise your right to direct how the ordinary shares represented by your ADSs are voted.

Holders of ADSs do not have the same rights as our registered shareholders. As a holder of ADSs, you will not have any direct right to attend general meetings of our shareholders or to cast any votes at such meetings. You will only be able to exercise the voting rights attached to the ordinary shares underlying your ADSs indirectly by giving voting instructions to the depositary in accordance with the provisions of the deposit agreement. Where any matter is to be put to a vote at a general meeting, then upon receipt of your voting instructions, the depositary will endeavor, as far as is practicable, to vote the underlying ordinary shares represented by your ADSs in accordance with your instructions. You will not be able to directly exercise your right to vote with respect to the underlying ordinary shares unless you cancel your ADSs and withdraw the underlying ordinary shares and become the registered holder of such ordinary shares prior to the record date for the general meeting.

When a general meeting is convened, you may not receive sufficient advance notice of the meeting to withdraw the ordinary shares represented by your ADSs and become the registered holder of such shares to allow you to attend the general meeting and to vote directly with respect to any specific matter or resolution to be considered and voted upon at the general meeting. In addition, under our articles of association, for the purposes of determining those shareholders who are entitled to attend and vote at any general meeting, our directors may close our register of members and/or fix in advance a record date for such meeting, and such closure of our register of members or the setting of such a record date may prevent you from withdrawing the underlying ordinary shares represented by your ADSs and from becoming the registered holder of such shares prior to the record date, so that you would not be able to attend the general meeting or to vote directly. Where any matter is to be put to a vote at a general meeting, upon our instruction, the depositary will notify you of the upcoming vote and will arrange to deliver our voting materials to you. We cannot assure you that you will receive the voting materials in time to ensure that you can instruct the depositary to vote the underlying ordinary shares represented by your ADSs.

In addition, the depositary and its agents are not responsible for failing to carry out voting instructions or for their manner of carrying out your voting instructions. This means that you may not be able to exercise your right to direct how the underlying ordinary shares represented by your ADSs are voted and you may have no legal remedy if the underlying ordinary shares represented by your ADSs are not voted as you requested. In addition, in your capacity as an ADS holder, you will not be able to call a shareholders' meeting.

The depositary for the ADSs will give us a discretionary proxy to vote our ordinary shares underlying your ADSs at general meetings if you do not give voting instructions to the depositary, except in limited circumstances, which could adversely affect your interests.

Under the deposit agreement for the ADSs, the depositary will give us a discretionary proxy to vote our ordinary shares underlying your ADSs at shareholders' meetings if you do not give voting instructions to the depositary, unless:

- we have failed to timely provide the depositary with our notice of meeting and related voting materials;
- we have instructed the depositary that we do not wish a discretionary proxy to be given;
- we have informed the depositary that there is substantial opposition as to a matter to be voted on at the meeting;
- a matter to be voted on at the meeting would have a material adverse impact on shareholders; or

- voting at the meeting is made on a show of hands.

The effect of this discretionary proxy is that, if you fail to give voting instructions to the depositary, you cannot prevent the ordinary shares underlying your ADSs from being voted, absent the situations described above, and it may make it more difficult for shareholders to influence our management. Holders of our ordinary shares are not subject to this discretionary proxy.

Substantial future sales or perceived potential sales of the ADSs, ordinary shares or other equity securities in the public market could cause the price of the ADSs and/or ordinary shares to decline significantly.

Sales of substantial amounts of the ADSs, ordinary shares or other equity securities in the public market, or the perception that these sales could occur, could adversely affect the market price of the ADSs and/or ordinary shares and could materially impair our ability to raise capital through equity offerings in the future. The ADSs sold are freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act, and all other ordinary shares held by our existing shareholders may also be sold in the public market in the future subject to the restrictions in Rule 144 and Rule 701 under the Securities Act. We cannot predict what effect, if any, market sales of securities held by our significant shareholders or any other shareholder or the availability of these securities for future sale will have on the market price of the ADSs and our ordinary shares.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about our business, or if they adversely change their recommendations regarding our ADSs and ordinary shares, the market price for our ADSs or ordinary shares and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our ADSs and/or ordinary shares will be influenced by research or reports that industry or securities analysts publish about our business. If one or more analysts who cover us downgrade our ADSs or ordinary shares, the market price for our ADSs or ordinary shares would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease to cover us or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause the market price or trading volume for our ADSs or ordinary shares to decline.

There can be no assurance that we will pay dividends and you must rely on price appreciation of the ADSs for return on your investment.

Pursuant to our articles of association, (i) any future declarations and payments of dividends (other than interim dividends) will be at the recommendation of our board at its absolute discretion for approval by our shareholders at a general meeting; and (ii) interim dividends may be paid by our board if justified by the profits of our company. We cannot guarantee when and in what form dividends will be paid. Even if any declaration and payments of dividends are approved by our shareholders at a general meeting, the timing, amount and form of future dividends, if any, will depend on our future results of operations and cash flow, our capital requirements and surplus, the amount of distributions, if any, received by us from our subsidiaries, our financial condition, contractual restrictions and other factors deemed relevant by our board. Accordingly, the return on your investment in the ADSs will likely depend entirely upon any future price appreciation of the ADS. There is no guarantee that the ADSs will appreciate in value or even maintain the price at which you purchased the ADSs. You may not realize a return on your investment in the ADSs and you may even lose your entire investment in the ADSs.

We may be classified as a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes for any taxable year, which could result in adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. Holders of our ADSs or ordinary shares.

A non-U.S. corporation, such as SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD., will be classified as a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for United States federal income tax purposes for any taxable year if, after applying applicable look-through rules, either (i) at least 75% of its gross income for such year is passive income; or (ii) at least 50% of the value of its assets (determined based on a quarterly average) during such year is attributable to assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income (the "asset test").

For this purpose, passive income generally includes dividends, interest, royalties and rents (other than certain royalties and rents derived in the active conduct of a trade or business and not derived from a related person). In addition, we will be treated as owning a proportionate share of the assets and earning a proportionate share of the income of any other corporation in which we own, directly or indirectly, 25% or more (by value) of the stock.

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Based on the historical value of our assets, the composition of our income and assets and the price of the ADSs, we do not believe we were a PFIC for our prior taxable year ending December 31, 2025. However, the determination of PFIC status is based on an annual determination that cannot be made until the close of a taxable year, involves extensive factual investigation, including ascertaining the fair market value of all our assets on a quarterly basis and the character of each item of income that we earn, and is subject to uncertainty in several respects. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that we will not be treated as a PFIC for our prior taxable year ending December 31, 2025, or for our current or any future taxable year or that the United States Internal Revenue Service will not take a contrary position.

Changes in the composition of our income or composition of our assets may cause us to become a PFIC. The determination of whether we will be a PFIC for any taxable year may depend in part upon the value of our goodwill not reflected on our balance sheet (which may depend upon the market value of the ADSs from time to time, which may be volatile) and also may be affected by how, and how quickly, we spend our liquid assets and the cash raised in the initial public offering on the Nasdaq Stock Market. It is also possible that the United States Internal Revenue Service may challenge our classification or valuation of our goodwill, which may result in our being or becoming a PFIC for the current or one or more future taxable years.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder (as defined in “Taxation—United States Federal Income Tax Considerations”) holds our ADSs or our ordinary shares in the offering, certain adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences could apply to such U.S. Holder. See “Item 10. Additional Information—E. Taxation.”

Our articles of association contain anti-takeover provisions, which could have a material adverse effect on the rights of holders of our ordinary shares and the ADSs.

Some provisions of our articles of association may discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our company or management that shareholders may consider favorable. These provisions could have the effect of depriving our shareholders of an opportunity to sell their ordinary shares at a premium over prevailing market prices by discouraging third parties from seeking to obtain control of us in a tender offer or similar transaction. For example, subject to the applicable listing rules of the HKEx, only one-third of the board of directors is up for election during each annual general meeting.

You may face difficulties in protecting your interests, and your ability to protect your rights through U.S. courts may be limited because we are incorporated under Cayman Islands law, we conduct the majority of our operations, and all of our directors and executive officers reside outside the United States.

We are incorporated in the Cayman Islands with business operations in multiple jurisdictions through various subsidiaries. All of our directors and executive officers reside outside the United States, and the majority of our assets and the assets of these persons are located outside the United States. The rights of shareholders to take action against the directors, actions by minority shareholders and the fiduciary duties of our directors to us under Cayman Islands law are to a large extent governed by the common law of the Cayman Islands. The common law of the Cayman Islands is derived in part from comparatively limited judicial precedent in the Cayman Islands as well as from the common law of England, the decisions of whose courts are of persuasive authority, but are not binding, on a court in the Cayman Islands. The rights of our shareholders and the fiduciary duties of our directors under Cayman Islands law are not as clearly established as they would be under statutes or judicial precedent in some jurisdictions in the United States. In particular, the Cayman Islands has a less developed body of securities laws than the United States. Some U.S. states, such as Delaware, have more fully developed and judicially interpreted bodies of corporate law than the Cayman Islands. In addition, Cayman Islands companies may not have standing to initiate a shareholder derivative action in a federal court of the United States.

Shareholders of Cayman Islands exempted companies like us have no general rights under Cayman Islands law to inspect corporate records or to obtain copies of lists of shareholders of these companies. Save with respect to our company’s register of members, which, in accordance with our articles of association, will be made available to our Shareholders for inspection, our directors have discretion under our articles of association to determine whether or not, and under what conditions, our corporate records may be inspected by our shareholders, but are not obliged to make them available to our shareholders. This may make it more difficult for you to obtain the information needed to establish any facts necessary for a shareholder motion or to solicit proxies from other shareholders in connection with a proxy contest.

Certain corporate governance practices in the Cayman Islands, which is our home country, differ significantly from requirements for companies incorporated in other jurisdictions such as the United States. To the extent we choose to follow home country practice with respect to corporate governance matters, our shareholders may be afforded less protection than they otherwise would under rules and regulations applicable to U.S. domestic issuers.

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As a result of all of the above, our public shareholders may have more difficulty in protecting their interests in the face of actions taken by management, members of the board of directors or controlling shareholders than they would as public shareholders of a company incorporated in the United States. For a discussion of significant difference between the provisions of the Companies Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands and the laws applicable to companies incorporated in the United States and their shareholders, see “Item 10. Additional Information — B. Memorandum and Articles of Associations — Differences in Corporate Law.”

ADS holders may not be entitled to a jury trial with respect to claims arising under the deposit agreement, which could result in less favorable outcomes to the plaintiff(s) in any such action.

The deposit agreement governing the ADSs representing our ordinary shares provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, ADS holders, including purchasers of ADSs in secondary transactions, waive the right to a jury trial of any claim they may have against us or the depository arising out of or relating to our shares, the ADSs or the deposit agreement, including any claim under the U.S. federal securities laws.

If we or the depository opposed a jury trial demand based on the waiver, the court would determine whether the waiver was enforceable based on the facts and circumstances of that case in accordance with the applicable state and federal law. To our knowledge, the enforceability of a contractual pre-dispute jury trial waiver in connection with claims arising under the federal securities laws has not been finally adjudicated by the United States Supreme Court. However, we believe that a contractual pre-dispute jury trial waiver provision is generally enforceable, including under the laws of the State of New York, which govern the deposit agreement, by a federal or state court in the City of New York. In determining whether to enforce a contractual pre-dispute jury trial waiver provision, courts will generally consider whether a party knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive the right to a jury trial. We believe that this is the case with respect to the deposit agreement and the ADSs. It is advisable that you consult legal counsel regarding the jury waiver provision before entering into the deposit agreement. In addition, you should note that the jury trial waiver provision may limit access to information and lead to other imbalances of resources between our company and our shareholders, and such provision may limit our shareholders’ ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that they find favorable.

If you or any other holders or beneficial owners of ADSs bring a claim against us or the depository in connection with matters arising under the deposit agreement or the ADSs, including claims under federal securities laws, you or such other holder or beneficial owner may not be entitled to a jury trial with respect to such claims, which may have the effect of limiting and discouraging lawsuits against us or the depository, lead to increased costs to bring a claim, limited access to information and other imbalances of resources between such holder and us, or limit such holder’s ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that such holder finds favorable. If a lawsuit is brought against us or the depository under the deposit agreement, it may be heard only by a judge or justice of the applicable trial court, which would be conducted according to different civil procedures and may result in different outcomes than a trial by jury would have had, including results that could be less favorable to the plaintiff(s) in any such action.

Nevertheless, if this jury trial waiver provision is not permitted by applicable law, an action could proceed under the terms of the deposit agreement with a jury trial. No condition, stipulation or provision of the deposit agreement or ADSs shall relieve us or the depository from our respective obligations to comply with the Securities Act and the Exchange Act nor serve as a waiver by any holder or beneficial owner of ADSs of compliance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Certain judgments obtained against us by our shareholders may not be enforceable.

We are a Cayman Islands company, and the majority of our assets are located outside the United States. In addition, all of our directors and executive officers reside outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult or impossible for you to bring an action against us or against these individuals in the United States in the event that you believe that your rights have been infringed under the U.S. federal securities laws or otherwise. Even if you are successful in bringing an action of this kind, the laws of the Cayman Islands and of the jurisdiction other than the United States in which we operate may render you unable to enforce a judgment against our assets or the assets of our directors and executive officers.

Your rights to pursue claims against the depository as a holder of ADSs are limited by the terms of the deposit agreement.

The deposit agreement provides that the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (or, if the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York lacks subject matter jurisdiction over a particular dispute, the state courts in New York County, New York) shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any suit, action or proceeding against or involving us or the depository, arising out of or relating in any way to the deposit agreement, including without limitation claims under the Securities Act of 1933 arising out of or relating in any way to the deposit agreement. Since the deposit agreement provides that such jurisdiction provision applies to any such legal suit, action or proceeding, including without limitation claims under the Securities Act, such provision would apply also to any such suit, action or proceeding under the Exchange Act. The enforceability of similar choice of forum provisions has been challenged in legal proceedings. It is possible that a court could find this type of provisions to be inapplicable or unenforceable. To the extent that any claims may be based upon federal law claims, Section 27 of the Exchange Act creates exclusive federal jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or the rules and regulations thereunder. Furthermore, Section 22 of the Securities Act creates concurrent jurisdiction for federal and state courts over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder. Holders of our ADSs will not be deemed to have waived our or the depository's compliance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the regulations promulgated thereunder. In fact, holders of our ADSs cannot waive our or the depository's compliance with U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In addition, the choice of forum provision may increase costs to bring a claim, discourage claims or limit a stockholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with our company or our directors, officers or other employees, which may discourage such lawsuits against our company or our directors, officers and other employees. Alternatively, if a court were to find the choice of forum provision to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions.

No condition, stipulation or provision of the deposit agreement or ADSs serves as a waiver by any holder or beneficial owner of ADSs, by us or the depository of compliance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. As a result of these exclusive jurisdiction provisions, investors' ability to bring claims in a judicial forum that they find favorable or convenient may be limited, and investors may have to incur increased costs in order to bring claims against the depository, both of which could discourage claims against the depository.

You may experience difficulties in effecting service of legal process, enforcing foreign judgments or bringing actions in China against our management that resides in Chinese Mainland based on foreign laws.

China does not have treaties providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments of courts with the Cayman Islands and many other countries and regions. One executive officer of our company, our chief financial officer and board secretary Cong Qu currently resides in Chinese Mainland. Even if you are successful in bringing an action of this kind, you may encounter difficulties in enforcing a judgment against the assets of such officer.

You may not receive cash dividends if the depository decides it is impractical to make them available to you.

The depository will pay cash distributions on the ADSs only to the extent that we decide to distribute dividends on our ordinary shares. To the extent that there is a distribution, the depository has agreed to pay you the cash dividends or other distributions it or the custodian receives on our shares or other deposited securities after deducting its fees and expenses. You will receive these distributions in proportion to the number of shares your ADSs represent. However, the depository may, at its discretion, decide that it is inequitable or impractical to make a distribution available to any holders of ADSs. For example, the depository may determine that it is not practicable to distribute certain property through the mail, or that the value of certain distributions may be less than the cost of mailing them. In these cases, the depository may decide not to distribute such property to you.

You may be subject to limitations on the transfer of your ADSs.

Your ADSs are transferable on the books of the depository. However, the depository may close its books at any time or from time to time when it deems expedient in connection with the performance of its duties. The depository may close its books from time to time for a number of reasons, including in connection with corporate events such as a rights offering, during which time the depository needs to maintain an exact number of ADSs on its books for a specified period. The depository may also close its books in emergencies, and on weekends and public holidays. The depository may refuse to deliver, transfer or register transfers of ADSs generally when our share register or the books of the depository are closed, or at any time if we or the depository thinks it is advisable to do so because of any requirement of law or of any government or governmental body, or under any provision of the deposit agreement, or for any other reason.

You may experience dilution of your holdings due to an inability to participate in rights offerings.

We may from time to time distribute rights to our shareholders, including rights to acquire our securities. Under the deposit agreement for the ADSs, the depository will not offer those rights to ADS holders unless both the rights and the underlying securities to be distributed to ADS holders are either registered under the Securities Act or exempt from registration under the Securities Act with respect to all holders of ADSs. We are under no obligation to file a registration statement with respect to any such rights or underlying securities or to endeavor to cause such a registration statement to be declared effective. In addition, we may not be able to take advantage of any exemptions from registration under the Securities Act. Accordingly, holders of the ADSs may be unable to participate in our rights offerings and may experience dilution in their holdings as a result.

Techniques employed by short sellers may drive down the market price of the ADSs.

Short selling is the practice of selling securities that the seller does not own but rather has borrowed from a third party with the intention of buying identical securities back at a later date to return to the lender. The short seller hopes to profit from a decline in the value of the securities between the sale of the borrowed securities and the purchase of the replacement shares, as the short seller expects to pay less in that purchase than it received in the sale. As it is in the short seller's interest for the price of the security to decline, many short sellers publish, or arrange for the publication of, negative opinions regarding the relevant issuer and its business prospects in order to create negative market momentum and generate profits for themselves after selling a security short. These short attacks have, in the past, led to selling of shares in the market.

It is not clear what effect such negative publicity could have on us. If we were to become the subject of any unfavorable allegations, whether such allegations are proven to be true or untrue, we could have to expend a significant amount of resources to investigate such allegations and/or defend ourselves. While we would strongly defend against any such short seller attacks, we may be constrained in the manner in which we can proceed against the relevant short seller by principles of freedom of speech, applicable state law or issues of commercial confidentiality. Such a situation could be costly and time-consuming and could distract our management from growing our business. Even if such allegations are ultimately proven to be groundless, allegations against us could severely impact our business operations, and any investment in the ADSs could be greatly reduced or even rendered worthless.

We are a foreign private issuer within the meaning of the rules under the Exchange Act, and as such we are exempt from certain provisions applicable to domestic public companies in the United States.

Because we are a foreign private issuer under the Exchange Act, we are exempt from certain provisions of the securities rules and regulations in the United States that are applicable to U.S. domestic issuers, including: (i) the rules under the Exchange Act requiring the filing of quarterly reports on Form 10-Q or current reports on Form 8-K with the SEC; (ii) the sections of the Exchange Act regulating the solicitation of proxies, consents, or authorizations in respect of a security registered under the Exchange Act; (iii) the sections of the Exchange Act requiring insiders to file public reports of their stock ownership and trading activities and liability for insiders who profit from trades made in a short period of time; and (iv) the selective disclosure rules by issuers of material nonpublic information under Regulation FD. We will be required to file an annual report on Form 20-F within four months of the end of each fiscal year. In addition, we intend to publish our results on a quarterly basis through press releases distributed pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Nasdaq Stock Market. Press releases relating to financial results and material events will also be furnished to the SEC on Form 6-K. However, the information we are required to file with or furnish to the SEC will be less extensive and less timely compared to that required to be filed with the SEC by U.S. domestic issuers. As a result, you may not be afforded the same protections or information, which would be made available to you, were you investing in a U.S. domestic issuer.

If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal controls, we may not be able to accurately or timely report our financial condition or results of operations, meet our reporting obligations or prevent fraud.

As a public company in the United States, we are subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires that we include a report from management on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting in our annual report on Form 20-F beginning with our annual report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. In addition, if we cease to be an "emerging growth company" as such term is defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act, our independent registered public accounting firm must attest to and report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting on an annual basis.

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During the course of documenting and testing our internal control procedures, in order to satisfy the requirements of Section 404, we may identify weaknesses and deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting. In addition, if we fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal control over financial reporting, as these standards are modified, supplemented or amended from time to time, we may not be able to conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal control over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404.

Effective internal control over financial reporting is necessary for us to produce reliable financial reports. Any failure to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could prevent us from identifying fraud and result in the loss of investor confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which in turn could have a material and adverse effect on the trading price of our ADSs. Furthermore, we may need to incur additional costs and use additional management and other resources as our business and operations further expand or in an effort to remediate any significant control deficiencies that may be identified in the future. Additionally, ineffective internal control over financial reporting could expose us to increasing risk of fraud or misuse of corporate assets and subject us to potential delisting from the stock exchange on which we list, regulatory investigations, and civil or criminal sanctions. We may also be required to restate our financial statements from prior periods.

As an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands, we are permitted to adopt certain home country practices in relation to corporate governance matters that differ significantly from the Nasdaq Stock Market's corporate governance requirements; these practices may afford less protection to shareholders than they would enjoy if we complied fully with the Nasdaq Stock Market's corporate governance requirements.

As a Cayman Islands company listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market, we are subject to the Nasdaq Stock Market's corporate governance requirements. However, the Nasdaq Stock Market rules permit a foreign private issuer like us to follow the corporate governance practices of its home country. Certain corporate governance practices in the Cayman Islands, which is our home country, may differ significantly from the Nasdaq Stock Market corporate governance requirements. Among other things, we are not required to: (i) have a majority independent board or (ii) have a compensation committee or a nominating committee consisting entirely of independent directors.

We intend to rely on the two exemptions described above. As a result, you may not be provided with the benefits of certain corporate governance requirements of the Nasdaq Stock Market.

We are an emerging growth company within the meaning of the Securities Act and may take advantage of certain reduced reporting requirements.

We are an "emerging growth company," as defined in the U.S. Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act, and we may take advantage of certain exemptions from various requirements applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies including, most significantly, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for so long as we are an emerging growth company. As a result, if we elect not to comply with such auditor attestation requirements, our investors may not have access to certain information they may deem important.

We will incur increased costs as a result of being a public company in the United States, particularly after we cease to qualify as an "emerging growth company."

We expect to incur additional significant legal, accounting and other expenses after becoming a public company in the United States. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as rules subsequently implemented by the SEC and the Nasdaq Stock Market, impose various requirements on the corporate governance practices of public companies. For example, as a result of becoming a public company, we will need to increase the number of independent directors and adopt policies regarding internal controls and disclosure controls and procedures. We also expect that operating as a public company will make it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. In addition, we will incur additional costs associated with our public company reporting requirements. It may also be more difficult for us to find qualified persons to serve on our board of directors or as executive officers. We are currently evaluating and monitoring developments with respect to these rules and regulations, and we cannot predict or estimate with any degree of certainty the amount of additional costs we may incur or the timing of such costs.

As a company with less than US\$1.235 billion in revenue for our last fiscal year, we qualify as an “emerging growth company” pursuant to the JOBS Act. An emerging growth company may take advantage of specified reduced reporting and other requirements that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies. These provisions include exemption from the auditor attestation requirement under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 in the assessment of the emerging growth company’s internal control over financial reporting.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest of (a) the last day of the fiscal year during which we have total annual gross revenue of at least US\$1.235 billion; (b) the last day of our fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the completion of the initial public offering on the Nasdaq Stock Market; (c) the date on which we have, during the preceding three-year period, issued more than US\$1 billion in non-convertible debt; or (d) the date on which we are deemed to be a “large accelerated filer” under the Exchange Act, which would occur if the market value of the ADSs that are held by non-affiliates exceeds US\$700 million as of the last business day of our most recently completed second fiscal quarter. After we are no longer an emerging growth company, we expect to incur significant expenses and devote substantial management effort toward ensuring compliance with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the other rules and regulations of the SEC.

ITEM 4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

A. History and Development of the Company

We commenced our restaurant business operations outside Greater China in 2012 through Haidilao International Holding Ltd. (“HDL Group”), our then-parent company and a public company listed on the HKEx (HKEx: 6862). Since opening our first restaurant in Singapore in 2012, we have expanded to 126 restaurants in 14 countries across four continents as of December 31, 2025, including Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, the United Arab Emirates, Philippines and Cambodia. We currently do not have restaurant business operations in Greater China (which includes Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan), and, when as part of HDL Group, did not have restaurant business operations in Greater China.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1 Paya Lebar Link, #09-04, PLQ 1 Paya Lebar Quarter, Singapore 408533. Our telephone number at this address is +65 6378 1921. Our registered office in the Cayman Islands is located at the offices of Conyers Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, PO Box 2681, Grand Cayman, KY1-1111, Cayman Islands. Our agent for service of process in the United States is Cogency Global Inc., located at 122 East 42nd Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10168. We maintain our website at <http://www.superhiinternational.com>. The information contained on, or linked from, our website is not a part of this annual report.

The SEC maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC using its EDGAR system.

See “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—B. Liquidity and Capital Resources—Capital Expenditures” for a discussion of our capital expenditures.

B. Business Overview

Our Mission

Our mission is to become a leading global integrated restaurant group, build the world’s premier Chinese cuisine brand, and promote Chinese culinary heritage worldwide.

Overview

We are a leading Chinese cuisine restaurant brand in the international market, operating Haidilao hot pot restaurant in the international market. With roots in Sichuan from 1994, Haidilao has become one of the most popular and largest Chinese cuisine brands in the world. Since opening our first restaurant in Singapore in 2012, we have expanded to 126 self-operated restaurants in 14 countries across four continents as of December 31, 2025.

Food is an expression of cultural identity, values and a way of life. Chinese cuisine is one of the richest and most diverse culinary heritages in the world, among which hot pot is one of the most popular and fastest-growing segments. With over 30 years of brand history, we believe that, based on our industry experience, Haidilao is well-loved by guests for its unique dining experience — warm and attentive service, great ambiance and delicious food, standing out among global restaurant chains, which has made our Haidilao restaurants into a worldwide cultural phenomenon.

With a brand recognition that precedes our presence, which we believe is based on our years of industry experience, we uphold Haidilao’s core values, enabling us to steadily expand in the international market. Striking a balance between honoring the Haidilao legacy and continuous innovation for localization has been the foundation of our growth and expansion in the international market.

Brand legacy. Leveraging the Haidilao brand with over 30 years of cultivation and our extensive experience in standardized restaurant operations, we effectively address challenges faced in international expansion through implementing our proven management philosophy of “aligned interests and disciplined management.”

- **Aligned interests.** We believe that our motivated employees lay the foundation for satisfied guests. Under our management philosophy, the interests of our employees are highly aligned to ours, thereby driving our bottom-up dynamic growth. We believe that this principle appeals to human nature across different cultures and regions and has been proven in Haidilao’s expansion in the international markets.
- **Disciplined management.** Our disciplined management systematically ensures high-quality expansion through standardized operations by our headquarters controlling operational risks and providing key resources and support to our restaurants. We maintain strict control over key aspects of restaurant operations, including restaurant network expansion, employee training and promotion, food safety, service quality control and supply chain management.

Localization. Under the framework of standardized operations and guided by core Haidilao values, we seek to adapt restaurant operations to local customs, tastes and preferences in order to provide a unique dining experience to guests and incentivize employees in different countries. We continue to innovate in the following respects.

- **Food and menu.** We continuously develop and launch new menu items (including food ingredients, soup bases and dipping sauces) tailored to local tastes and preferences. Generally, a significant portion of our menu in each restaurant is localized.
- **Guest services.** We give employees the autonomy to discover how to best serve our guests and encourage them to adjust how we effectuate warm and personalized services based on local customs and cultural norms.
- **Management structure.** We have established a multi-layer structure involving our headquarters, regional managers and restaurant managers. Our headquarters hold control over critical restaurant management functions. Our regional managers who act as key roles for restaurant operations in a certain region as determined by our headquarters, are responsible for overall management and strategies implementation within the region. Our regional managers act as bridges between the strategic objectives of our headquarters and individual restaurants. Our restaurant managers are responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of our restaurants.

Benefiting from our proven management philosophy and successful localization efforts, we have built an international Haidilao restaurant network with highly standardized operations, effective management systems and motivated employees. Key highlights are as the follows:

- **Restaurant network expansion.** Our number of restaurants increased from 111 restaurants as of January 1, 2023 to 126 restaurants as of December 31, 2025. While we primarily focused on the expansion within existing countries and enhancing their operating performance over the past three years, we keep exploring new markets and our restaurant network covered 14 countries as of December 31, 2025.
- **Same-store sales growth.** Alongside our continual restaurant network expansion, we have also achieved meaningful same-store sales growth of 7.1% and 2.9% in 2024 and 2025, respectively.
- **Table turnover rate.** Our overall table turnover rate improved from 3.5 times per day in 2023 to 3.8 times per day in 2024, and further improved to 3.9 times per day in 2025.
- **Average daily revenue per restaurant.** Our average daily revenue per restaurant increased from US\$16.3 thousand in 2023 to US\$17.7 thousand in 2024, and further increased to US\$18.1 thousand in 2025.

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- **Income from operation margin.** Our income from operation margin improved from 6.3% in 2023 to 6.8% in 2024, and then decreased to 4.4% in 2025.
- **Restaurant level operating margin.** Our restaurant level operating margin improved from 9.0% in 2023 to 10.1% in 2024, and then decreased to 8.7% in 2025. For the calculation of our restaurant level operating margin, please refer to “Item 5 — Operating and Financial Review and Prospects — Non-IFRS Financial Measure.”

Our Competitive Strengths

A leading Chinese cuisine restaurant brand in the international market

We are a leading Chinese cuisine restaurant brand in the international market. Since opening our first Haidilao restaurant in Singapore in 2012, we have expanded to 126 restaurants in 14 countries in Asia, North America, Europe and Oceania as of December 31, 2025.

We are committed to serving our guests authentic Chinese food with international appeal. Brought overseas by early Chinese immigrants hundreds of years ago, Chinese cuisine has become especially popular in countries with large immigrant populations, such as Singapore, the United States, Thailand and Vietnam. Within Chinese cuisine, Hot pot is one of the most popular and fastest-growing segments. With its unique dining experience, social nature and fresh ingredients, hot pot has garnered a strong international fan base.

We have continued to achieve strong growth in the past three years. Our revenue increased by 13.4% from US\$686.4 million in 2023 to US\$778.3 million in 2024, and further increased by 8.0% from US\$778.3 million in 2024 to US\$840.8 million in 2025, and our Haidilao restaurant network grew from 111 restaurants at the beginning of 2023 to 126 as of December 31, 2025, showing a strong growth momentum. We believe our international leading position, the Haidilao brand recognition and our management philosophy of “aligned interests and disciplined management” will continue to fuel our international expansion and growth.

Haidilao as a global cultural phenomenon and an ambassador of Chinese culinary heritage

Through over 30 years of deep cultivation, Haidilao has become a global restaurant brand. Brand Finance, one of the world’s leading brand valuation consultancies, ranked Haidilao as one of the “Top 25 Most Valuable Restaurant Brands” every year since 2019, firmly establishing our brand in the same league as chain restaurant giants, such as Starbucks and McDonald’s. Haidilao is also the first and only Chinese cuisine restaurant brand to make the list.

With humble beginnings in Jianyang, a small town in Sichuan, China, we believe Haidilao’s dining experience and service quality have propelled the brand into a global cultural phenomenon. We believe that, based on our industry experience, Haidilao is well-loved by guests for its unique dining experience — warm and attentive service, great ambiance and delicious food, standing out among global restaurant chains. Capitalizing on Haidilao’s global brand equity, we have gained recognition among those who have not even stepped foot in our restaurants, which has been instrumental to our successful international expansion. Since 2023, we have accumulated over 88.6 million guest visits at our restaurants. Our guest loyalty program had approximately 8.5 million members as of December 31, 2025, increasing from approximately 3.0 million as of January 1, 2023.

We believe Chinese cuisine is an expression of China’s rich cultural heritage. Although hot pot has been an essential part of Chinese cuisine for centuries, it is still relatively new to many foreign guests. As interest in Chinese culture and food has grown, we have aspired to give the world a taste of Chinese culture with our distinctively Chinese hot pot dining format and unique cultural experiences, such as our famed hand-pulled noodle dance and Chinese opera face-changing performances. Leveraging Haidilao’s global position as a quintessential Chinese cuisine brand, we have become an ambassador of Chinese cultural heritage. Through our restaurants, we hope to showcase China’s culinary heritage by reaching communities beyond those that most Chinese cuisine restaurants abroad serve. More importantly, by doing so, we hope to build larger brand communities, which will enable our sustainable growth and expansion to farther corners of the world.

Strong local know-how and international operating capabilities

The international market for Chinese cuisine restaurants is highly fragmented. Despite the popularity of Chinese food, very few Chinese cuisine restaurant brands have successfully expanded internationally while maintaining consistent quality and a brand identity that resonates across cultures. We seek to address these challenges by striking a balance between standardization and localization.

- **Standardization.** We believe standardization is the foundation of our restaurant operations, enabling us to control and manage critical aspects of our operations and ensure the quality of our restaurants. We have consistently applied Haidilao’s management philosophy and operating tenets across all of our restaurants, especially in relation to expansion strategy, employee training and management, performance assessment, food safety and supply chain management.

- **Localization.** Within the framework of our standard operating tenets, we believe that adapting our operations to local practices and cultures is crucial to operate and expand effectively. For example, a significant portion of our menu items is tailored to local tastes and preferences. To deliver a great dining experience across cultures, we adjust the manner in which we effectuate warm and personalized services, such as by recommending optimal cooking times for each hot pot ingredient to guests. Similarly, to employees, we show care and tailor their compensation structure according to local practice. To manage our growing restaurant network with more precision, we divide our current operations into several groups and formulate localized growth strategies and restaurant-level operating guidelines that fit the needs of each group.

Through our two pronged approach, we are able to ramp up our restaurants rapidly. The breakeven of new restaurants opened in 2023, 2024 and 2025 was generally within six months.

Proven management philosophy that enables sustainable international expansion

The catering service industry is a labor-intensive industry, and its main pain point, we believe, is achieving scalability while maintaining quality consistency and ensuring food safety. We seek to address this challenge through our operating paradigm of “aligned interests and disciplined management” — the interests of the employees are highly aligned to ours, motivating them to drive our dynamic growth, and our disciplined management systematically ensures our strategic direction and controls operational risks.

Aligned interests. We and our employees are aligned with common interests to propel our growth:

- **Mentor-mentee system.** We implement a mentor-mentee system in all of our restaurants. Our restaurant managers not only can share in the profits of their own restaurants but are also encouraged to train mentees to share in the profits of their restaurants, which is crucial in our bottom-up expansion strategy.
- **Piece rate compensation.** We implement a piece rate compensation system, where activities involved in guest services is measured by units, to empower employees to be self-driven, earning better pay by working with higher productivity and quality.

Disciplined management. Our headquarters maintain effective control over critical aspects of restaurant management. By providing key supporting services to restaurants and managing operating risks, our headquarters ensure our disciplined and sustainable expansion.

- **Group management structure.** We have organized our restaurants into groups to facilitate our multi-national management. These groups are each overseen by a regional manager, who acts as a bridge between the guiding principles and strategic objectives of our headquarters and the day-to-day operations of individual restaurants. They also work with our corporate headquarters to rate each restaurant within the group every quarter.
- **Rating system.** Our headquarters and regional managers establish KPIs for each restaurant based on the conditions and characteristics of local markets. These KPIs are the bases of our quarterly assessment and help us rate all of our restaurants on a scale of A, B, C-rated or lower.
- **Critical management functions.** Our headquarters hold control over critical restaurant management decisions, including signature product development, food safety, performance assessment, brand management, finance, construction, IT, supply chain and restaurant automation.

The Haidilao management philosophy is recognized and studied across the world, including as a case study by the Harvard Business School. Moreover, the Haidilao management philosophy is proven in the international market through a decade of successful operations, including our international expansion to 126 restaurants as of December 31, 2025. We believe that aligned interests and disciplined management will continue to empower our dynamic and sustainable growth.

Seasoned management team with a corporate culture that prescribes acting with kindness

We are led by a seasoned management team, many of whom are home grown leaders that embody core Haidilao values. Guided and inspired by the Haidilao management philosophy formulated by Mr. Yong Zhang, the founder of HDL Group, our management team develops strategies to drive our continued growth as an international Chinese cuisine restaurant brand. They lead our operations with a commitment to treating people with kindness and pursuing quality excellence, which we believe is crucial to create loyalty in employees and guests with our restaurants and the Haidilao brand. Our director and chairperson, Ms. Ping Shu, is one of the founders of HDL Group. She embodies Haidilao's core values and management philosophy that enable us to spearhead our growth. Her fundamental values of treating employees with respect and pursuit of service quality have been the guiding principles of our business. Ms. Shu is supported by a core team who has extensive operational experience in international Haidilao restaurants, including Ms. June Lijuan Yang, our director and chief executive officer, Mr. Yu Li, our director and chief operating officer, and Ms. Li Liu, our director. Ms. Yang has over 28 years of experience in restaurant operation and overall management of Haidilao, and has, in recent years, successfully led HDL Group in implementing the "Woodpecker Plan" and the "Hard Bone Plan," emerging from the operational difficulties and making profound changes in the areas of systematic management, process-oriented operation and data-based assessment, which laid a solid management foundation and built a sustainable growth scenario for HDL Group. Mr. Li has been with HDL Group for over 18 years and has overseen the restaurant operations in Japan, South Korea and Thailand. Ms. Liu started as a waitress in our Singapore restaurant and has been with us for over 13 years.

Our Strategies

We intend to implement the following business strategies going forward:

Continue to grow our international Haidilao brand, enhance our dining experience and propagate Chinese culinary heritage internationally

- ***Brand building.*** We will continue to enhance the brand awareness of Haidilao internationally and promote and propagate Chinese culinary culture, especially hot pot. We will stay true to our brand motto — good hot pot speaks for itself — and bring the Haidilao philosophy and culture to different countries. Observing trends in the digital age of marketing, we plan to launch innovative online marketing campaigns on popular social media platforms to target local guests and expand our guest reach. We will also create marketing initiatives to increase guest interactions and engagement.
- ***"Pursue the perfect dining experience"*** We believe providing a unique dining experience is what makes Haidilao great. We will continue to offer a unique dining experience to our guests, which may mean different things in different parts of the world and will require us to innovate, adapt and localize.
- ***Menu items.*** As part of this effort, we will continue to develop menu items, including new soup bases, signature dishes and dipping sauces, adapted to local tastes. In particular, we will continue to develop, install and upgrade automated equipment that can customize soup bases in different jurisdictions, enabling our guests to adjust the depth of flavor and type and amount of ingredients added based on personal preference.
- ***Services and restaurant atmosphere.*** For our services and restaurant atmosphere, we will continue to adhere to our signature Haidilao services and interior design while making localized adjustments based on customs and practices in different countries to make our dining experience warm, comfortable and fun.
- ***Promote Chinese cuisine internationally.*** Leveraging our extensive restaurant network and brand awareness, we plan to attract more local guests and promote Chinese cuisine and Chinese culture internationally. We will continue to seek opportunities to showcase Chinese cuisine and Chinese culture and expand our reach to more local guests.

Enhance restaurant performance and explore new sources of revenue

We are dedicated to enhancing our sales performance through increasing restaurant-level revenue, optimizing our operational efficiency and exploring new revenue sources. For our dine-in services, we plan to implement the following strategies:

- ***Better utilize off-peak hours.*** We plan to capitalize on off-peak hours to improve overall restaurant performance, such as offering special discounts and special menu items to attract guests.

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- **Supply chain upgrade.** We will actively explore opportunities to collaborate with local suppliers to establish localized procurement and supply chain systems and further reduce our procurement costs. We may also set up central kitchens to support the innovation, safety, and quality control of our food to enhance our operational efficiency and performance.

In addition, we plan to develop additional sources of revenue to complement our dine-in services, including prepacked food and food delivery.

Strategically optimize and expand our restaurant network

We will expand our restaurant network by increasing restaurant density and expanding our geographic coverage. We will implement a tailored restaurant expansion plan in existing markets based on their specific market conditions and the performance of existing restaurants and prudently expand our restaurant network. We will continue to explore opportunities to expand into new countries with significant growth potential to achieve long-term growth.

Identify opportunities for organic growth and seek potential acquisition opportunities

We plan to identify opportunities for organic growth and potential acquisition targets to strengthen our market position and competitiveness. We will explore new business formats tailored for target markets of interest and formulate restaurant opening plans for these new restaurant brands to further expand our restaurant network. For example, we strictly adhere to and implement the “Pomegranate plan”, proactively developing the secondary business forms through incubation, exploration and strategic acquisitions, among others, to further enrich our business offerings and customer base. In addition, we plan to pursue opportunities to acquire high-quality businesses or assets that can achieve synergies with our existing business.

Our Localized Haidilao Dining Experience

Originally from Sichuan, China, Haidilao has grown to be a worldwide cultural phenomenon, delivering a unique dining experience with outstanding service, food and restaurant atmosphere. To give our guests at all of our restaurants a classic Haidilao dining experience, we offer our signature menu items (e.g., spicy Sichuan-style soup base and hand-pulled dancing noodles) and services (e.g., providing birthday celebration) for guests across all our restaurants. Understanding that a great dining experience means different things in different parts of the world, we also make adjustments to our services and food based on local culture, tastes and preferences. As a leading international Chinese cuisine restaurant brand, we have become an ambassador to China’s culinary heritage, spreading Chinese cuisine culture across the globe through the Haidilao dining experience.

Services

Haidilao is renowned for its unique services, differentiating us from other restaurant brands. The ultimate goal of our services is to make our guests feel happy, warm and comfortable at our restaurants. To achieve that, we encourage our servers to take initiative and be creative in giving guests a memorable dining experience.

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Generally, our restaurants offer services that are iconic to Haidilao, such as the seated waiting area with free fruits, snacks or beverages, hairbands for dine-in guests with long hair and eyeglass cleaning cloths for those wearing glasses. Some restaurants also offer manicure services at the seated waiting area. We also provide personalized services to care for first-time local guests, providing them with suggested cooking times for each hot pot ingredient. From time to time, our restaurants also collaborate with other third parties to host Chinese cultural events. For example, our restaurant in the UK hosted parties with local galleries to showcase traditional Chinese watercolor paintings. As an international restaurant brand, we also encourage our servers to take into consideration local customs in providing our services. For example, we organize themed events and decorate our restaurants to celebrate holidays in local cultures, such as Easter and Halloween. Our restaurants in South Korea serve free rice cake dishes to students on the day of college entrance exams, which is a symbol for good luck. The following images illustrate our localization initiatives across various countries, as well as our commitment to hosting Chinese cultural events.



Batik day (Indonesia)



Merry Christmas (the United States)



Happy Halloween (Canada)



Happy Mid-autumn Festival (the United States)

Menu and Ingredients

Our hot pot offering has three major components — the soup base, the sauces and condiments, and the food ingredients to be cooked in the soup base. Generally, a majority of our menu consists of Haidilao signature or classic dishes, while also incorporating localized or seasonal items. Depending on restaurant size and the availability of food ingredients in the country that meet our high standards on freshness, quality and food safety, our restaurants typically offer 100 to 200 types of food ingredients under several categories, namely signature Haidilao dishes, classic hot pot dishes, meat dishes, vegetarian dishes, snacks and desserts, and alcohol and beverages.

To offer guests a complete Haidilao dining experience, our restaurants offer substantially all of the Haidilao signature menu items, including four signature soup bases, namely our spicy vegetable oil Sichuan-style soup base, tomato soup base, mushroom soup base and savory bone soup base, as well as signature “Haidilao dishes” “Laopai” dishes including classic Sichuan-style hot pot ingredients, such as beef tripe, shrimp paste and hand-pulled noodles. In addition, our restaurants also feature Haidilao’s signature self-serve sauce and condiment bar, allowing guests to mix and match different dipping sauces and garnishes to their preference and have fun in the process. Normally the sauce and condiment bar will include over 20 ingredients, including soy sauce, chopped garlic, hoisin sauce, sesame sauce, chopped cilantro and dried chili pepper flakes. In addition, our sauce and condiment bars also serve cold dishes, fruit and soup or porridge. We also have several dishes that, we believe, showcase Chinese cuisine and Chinese culture to local guests. Our signature “Laopai” hand-pulled noodles are prepared at guest tables along with a noodle dance, allowing guests to enjoy Chinese culinary culture in a fun atmosphere. Videos of our hand-pulled dancing noodle dance have gone viral and attracted millions of views on social media platforms.

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Set forth below are pictures of some of our signature menu items.



Four-in-one soup base



Beef tripe



Haidilao dancing noodles

In addition to our core menu, we also offer localized soup bases and food ingredients and tailor our menu format to local practices. Our restaurants in Japan offer traditional Japanese-style soup bases, such as miso soup base, as well as localized food ingredients, such as beef intestines, and our restaurants in

Southeast Asia offer tom yum soup base. We offer sauces and condiments common to the country, such as black pepper sauce, pickles and olives in the United Kingdom. We also provide classic sauce recipes to cater to our international guests. In addition, we offer individual combo meals, consisting of a choice of protein, a fresh plate of vegetables and choice of rice or noodles, in countries where guests are more accustomed to having individual instead of shared meals. The following images illustrate some of our soup bases and food ingredients adapted to local tastes.



Tom yum soup base in Thailand



Beef intestines in Japan



New York steak sliced in the United States



Spicy poutine in Canada

We regularly develop and introduce new menu items—including core food ingredients, soup bases, and dipping sauces—tailored to local tastes and preferences, frequently incorporating regional ingredients into our offerings. In 2025, we launched over 1,000 new products globally and continued to enrich our dining experience offerings. During the year, we focused on the rollout of our freshly cut product series and introduced our “Prime Cuts Lab” (fresh meat cutting counter). As of the date of this report, freshly cut items, including beef and pork, have been introduced across 13 countries. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the average order rate for our freshly sliced meat series exceeded 12% across our international operations.

Restaurant Atmosphere and Design

Our restaurants are designed and decorated to make our guests feel relaxed and comfortable. Most of our restaurants are designed with a light green and yellow theme, with slight modifications in different countries. We are also piloting a novel entertainment-dining fusion concept that combines classic hotpot traditions with nightclub-style ambiance as part of our ongoing development initiative. We have launched tech-forward restaurant concepts that incorporate architectural lighting, audio and visual technologies to create a full-sensory immersive dining experience. These tech-forward restaurants are also equipped with automatic busser equipment. For details, see “—Technologies.” The following images show the typical interior of our restaurants, our tech-forward restaurants and nightclub theme restaurants.

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Light green and yellow theme



Singapore tech-forward restaurants



Nightclub-style theme

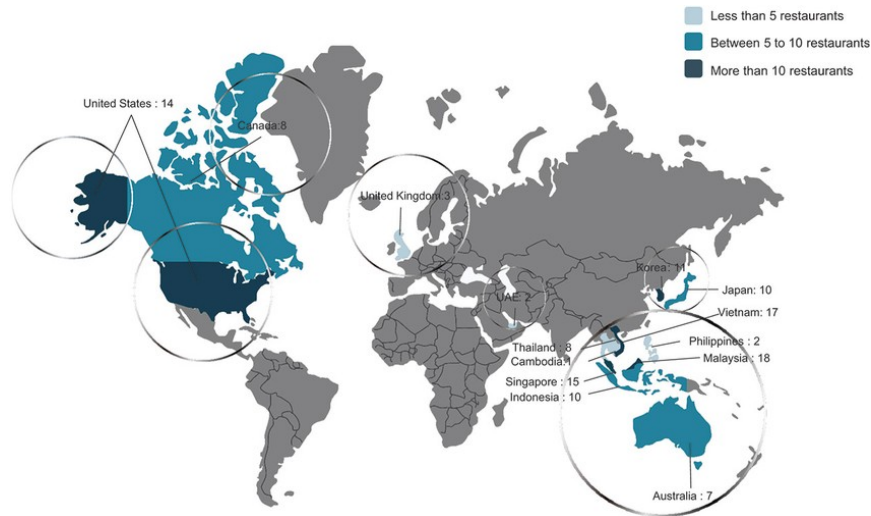
Our restaurants generally have a main dining hall and several private dining rooms. Given the nature of hot pot, we do not need to maintain large kitchens and approximately 75% to 80% of our restaurant space is the dining area. The gross floor area of our restaurants generally ranges from 400 to 1,500 square meters with 30 to 85 tables that can normally seat two to twelve people each. Some of our restaurants also have smaller tables for solo-dining customers.

Our Haidilao Business

Our Haidilao Restaurant Business

Haidilao Restaurant Network

We opened our first restaurant in Singapore in 2012. Since then, we have gradually expanded our restaurant network to 126 restaurants in 14 countries in Asia, North America, Europe and Oceania as of December 31, 2025. We own and operate all of our Haidilao restaurants and lease all of the premises on which our restaurants operate. The following map sets forth our restaurant network as of December 31, 2025.



Haidilao Restaurant Performance

The following table summarizes key performance indicators of our restaurants for the years indicated.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2023	2024	2025
Total guest visits (million)			
Southeast Asia	18.8	20.7	20.9
East Asia	2.9	3.3	4.5
North America	3.0	3.7	4.1
Others ⁽¹⁾	2.0	2.2	2.5
Total	26.7	29.9	32.0
Table turnover rate⁽²⁾ (times per day)			
Southeast Asia	3.5	3.7	3.7
East Asia	3.6	4.4	5.0
North America	3.7	4.1	4.0
Others ⁽¹⁾	3.8	3.9	3.9
Overall	3.5	3.8	3.9
Average spending per guest⁽³⁾ (US\$)			
Southeast Asia	19.5	19.6	18.9
East Asia	27.8	28.3	28.7
North America	45.3	42.3	39.9
Others ⁽¹⁾	40.2	41.6	39.4
Overall	24.8	25.0	24.6
Average daily revenue per restaurant⁽⁴⁾ (US\$ in thousands)			
Southeast Asia	15.0	15.7	15.4
East Asia	12.9	17.1	20.1
North America	20.4	22.0	22.6
Others ⁽¹⁾	23.6	24.9	23.8
Overall	16.3	17.7	18.1

Notes:

- (1) Others include Australia, the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates.
- (2) Calculated by dividing the total tables served for the year by the product of total Haidilao restaurant operation days for the year and average table count during the year in the same geographic region.
- (3) Calculated by dividing the revenue generated from Haidilao restaurant operations for the year by total guest visits for the year in the same geographic region.
- (4) Calculated by dividing the revenue from Haidilao restaurant operations for the year by the total Haidilao restaurant operation days for the year in the same geographic region.

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Same Store Sales

The following table sets forth details of our same store sales for the years indicated.

	As of/For the Year Ended December 31,			
	2023	2024	2024	2025
Number of Same Stores⁽¹⁾				
Southeast Asia		60		59
East Asia		13		13
North America		18		17
Others		7		10
Total		98		99
Same Store Sales⁽²⁾ (US\$ in thousands)				
Southeast Asia	348,237	360,213	349,157	348,567
East Asia	65,545	79,970	79,971	94,544
North America	135,311	147,834	137,342	140,649
Others	61,599	65,974	90,184	91,821
Total	610,692	653,991	656,654	675,581
Average same store sales per day⁽³⁾(US\$ in thousands)				
Southeast Asia	16.0	16.4	16.2	16.3
East Asia	13.9	16.8	16.8	20.0
North America	20.6	22.4	22.1	22.7
Others	24.4	26.1	25.0	25.2
Overall	17.1	18.3	18.2	18.7
Average same store table turnover rate⁽⁴⁾ (times/day)				
Southeast Asia	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8
East Asia	3.6	4.3	4.3	5.0
North America	3.7	4.1	4.1	4.0
Others ⁽⁵⁾	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0
Overall	3.6	3.9	3.9	4.0

Notes

- (1) Includes restaurants that commenced operations before the comparison periods and were open for more than 300 days in each year within the respective year-over-year comparisons (2023 -2024 and 2024 -2025).
- (2) Refers to the aggregate gross revenue from Haidilao restaurant operations at our same stores for the year indicated.
- (3) Calculated by dividing the gross revenue from Haidilao restaurant operations for the year by the total Haidilao restaurant operation days at our same stores for the year.
- (4) Calculated by dividing the total tables served for the year by the product of total Haidilao restaurant operation days for the year and average table count at our same stores during the year.
- (5) Others include Australia, the United Kingdom for the 2023 and 2024 comparison, and further include the United Arab Emirates for the 2024 and 2025 comparison.

Delivery Business

We started to offer delivery services at Haidilao restaurants in 2019. We provide delivery services through our hotline and social media accounts, as well as local online food delivery platforms.

We aim to provide our guests a true Haidilao dining experience even if they do not dine in our restaurants. For each delivery order, we generally include side dishes and a complementary care package containing napkins and peppermint candies. To guarantee freshness and hygiene, our food is packed in sealed food containers, and we allow our guests to return the food if the seal is damaged. In such an event, we will seek compensation from the relevant third-party responsible for food delivery.

Others

We also generated revenue from other activities, primarily including sales of hot pot condiment products and food under the Haidilao brand and secondary brands to local guests and retailers. These products aim to enable our guests to enjoy Haidilao hot pot experience at home.

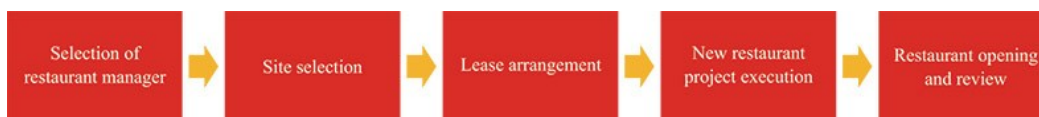
Organization Structure

We adopt a management system focused on balancing standardization and localization. Our restaurants are divided into several groups, taking into account their locations and restaurant performances. We believe managing restaurants by group enables us to formulate more effective business strategies and operating guidelines that fit the needs of the group. Each group is overseen by a regional manager, to whom all restaurant managers in the group report directly. The regional managers are generally responsible for implementing business strategies and management of restaurant operations in the group. The regional managers are supported by several core business functions under our headquarters, including product management, finance, IT and food safety, among others.

Expansion Plan, Site Selection and Development

We have established a series of internal procedures to implement our expansion plans and new restaurant development. Our headquarters together with our regional managers determine the overall strategic expansion plan of each group, for example, whether to enter into a new market and whether to open new restaurants in existing market. We encourage our regional managers and restaurant managers to submit proposals for new restaurants, which will be subject to our headquarters' approval. We generally adopt a bottom-up approach in expanding our restaurant network. We align the financial interests of our restaurant managers with their ability to cultivate new locations and leaders to open new restaurants, which has become a significant driver in our expansion. Under our leadership program, existing restaurant managers can identify and train restaurant manager candidates through our leadership training program.

We have established standardized procedures to open a new restaurant. For each new restaurant project, our regional managers are primarily responsible for choosing new restaurant managers based on recommendations from restaurant managers. After the restaurant manager is identified and the restaurant premise is determined, the new restaurant manager will be responsible for project execution with the support from regional managers. Our headquarters will also supervise and provide guidance on the expansion process. The following chart illustrates the major steps in our restaurant opening process after a new restaurant project has been determined.



- **Selection of restaurant manager.** We believe the ideal new restaurant manager should have extensive experience as restaurant staff so that he/she is familiar with every detail of restaurant operations. As of December 31, 2025, all of our restaurant managers were home grown and have served various non-managerial positions, such as waiters or janitors. Our restaurant managers are encouraged to recommend new restaurant manager candidates, normally being their mentees. If the new restaurant was originally proposed by an existing restaurant manager, we will consider his or her recommendation for the new restaurant manager as the first choice, subject to regional manager's review and approval. In other cases, our regional manager will review the restaurant manager candidates recommended by each restaurant manager to select the most suitable candidate.
- **Site selection.** Our headquarters are responsible for providing guidance in our site selection process with the consideration of our Group's strategic growth. Our regional managers are responsible for identifying suitable locations, since they have a deeper understanding of the local market. We carefully consider potential markets and devote a substantial amount of time and effort to evaluating each potential restaurant site.
- **Lease arrangement.** Subject to negotiations with our landlords, we generally enter into long-term leases ranging from three to 20 years with an option to renew for our restaurants in order to secure more favorable terms. We do not own any property for substantially all of our restaurant sites and believe such strategy can significantly reduce our capital expenditures.
- **New restaurant project execution.** The new restaurant manager will be responsible for project execution, with assistance provided by the regional manager and our headquarters.

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- **Restaurant operations and review.** The regional manager will continue to provide support and guidance after the new restaurant is opened, including conducting site visits, and reviewing initial table turnover rates and other performance metrics. New restaurants are subject to the same restaurant performance **assessment** as existing restaurants in the same group. Regional managers are available to provide training and assistance to new restaurants that are rated C or lower.

Restaurant Performance Assessment

We conduct evaluation of the performance of our restaurants and derive a rating for each restaurant based on the criteria above, which also ties to the rating of each restaurant manager. The ratings of each restaurant will be published via online meeting or internal announcement, incentivizing them to improve their performance in the following months.

We also have a mystery guest review program, allowing us to understand the performance of restaurants from our guests' points of view. We invite certain mystery guests to register on our designated mobile app and apply to be a mystery guest at a specific restaurant. Once the task is assigned, they are invited to visit our restaurants and provide a feedback report on their dining experience. The report covers various aspects including services, food quality and environment and the reviewers are required to provide an overall rating to the restaurant. The rating from mystery guest reviewers forms one of the important criteria for our restaurant performance assessment.

Training and Promotion

We conduct comprehensive training for all of our employees, from management positions to restaurant staff. We create an outcome-oriented and merit-based working environment and seek to instill Haidilao's core values and culture in our employees. Substantially all of our restaurant managers are promoted internally from junior roles at our restaurants.

Supply Chain

Supply Network

Our ability to offer consistently high-quality food across our restaurants depends largely upon the ability to procure the highest quality food ingredients commercially available. Our overall procurement strategy is generally based on the guest volume of our restaurants.

For markets where we have a larger business scale, we generally adopt a centralized procurement system for major food ingredients and consumables we use. We have set up two central kitchens in Singapore and Malaysia, primarily responsible for manufacturing and processing food ingredients used in our restaurants, including meats that require processing and flavoring, and vegetables that require washing and cutting. We believe this model can streamline our supply chain management practice and reduce staff costs in relation to food preparation at each restaurant, while maintaining the consistency in taste, quality and food safety. Based on our business demand, we are also exploring opportunities to open more central kitchens in other markets where we have greater presence to achieve economies of scale.

For other markets we operate in, we normally procure food ingredients directly from local suppliers to ensure regulatory compliance in each jurisdiction. After we receive requests for new food ingredients from restaurants, our procurement team in each country shall be responsible to identify suitable local suppliers. In order to better manage our costs in relation to food ingredients, we are also exploring opportunities for bulk procurement for our restaurants across different countries.

Supply Chain Management

- **Selection of suppliers.** We have established stringent supplier selection procedures. For each food ingredient supplier candidate, we examine its qualification and conduct on-site inspection and sample testing if we consider necessary. Only suppliers that can pass all these assessments can be included in our qualified supplier list. We only procure food ingredients from these qualified suppliers.
- **Management and review of suppliers.** We have formulated a performance evaluation system to assess the performance of each of our suppliers regularly. Based on the quality of supplies, price and services, each supplier is graded with low-risk, mid-risk and high-risk. For high-risk suppliers, we will reduce our purchase amount with them, or find new suppliers to replace them.

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- **Stringent standards for food ingredients.** We formulate inspection standards for each type of supplies we procure, including physical inspection as well as testing for chemicals and foreign substances.
- **Inspections and testing.** We conduct extensive inspection and testing of product supplies. Our food safety specialists are responsible for conducting on-site examination on our suppliers. In addition, we also engage reputable third-party laboratories to conduct sample testing to ensure that our food ingredient supplies comply with the applicable food safety laws and regulations.

Food Safety and Quality Control

We place the utmost priority on the health and safety of our guests and dedicate a significant amount of resources in maintaining our food safety and quality control system. We have established a food safety department at our headquarters overseeing our food safety practice and formulating our food safety protocols and strategies. In each country that we operate in, we implemented detailed food safety and quality control protocols based on local standards and regulatory requirements. We also constantly monitor regulatory updates in relation to food safety regulations and make adjustments to our protocols accordingly. Each restaurant also has one food safety specialist, who is responsible for supervising the food safety practice and conducting regular checks and examinations at the restaurant. The food safety specialists are required to attend periodic internal training and pass our quality and safety tests.

Restaurant Decoration

On October 17, 2023, we entered into a master decoration project management service agreement with YIZHIHUA (SINGAPORE) CO. PTE. LTD. (“YIZHIHUA”), a private limited company established in Singapore and controlled by the brother of Mr. Yong Zhang, our largest shareholder. Pursuant to this agreement, YIZHIHUA will provide decoration project management-related services to our restaurants (excluding those in Malaysia). In addition, on the same date, we entered into a framework agreement for engineering, procurement and construction services for renovation work with YIZHIHUA, pursuant to which YIZHIHUA will provide our restaurants in Malaysia with renovation work-related services. The term of each agreement is between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2026. These two agreements have replaced the agreement we entered into on December 12, 2022 with Beijing Shuyun Dongfang Decoration Project Co., Ltd., a limited liability company established in the PRC and controlled by the brother of Mr. Yong Zhang, our largest shareholder, which was valid between December 30, 2022 and December 31, 2023.

Restaurant Operations

- **Detailed and standardized procedures.** We have developed a series of food safety, hygiene and quality control protocols that set out guidelines detailed down to different methods of cleaning different types of kitchenware, sterilization schedules and the cleaning schedule for restrooms. Our food safety specialists also establish food safety procedures for each restaurant, taking into account local regulatory requirements. From time to time, our food safety specialists will make recommendations to our food safety, hygiene and quality control protocols based on issues identified in restaurants and regulatory updates.
- **Extensive inspection.** Our regional manager is responsible for conducting monthly inspection for each restaurant. If any food safety issue is identified, the food safety specialist will assist the restaurant manager to rectify the issue and conduct a follow-up inspection after rectification is completed.
- **Clear accountability.** We have established clear responsibility for our restaurant managers and our food safety staff. Each restaurant is divided into 13 different areas, such as the kitchen, dining area and waiting area and the restaurant manager assigns one designated person for each area.
- **Compliance.** Our food safety specialist reviews and keeps abreast of local laws and regulations to formulate and update internal food safety policies.
- **Design and technology.** We believe that investing in restaurant design and technology allows us to enhance quality control and reduce the risk of human error. We have established kitchens with automated and smart equipment in Singapore, which we believe will allow us to achieve more consistency in handling food and maintaining hygiene in the kitchen area.
- **Continuous training programs.** We continuously provide training programs to our restaurant staff on the operating procedures and quality standards on an annual basis. Post-training tests are conducted to ensure the effectiveness of training.

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Marketing

Our service quality is the most vital factor influencing customer satisfaction and customer retention, and also enhances our brand image. We primarily rely on our guests' spontaneous word-of-mouth to attract new customers. Leveraging our leading position in the industry market for Chinese cuisine restaurants and Haidilao's brand image, our restaurants have attracted many celebrities to visit, including movie directors, pop stars, and social media influencers. Their social media posts of dining at Haidilao have become one of our most effective channels to attract more guests.

We engage with our guests, in particular through the social media accounts we operate (e.g., Facebook and Instagram). These online platforms have enabled us to spread our culture and Haidilao dining experiences to a larger audience. From time to time, our regional managers may also design, implement and launch marketing campaigns based on local customs and preferences. For example, we have launched marketing campaigns in Japan during cherry blossom seasons. We also held live streaming events on TikTok to promote our online campaigns in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Technologies

We seek to distinguish ourselves in the restaurant industry by implementing advanced information technology to support our development. To this end, we have implemented a set of management information systems to not only enhance our guest experience but also improve the efficiency of operations. Details of our key technology applications are set forth below:

- **Automated ordering.** All orders at our restaurants are placed on tablet computers. This expedites service and enables our management to collect and analyze consumption behavior, spending and inventory data on a timely basis. This system also allows us to track ordering history and recommend dishes to members based on their consumption behavior.
- **Automatic busser.** We have developed and applied automatic busser equipment in our restaurants. These automatic bussers can automatically deliver dishes to each table, which significantly improve our operation efficiency.
- **Immersive dining.** We have incorporated architectural lighting, audio and visual technologies to create a full-sensory immersive dining experience.
- **Customized flavors.** We adopted technology that would automate the preparation of soup bases and customize the depth of flavors, such as spiciness, oiliness, richness and thickness based on personal preferences. Our guests will be able to create his/her own personalized soup base. The unique choices of each guest are stored in our membership system and can be automatically ordered the next time he/she visits. Further, as some local guests have a lower tolerance for spicy food, our customized flavor technology enables them to adjust the spiciness of their Sichuan-style soup bases, making our restaurants more appealing to local guests.

Competition

Currently, the international market for Chinese cuisine restaurants is very fragmented, with approximately 700,000 restaurants internationally. We primarily compete with other chain and single-store restaurants with respect to food quality and consistency, brand reputation, value for money, ambiance, service, location, supply of quality food ingredients and availability of trained employees.

Environmental Social and Corporate Governance ("ESG")

We are committed to building a lasting brand, and we believe our long-term success rests on our ability to make positive impact on the environment and society. Adhering to the concept of sustainable development on an ongoing basis, we have implemented and continue to improve sustainable development and ESG management by developing an ESG management mechanism involving collaborations at all levels within our company and actively communicating with stakeholders. We are committed to integrating sustainable development concepts into our daily operations. We have taken the following environmental sustainability and social responsibility initiatives.

- **Energy saving and green operation.** We proactively monitor information relating to pollutant emissions to avoid energy waste. As such, we have established an air-conditioning and mechanical ventilation system to automatically determine the real-time business status of the restaurant, realize intelligent linkage control and supply the appropriate volume of fresh air. We have implemented an intelligent kitchen management system (“IKMS”) in certain restaurants in Singapore. The IKMS can collect and analyze the data collected from the kitchen and offer real-time monitoring of the overall operating status, such as production, inventory and shelf life. We also plan to implement an energy management system (“EMS”) in certain restaurants. The EMS system can monitor the use of electricity in our restaurants. Through these intelligent systems, we can significantly reduce waste and save energy at our restaurants. In addition, we will continue to deepen the concept of green operation, actively promote energy conservation and consumption reduction, and pursue efficient operation.
- **Anti-food waste project.** In most of our restaurants, we allow our guests to order half-portion dishes to promote awareness of food waste, while ensuring the diversity of food that our guests can enjoy. In addition, we also launched combo meals for individual guests in certain restaurants. Further, we have implemented advanced stock tracking and inventory management system to avoid raw materials waste.
- **Nutritious meals.** Our broad menu allows guests to enjoy balanced meals consisting of proteins, vegetables, grains and other nutritious ingredients. In addition, we have formed product development teams to regularly introduce localized menu offerings that promote a healthy diet.
- **Controlling usage of food additives and other chemicals.** Our suppliers are required to provide information on the use of food additives and other chemicals in their products in accordance with local laws and regulations. We also adopt strict rules for procurement, storage, inventory management and usage of food additives and other chemicals at our restaurants. Our food quality specialists conduct daily food safety inspections to ensure food quality and safety.
- **Workforce diversity.** We are committed to providing diverse and equal employment opportunities to our employees. As of December 31, 2025, over 46% of our total employees were females. We will continue to adhere to a fair, transparent and sound employee recruitment and management system and promote diversity in our workforce.

Intellectual Property

On December 12, 2022, we entered into a trademark license agreement with Sichuan Haidilao Catering Co., Ltd. (“Sichuan Haidilao”), a limited liability company established in the PRC and controlled by Mr. Yong Zhang, our largest shareholder. Pursuant to this agreement, Sichuan Haidilao agrees to license to our company over 360 trademarks registered by Sichuan Haidilao, including Haidilao (“海底撈”), in all the jurisdictions in which we operate on an exclusive and royalty-free basis for a perpetual term, to the extent permissible under the Hong Kong Listing Rules and relevant laws and regulations.

In addition, a number of proprietary know-how and trade secrets are also of significant importance to our operations, including the recipes for certain food ingredients and soup bases. We protect such intellectual property by relying on the protection afforded under applicable trade secret laws, implementing intellectual property management policies, installing secure information technology systems and entering into confidentiality arrangements with employees and third parties who may have access to our proprietary know-how and trade secrets. Our product development department is responsible for management of all of our recipes.

Employees

We value our employees and believe high quality guest service comes from happy employees. We endeavor to manage and motivate our employees in order to maximize the working proceeds through constant training programs, competitive compensation package and clear promotion scheme. As of December 31, 2025, we had a total of 14,003 full-time and part-time employees.

Insurance

We maintain various insurance policies to safeguard against risks and unexpected events. We have purchased insurance covering key aspects of our operations, such as property insurance. We do not maintain business interruption insurance, malpractice liability insurance or key-man life insurance. We consider our insurance coverage to be adequate for our business and in line with the industry norm in the countries in which we operate.

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Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we may be involved in various claims and legal actions that arise in the ordinary course of business. We do not believe that the ultimate resolution of any pending claims and legal actions will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations, liquidity and capital resources.

Regulations

This section sets forth a summary of the significant regulations or requirements in the jurisdictions where we conduct our material business operations, namely Singapore, the United States, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Singapore Laws and Regulations

License, Registration and Permits

Appointed under section 3 of the Sale of Food Act 1973 (the “SFA”), the Singapore Food Agency (the “Agency”) was formed as a statutory board under the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (formerly known as the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources) (the “MSE”) on April 1, 2019 to oversee food safety and food security in Singapore. The establishment of the Agency brought together food-related functions that used to be carried out by three separate arms (being the former Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore, the National Environment Agency and the Health Science Authority) under one single entity. Under section 5 of the Singapore Food Agency Act 2019, the Agency’s functions include, amongst others, the regulation of businesses engaged in the handling or supply of food so as to minimize food safety risks and the accreditation of persons in the food industry.

Non-Retail Food Business Regulatory Requirements

As part of the Agency’s food safety system pipeline, (i) establishments where food is manufactured, processed, prepared or packed for the purpose of distribution to wholesalers and retailers; (ii) cold stores that are used for the storage of meat and/or fish products and (iii) slaughterhouses for slaughtering of animals such as poultry, are required to obtain a licence issued by the Agency in order to operate in Singapore.

Pursuant to section 21 of the SFA, “a person must not carry on a non-retail food business except in accordance with a licence issued to the person by the Director-General under this Part.” In this regard, “non-retail food business” is defined under section 2F of the SFA and includes, amongst others, “central kitchens supplying food prepared, cooked and packed for the purpose of distribution to retail food businesses.” Failure to comply with the requirements under this section 21 of the SFA is an offence and pursuant to section 24(1) of the SFA, such person may be arrested without a warrant by any police officer or authorized officer and taken before a Magistrate’s Court in Singapore.

- (a) In relation to the central kitchen operations (as defined above) carried out, pursuant to section 12 of the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act 1999 (the “WMF”), “[a] person must not use any premises or permit any premises to be used as a processing establishment or a cold store except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the Director-General.” Pursuant to section 12(2) of the WMF, a person who uses any premises as a processing establishment or a cold store without a licence, upon conviction, may be liable to a fine not exceeding SGD10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve (12) months or to both.
- (b) A licence is also required where: fresh fruit or vegetable is imported for sale, supply, distribution or transshipment pursuant to section 7 of the Control of Plants Act 1993 (the “CPA”) (failing which it is an offence liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding SGD10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three (3) years or to both); and meat products and fish products are imported, exported or transshipped pursuant to section 5(1) of the WMF or imported for sale, supply or distribution in Singapore pursuant to section 6(1) of the WMF (failing which it is an offence liable on conviction to a fine of up to SGD100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three (3) years or to both, depending on the nature of the offence).

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(each a “**Product Licence**,” collectively, the “**Product Licences**”)

Further, pursuant regulation 14 of the Food Regulations (enacted pursuant to section 56(1) of the SFA), “*No person shall import any food that has not been registered with the Director-General.*” Regulation 14(2) of the Food Regulations clarifies that any imported food is deemed registered if it is imported under a permit to import issued pursuant to the Regulations of Imports and Exports Regulations with the required particulars (including but not limited to the product description and country of origin of the product) approved to the satisfaction of the Agency. Accordingly, registration is also required for traders who import processed food products (being all food products and supplements of food nature) and food appliances are imported into Singapore (“**Import Registration**”). Documentary proof that the imported products are produced under sanitary conditions in a regulated establishment is required for any Import Registration (in particular in relation to the importation of packaged mineral and drinking water and ice, minimally processed fruits and vegetables, coconut milk and grated coconut etc.). Pursuant to regulation 5 of the Food Regulations, any importation, advertisement, manufacture, sale, consignment or delivery of prepacked food must also bear a label that contains the particulars as provided under the Food Regulations (including but not limited to the common name or a description sufficient to indicate the true nature of the food and the appropriate designation of each ingredient in the case of food consisting of two or more ingredients). In this regard, “prepacked” is defined under regulation 2 of the Food Regulations to mean “packed or made up in advance ready for sale in a wrapper or container.” Accordingly, it is an offence under the Food Regulations to include any written, pictorial or other descriptive matters appearing on or attached to, or supplied or displayed with food (including any advertisements in relation to the same) that includes any claim or suggestion that is false, misleading or deceptive, or is likely to create an erroneous impression regarding the value, merit or safety of the food product so labelled (unless otherwise allowed under the Food Regulations).

Such Product Licences and Import Registration shall be valid for the period as stated on the respective licences or registrations unless it is revoked or renewed upon its expiry. As a general note, the licensee or registered entity is to inform the Agency within fourteen (14) days should there be any changes in relation to the particulars of the licensee or registered entity. In addition, for each individual consignment of fresh fruits or vegetables, meat products or fish products and processed food products and food appliances, the licensee or registered entity is required to obtain a permit for such consignment. The import of the consignment must also be carried out in accordance with the conditions of such permit issued and such other requirements as stated under the CPA, WMF, SFA or Food Regulations (as applicable). These conditions generally include the need for the products transhipped to comply with prescribed/sanitary standards and do not include any prohibited substances (e.g. prohibited pesticide residues). A failure to obtain the necessary permits for each consignment is an offence and is punishable under the respective acts.

Empowered by the SFA, the Agency is authorized to inspect all food processing establishments to ensure that the licensees and their food production personnel adhere to good manufacturing practices and implement food safety programs for the safe production of food on such premises.

Material Regulations and Procedures with respect to the operation of retail food shops and food stalls in Singapore

All retail food establishments and food stalls must be licensed in Singapore by the Agency in order to operate. In this regard, section 2 of the Environmental Public Health Act 1987 (the “**EPHA**”) defines “food establishment” to mean any place or any premise or part thereof used for the sale, or for the preparation or manufacture for sale, or for the storage or packing for sale, of food, whether cooked or not, intended for human consumption.

Pursuant to section 32 of the EPHA, “*A person must not operate or use or knowingly permit a food establishment to be used for any of the purposes specified in the First Schedule without first obtaining a licence from the Director-General, Food Administration.*” In this regard, paragraph 1 of the First Schedule of the EPHA includes a retail food establishment, which is defined as a place “*where food is sold wholly by retail (whether or not the food sold is also prepared, stored or packed for sale or consumed at such premises), including (a) an eating establishment, such as a restaurant.*” Section 33 of the EPHA also requires that any person who “*hawk, sell or expose for sale any food or goods of any kind*” or “*set up or use any stall [...] for the purposes of hawking, selling or exposing for sale any food or goods of any kind*” in any premises or public place is required to first obtain a licence from the Agency.

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Failure to comply with the requirements under section 32 or 33 of the EPHA is an offence and upon conviction, pursuant to section 41A(1) of the EPHA, such person shall be liable to a fine of up to SGD10,000 and, where the person is a repeated offender, a fine of up to SGD20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three (3) months or to both (depending on the nature of the offence). In particular, regulation 5(1) of the Environmental Public Health (Food Hygiene) Regulations (the “**EPH Regulations**”) states that “*Every licensee shall use the licensed premises only for the purpose for which the licence is granted.*” Further, pursuant to regulation 6(2) of the EPH Regulations, “*A licensee who is permitted to carry out food catering shall insert his licence number in all advertisements relating to his food catering business.*” Amongst others, it has been emphasized by the Agency that all food establishment operators are required to renew their licence before the licence expiry date should they wish to continue with the business operations.

Operators are reminded that they will be required to submit a new licence application and stop operations until they have obtained a new licence. Operators who continue to operate without a valid licence (i.e., expired licence) will constitute an offence under the EPHA and may be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding SGD10,000.

Specific Licenses and Registration in relation to the operations of a Restaurant in Singapore

For the supply of liquor, pursuant to section 4(1) of the Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) Act 2015 (the “**LCA**”), “*a person must not supply any liquor unless the person is authorized by a liquor licence to supply the liquor.*” In this regard, “supply” is defined under section 2 of the LCA to include, amongst others, to sell, offer or agree to sell, barter or exchange the liquor (whether the reward or consideration is received or to be received by the supplier specifically for the liquor or as part of services or other goods sold, bartered or exchanged) or to serve, send, forward or deliver the liquor in connection with sale, barter or exchange and includes causing or permitting to be supplied.

Section 5(1) of the LCA provides that, “*where licensed premises are specified in the liquor licence of a licensee, the licensee must not supply any liquor except at those licensed premises.*” Failure to comply with this section 5(1) is an offence and shall, on conviction, be subject to a fine not exceeding SGD10,000. Further, section 6(1) of the LCA also provides that the supply of alcohol is only permitted, amongst such other conditions, during the trading hours specified in the liquor licence. It is an offence under the LCA for a person to supply liquor without a valid licence, and pursuant to section 4(3) of the LCA, such person may, on conviction, be subject to a fine not exceeding SGD20,000 and a repeated offender may be subject to a fine not exceeding SGD20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three (3) months or to both. Notably, pursuant to section 32(1) of the LCA, any offence under the LCA by a body corporate may also result in the officer-in-charge (e.g. licence holder) being charged and tried in the same manner as the body corporate, if such offence is committed with the officer’s consent or is attributable to his/her act or default.

Laws and Regulations on Food Safety and Environment Matters

Food Safety

(i) General Requirements under the SFA and the Food Regulations

Pursuant to section 56 of the SFA, the minister may make regulations on, amongst others, (a) prescribing the standard of strength, weight, quality or quantity of any food or of any ingredient or component part thereof; (b) prohibiting the addition or use of any specified thing or of more than the specified quantity or proportion thereof to any food or food contact article; (c) regulate the identification and labelling of food or food contact articles for sale, including specifying the matter that must or must not be contained in any such label and the manner of labelling; (d) set out standards for the maintenance, cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene of premises at which a non-retail food business is carried out; or (e) set out requirements that apply to imported food or food contact articles to ensure that the food or food contact article is safe and suitable and to support a secure and reliable supply of imported food in Singapore, including keeping of records in relation to the source or traceability and handling of the food or food contact article imported.

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In relation to the above, the Food Regulations (as amended pursuant to the Food (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which came into effect on 30 January 2026) enacted pursuant to section 56(1) of the SFA sets out general requirements, amongst others, in relation to (i) labelling of products and pre-packed food; (ii) restrictions against importation and manufacturing of food articles containing regulated food additives; and (iii) restrictions against the importation and sale of products containing such prohibited incidental constituents. Part IV of the Food Regulations also specifically sets out the standards and particular labelling requirements for different categories of food products. Specifically, the 2025 amendments were targeted to align Singapore's food labelling requirements for prepacked food with international standards, particularly those established in the Codex Alimentarius developed by the Food and Agriculture Organisation and the World Health Organisation (e.g., the introduction of labelling requirements relating to "gluten-free" products). A person who fails to comply with the requirements under the Food Regulations shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding SGD1,000 and in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding SGD2,000.

(ii) General Food Hygiene Requirements under the Sale of Food (Food Establishments) Regulations

Further, the Sale of Food (Non-Retail Food Business) Regulations (the "**SFA Regulations**") sets out general food hygiene requirements in relation to (i) the storage of food, (ii) the packaging of food, (iii) the transportation of food, and (iv) personal cleanliness for those engaged in the preparation of food. With regards to point (iii) above (the transportation of food), pursuant to regulation 10 of the SFA Regulations, every licensee is required to ensure that during transportation, food is "*protected from any likelihood of contamination*" and "*kept under a suitable temperature so as not to affect its wholesomeness and safety.*" The same is also provided under section 23(1) of the SFA, which provides, *inter alia*, that the surface of any vehicle used to transport food which the food is likely to come into contact must be kept in a state of cleanliness, good order and condition so as to prevent any risk of contamination of the food. A licensee who contravenes the regulations under the SFA Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding SGD5,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding SGD100 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

(iii) General Food Hygiene Regulations under the Environmental Public Health (Food Hygiene Regulations)

Similarly, Part III of the Environmental Public Health (Food Hygiene) Regulations (which is enacted pursuant to section 111 of the EPHA) (the "**EPHA Regulations**") also sets out general food hygiene standards that licensees (i.e. food establishment licensees) have to adhere to generally. Amongst others, these include storage and refrigeration of food requirements and time-stamping requirements. On this note, failure of a licensee to comply with the requirements under the EPHA Regulations, shall upon conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding SGD2,000 and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine of not exceeding SGD100 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction. Notwithstanding, this may also affect the licensing and renewal (if any) of the licensee's licence granted under the EPHA.

(iv) Food Processing and Food Handling

All food processing establishments, cold stores and slaughterhouses must comply with the WFA, SFA and the Conditions of Licensing for Food Establishments prescribed by the Agency (last updated on January 1, 2026). Food handlers (e.g. chefs, cooks and kitchen assistants) working in food retail establishments must complete the WSQ Food Safety Course Level 1 certification and thereafter, be registered with the Agency. Such persons are also required to attend and complete a refresher course training every five (5) years starting from the date of first obtaining the Food Safety Course Level 1 certification. In this regard, regulation 10 of the EPHA Regulations requires that any employee or assistant of a licensee who is engaged in the sale or preparation of any food must be registered with the Agency. Further, pursuant to regulation 10A of the EPHA Regulations, licensees are also required to appoint a senior staff member to be trained as a Food Hygiene Officer, who must also be registered with the Agency. The appointed Food Hygiene Officer is required to attend such course (including refresher course) as is required by the Agency.

(v) Points Demerit System

The Agency imposes a Points Demerit System whereby demerit points are given for each public health offence that is convicted in court or compounded, depending on severity, ranging from 0 demerit points for minor offences, 4 demerit points for major offences, to 6 demerit points for serious offences. Pursuant to section 99 of the EPHA, food establishments which accumulate twelve (12) or more demerit points within any twelve (12) month period may have its license to operate suspended for a certain period or be revoked, depending on past suspension records.

(vi) Grading Scheme for Licensed Eating Establishments and Food Stalls

The Agency conducts annual on-site audit assessments on Agency-licensed local food establishments to determine their grading status and provide on-site advice to help them improve and upgrade their premises. All licensed food establishments (including cold stores, slaughterhouses and food processing establishments) in Singapore are categorized into four (4) grades (A being excellent to D being pass). Each food establishment will be graded annually based on its food hygiene and food safety standards before its licence expires. The grade awarded will encourage the establishment to strive for better grades and seek improvement in food hygiene and safety standards. The areas of audit assessment of food establishments include (but are not limited to) general cleanliness and housekeeping of premises, food storage, food processing equipment and facilities, food hygiene training and documentation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a new food safety licensing framework, the Safety Assurance for Food Establishments (the “SAFE”), which will replace the existing food hygiene grading system, will be implemented in two (2) phases by the Agency. The implementation of Phase 1¹ of the SAFE framework had commenced on January 19, 2026, while details of the implementation of Phase 2 is expected to be announced by 2027.

Under the new SAFE framework, food establishments are categorized into two categories, depending on the amount of food handling involved and the level of food safety risks:

(a) Category 1 includes food establishments involved in significant processing or preparation of food, including restaurants with kitchen size of 16m² or more and food processing establishments; and

(b) Category 2 includes food establishments that engages in low or moderate levels of food processing or preparation, including takeaway outlets and restaurants with kitchen size of less than 16m².

The Agency will thereafter assign food establishments a grade under the SAFE framework (“SAFE grade”) based on its food safety track records. The SAFE grade shall replace the existing food hygiene grading system mentioned above, and will rate food establishments under Grade ‘A’, ‘B’ or ‘C’, with **Grade A** indicating a consistently good track record, and **Grade C** indicating that the establishment has committed a major lapse, such as a licence suspension or a court conviction for a food safety related offence. Food establishments that maintain a consistent record of good food safety practices will attain a higher grade (i.e., Grade A). Pursuant to the implementation of Phase 2 of the SAFE framework, food establishments seeking to maintain or attain a Grade ‘A’ will be required to appoint an Advanced Food Hygiene Officer and to implement a certified Food Safety Management System.

¹ Under Phase 1 of the new SAFE framework, existing food establishments will be assigned with a starting grade based on their current track records (i.e., the date of the issuance of the licence or the date after the date of the last major lapse).

(vii) The Environmental Sanitation Regime for selected retail food shops

Commencing from July 30, 2021, baseline environmental sanitation (“ES”) standards are mandatory for specified premises, which includes, amongst others, food courts and canteens, schools and specified shopping malls. This includes canteens that hold specific Agency issued Food Shop licences. Such licensees are required to implement the ES standards and develop an ES program for their premises and to oversee its implementation. The ES program must be submitted to the National Environment Agency (“NEA”) within one (1) month from the implementation of the ES regime for the sector or upon the commencement of operations for new specified premises. The ES program is required to adhere to the baseline standards developed by the ES Technical Committee convened under the NEA, which includes, amongst others, implementing minimum routine cleaning and disinfection frequencies and carrying out yearly maintenance of surfaces or fixtures. Such selected retail food shops are expected to ensure that premises are clean and relatively free of visible litter, stain, environmental waste, spillage and soilage.

Public Health and Environmental Matters

(viii) Code of Practice on Environmental Health (2025 Edition) (the “COPEH”)

Issued by the NEA, the COPEH provides the guidelines to address environmental health concerns in the design of buildings. The COPEH sets out the objectives to be met and stipulates the minimum basic design criteria. Specifically, section 3 of the COPEH sets out design criteria relating to the ventilation, ducting and kitchen exhaust systems for food shops at building plan and pre-operation (pre-licensing) stages which should be complied with when the companies are renovating leased properties for the operation of the restaurant business.

Separately, pursuant to section 26 of the Fire Safety Act 1993 (the “FSA”), it is an offence if *“the owner or occupier causes, or does or omits to do anything that is likely to cause, a specified fire hazard to arise at the building.”* Section 2 of the FSA defines a “specified fire hazard” to include, amongst others *“the obstruction of escape routes, passageways, common property or limited common property of the building such as might render escape in the event of fire more difficult.”*

Consolidation of the existing regulations relating to food-related functions and the implementation of the Food Safety and Security Act by 2028

Although the establishment of the Agency sought to consolidate the different food-related functions under one agency, Singapore did not have a consolidated food-related legislation as different food-related laws were enacted at different points in history and regulated by different government agencies across the years. In light of the foregoing, the Food Safety and Security Bill (“FSSB”) was passed by the Singapore Parliament on January 8, 2025 to (amongst others) (1) consolidate and amend the existing laws and regulations relating to food safety in connection with the production of primary produce, the supply of food and the provision of drinking water and (2) improve food security in Singapore. In connection thereto, consequential and related amendments will be made to certain food-related legislation, including the repeal of the SFA and WMF in due course once the Food Safety and Security Act 2025 of Singapore (“FSSA”) is fully in force.

The key features (and amendments) under the FSSA are summarized below:

- (a) consolidate and refresh existing food-related legislation. Amongst others, the FSSA seeks to avoid overlapping and duplicative requirements in the areas of importing and rearing of food producing animals and the cultivation of edible plants;
- (b) strengthen Singapore’s food safety regime to better protect consumers and promote public health (wherein, *inter alia*, the coverage of food safety legislation will be extended to include the donation and free distribution of food and key food distribution nodes will be required to keep records for traceability) and to support the industry’s development and prepare for emerging trends; and
- (c) keep pace with emerging challenges in safeguarding food security (wherein, *inter alia*, a minimum stockholding requirement will be implemented for the purposes of administering the Rice Stockpile Scheme and local farms will be required to implement a farm management plan to mitigate risks to food safety, disease spread and water quality).

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As announced during the second reading of the FSSB in parliament on January 8, 2025, to facilitate a smooth transition for the industry, the changes as set out under the FSSA will be implemented in phases, starting with defined foods and non-packaged drinking water (amongst others) (which came into force on or about November 28, 2025) and it is envisaged that all the amendments proposed under the FSSA will be in full force by 2028. In this regard:

- (a) pursuant to Part 5 (Defined Food and Pre-Market Approval) and sections 152 to 153 of the FSSA, it is an offence to supply any defined food, to handle food intended for supply in a way that will or is likely to make the food a defined food, or to produce primary produce that is a defined food. To this end, “defined food” is defined under section 13 of the FSSA to refer to food that is or contains (i) a novel food²; (ii) a genetically modified food without a pre-market approval; or (iii) is, or contains, in any form, an edible insect-like species which are not listed in the Food Safety and Security (Catalogued Insect-like Species) Order 2025. Pre-market approval (in such form and manner as set out under the Food Safety and Security (FSSA Authorisations – Administration) Regulations 2025)) will be required to be obtained from the Agency before any proposed supply or handling of such defined foods; and
- (b) Part 6 (Provision of Non-Packaged Drinking Water) (together with the Food Safety and Security (Non-Packaged Drinking Water) Regulations 2025), which replaces the current Part 9 of the EPFA, governs and regulates the quality of non-packaged drinking water in Singapore. Amongst others, pursuant to section 115 of the FSSA, it is an offence for a drinking water producer providing a drinking water service to supply drinking water that is unwholesome in the course of providing such service.

Further and for completeness, it should also be noted that pursuant to Part 13 of the FSSA (which has come into force in part as of November 28, 2025), food security officers (amongst others) are entitled to enter and remain at, without warrant, any premises occupied or used, by a holder of an FSSA authorization, or an applicant for an FSSA authorization, for or in connection with a licensable activity undertaken by such holder or applicant. To this end, the food security officer may (amongst others) (i) inspect, examine and/or interrupt any regulated activity being carried out on such premises; and (ii) seize any relevant material from any relevant premises which he reasonably believes to be evidential material to any offence under the FSSA. Pursuant to section 253(4) of the FSSA, it is an offence to obstruct the entry of, hinders, or delays any officers exercising their investigating powers. An individual convicted of such an offence shall be liable to a fine not exceeding SGD10,000 or to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both. Where the offender is not an individual, the offender shall be liable to a fine not exceeding SGD20,000.

Upcoming changes under the FSSA

In addition to the aforementioned provisions that have already come into force in Singapore, in view of the full implementation of the FSSA in due course (and specifically, the repeal of the SFA, WMF and the consequential amendments to other food-related legislation), we wish to highlight the following key changes applicable to the existing food-related licenses, registrations and/or permits as described in the preceding paragraphs:

- (1) By way of background, Division 4 of Part 14 of the FSSA sets out the general provisions on FSSA authorisations (which pursuant to section 3 of the FSSA, includes, amongst others, a licence granted under Part 3 of the FSSA, a consignment permit and a food business licence to carry on a licensable food business at premises stated in the licence). Pursuant to section 292(1) of the FSSA, an application for an FSSA authorisation must be made to the Agency. Further, in granting an FSSA authorisation to any person, the Agency may impose any conditions that the Agency considers requisite or expedient having regard to the purposes of the FSSA. Once granted, every FSSA authorisation (other than a pre-market approval), and any rights, benefits or privileges under such authorisation, are not transferable or assignable to any other person, and a transfer or an assignment, or purported transfer or assignment, of such FSSA authorisation (or of any rights, benefits or privileges under such authorisation), is void and of no effect.

² For completeness, “novel food” includes (amongst others) any substance that has not been used to a significant degree as food for a period of at least 20 years or food that has been manufactured, prepared or preserved by a process that has not been previously used in food production of at least 20 years.

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- (2) Specifically, with respect to food business licences, section 102(1) of the FSSA provides that, unless otherwise exempted, a person commits an offence if such person is an owner or occupier of any premises who uses such premises to carry on a licensable food business but is not a holder of a licence to carry on that licensable food business at the premises. In this regard, “licensable food business” is defined under section 6(1) (read together with the First Schedule) of the FSSA and includes, amongst others, the following:
- (i) *“a food business involving the operating of a commissary kitchen or centralised commercial kitchen where food is prepared and packed for another food business or for the same food business, to sell at premises other than those of the commissary kitchen or centralised commercial kitchen, for consumption at those other premises”;*
 - (ii) *a food business engaged in storing meat or meat products, or fish or fish products in, “a cold-storage room or like premises, or a refrigerator, chiller or like equipment, which is designed or adapted for storing food in a low-temperature controlled environment, being food intended for sale to any other food business (whether wholesale or retail and whether licensable or not) or for export”;*
 - (iii) *a food business where “(a) food preparation or cooking is carried out in premises (but not a home) for sale, and served, on the order of a customer, predominantly for immediate consumption on those premises; and (b) those premises are furnished or fitted with tables, counters, chairs, benches or like facilities designed or adapted for use in the service and consumption of food” (which shall include, a restaurant, café or bar); and*
 - (iv) *a “food business carried on as a stall comprised in a multi-unit premises” (which shall include, each cooked food stall in a food court or coffee shop, where at least one of which is operated by a person who is not the proprietor of the food court or coffee shop).*

Accordingly, it is noted that the food business licence (granted under the FSSA) will replace the individual licences under the SFA, WMF and/or EPHA (as applicable). In addition, the Second Schedule of the FSSA further provides savings and transitional provisions wherein every licence granted under (amongst others), section 12(1) of the WMF authorising the use of any premises stated in that licence as a processing establishment or a cold store, section 21 of the SFA to carry on a non-retail food business at any premises stated in the licence, section 32 of the EPHA and section 33 of the EPHA to hawk, sell or expose for sale any food of any kind, shall continue, so far as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of the FSSA, as if it were a licence under the FSSA to carry on a corresponding licensable food business as described in the First Schedule of the FSSA, at those premises. Further, such licence shall remain in effect for the period it was originally issued unless earlier revoked under section 96 of the FSSA. For completeness, a person (being an individual) guilty of an offence under section 102(1) of the FSSA shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding SGD15,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six (6) months or to both and, where the individual is a repeated offender, a fine not exceeding SGD30,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve (12) months or to both.

- (3) In addition, Part 3 of the FSSA sets out the provisions vis-à-vis the export of export-controlled items, import of import-controlled items and transshipment of transshipment-controlled items. Under Part 3 of the FSSA, a licence is required to, *inter alia*, import an import-controlled item, export an export-controlled item and transship a consignment comprising any transshipment-controlled item. In this regard, “import-controlled item” refers to (amongst others) any fresh fruits and vegetables, meat and meat products, fish and fish products, and eggs and egg products, while “export-controlled item” and “transshipment controlled item” refers to (amongst others) any meat or meat product, fish or fish products, and any egg. Failure to obtain the requisite licence under Part 3 of the FSSA is an offence and upon conviction, such person (being an individual) shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding SGD15,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six (6) months or to both and, where the individual is a repeated offender, a fine not exceeding SGD30,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve (12) months or to both.
- (4) Pursuant to section 307(1) of the FSSA, the Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations prescribing anything that is required or permitted to be prescribed, or is otherwise necessary or convenient for carrying out or giving effect to, under any provision of the FSSA. Such regulations may apply to (amongst others) all forms or kinds of food, in respect of all food premises or particular categories of food premises, or differently according to differences in time, place or circumstance.

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As can be noted from the proposed FSSA provisions summarized above, the standardized definition under the FSSA across the industry and the establishment of a common penalty framework provides a common operating context for players in the industry and reduces complexity of the various existing legislations, which in turn supports improved compliance with legal requirements directed at protecting public health. To this end, the Agency (or such other relevant regulatory authorities) will inform the industry and public ahead of the implementation of the relevant provisions under the FSSA to allow time for them to prepare for the changes.

Labor, Employment & Work Safety

Employment Act 1968

The Employment Act 1968 of Singapore (“EA”) is administered by the Ministry of Manpower (“MOM”) and stipulates the rights and obligations of employers and employees. As a general note, the EA covers every employee who is under a contract of service with an employer, including workman (Part IV of the EA). Specifically, section 2 of the EA defines an “employee” to mean “*a person who has entered into or works under a contract of service with an employer and includes a workman.*” Notably, since April 1, 2019, managers and executives with a monthly basic salary of more than SGD4,500 are also covered under the EA. In particular, not all parts of the EA are applicable to every employee or employer who comes within the definition of an employee (as highlighted above). In this regard, Part IV of the EA sets out rest days, hours of work, holidays and other conditions of service that apply only in relation to:

- (a) workman who is in receipt of a salary not exceeding SGD4,500 a month; and
 - (b) every employee (other than a workman or a person employed in a managerial or an executive position) who receives a salary not exceeding SGD2,600 a month.
- (in both instances, excluding overtime payments, bonus payments, annual wage supplements, productivity incentive payments and any allowance however described)

The EA also provides for regulations relating to (i) the minimum number of days of annual leave, (ii) paid public holidays and sick leave, and (iii) statutory protection against wrongful dismissal, for all employees covered under the EA. To this end, the leave entitlements under Part 10 of the EA are mandatory for any employee that falls within the scope of the EA. Section 90 of the EA provides that where an employer employs any person as an employee contrary to the provisions of Part 10 or fails to pay any salary in accordance with the provisions of Part 10, such employer shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on first conviction to a fine not exceeding SGD5,000.

Employment of Foreign Manpower Act 1990

Together with the Immigration Act 1959 and the Employment Agencies Act 1958, the employment of foreign employees in Singapore is governed and regulated by the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act 1990 (the “EFMA”) and its subsidiary regulations, which are also administered by the MOM. Specifically, the EFMA regulates and protects the well-being of foreign workers in Singapore and sets out the responsibilities of employers who employ such foreign workers. In this regard, section 5(1) of EMFA states that an employer “*must not employ a foreign employee unless the foreign employee has a valid work pass.*” Any employer who employs a foreign employee without a valid work pass shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on first conviction, be liable to a fine of at least SGD5,000 and not more than SGD30,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve (12) months or to both.

In this regard, a “foreign employee” is defined under section 2 of the EMFA to include, amongst others, “*any foreigner, other than a self-employed foreigner, who seeks or is offered employment in Singapore.*” Further, section 5(3) of the EFMA specifically states that the employment of a foreign employee must be in accordance with the conditions of his or her work pass, failing which such employer shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding SGD10,000. Employers are also required to comply with the conditions stipulated under the Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) Regulations 2012 for each specific work pass type. This includes, amongst others, the requirement to purchase and maintain medical insurance coverage with a limit of at least SGD60,000 for the total amount of claims for medical costs of a foreign employee’s in-patient care and day surgery per 12-month period of the foreign employee’s employment for work permit and S-pass holders.

Foreign Worker Quota and Levy

To employ migrant workers for the services sector, a company is required to meet specific requirements relating to business activity, worker's source country or region, quota and levy. The number of work permit holders that a company can hire is limited by a quota and subject to a levy. Introduced by the government to regulate the foreign manpower numbers in Singapore, the employer is required to pay foreign worker levy (the "FWL") in relation to its employees holding a work permit or S pass. The amount of FWL to be paid for each such worker is determined by the sector the employer/company belongs to, and the educational qualifications and skills of the specific employee. In general, based on the latest guidelines by the Ministry of Manpower (last updated March 4, 2026), the formula for the maximum number of foreign workers that would apply to businesses falling under the "services" sector (including restaurants and approved food establishments) is multiplying the Local Qualifying Salary (the "LQS") count (i.e., the number of local workers who can be used to calculate the work permit and S-pass quota entitlement) by 0.538462. The LQS count is based on the average of 3 months' declared salaries and CPF (as defined below) contributions, and is reviewed regularly to keep pace with rising local wages. Presently, the LQS is SGD1,600 (i.e., a local worker who earns at least SGD1,600 per month is considered one (1) local worker whilst a local worker earning at least SGD800 but below SGD1,600 per month is considered a half (0.5) local worker). From September 1, 2022 onwards, companies who employ foreign workers are required to pay progressive wages ("PW") to local workers covered by relevant sectoral or occupational PWs (for example, amongst others, cleaning, security and landscape maintenance sectors) and at least the LQS to all other local workers (full time or part-time workers). Specifically, the Progressive Wage Model for Food Services Sector (which covers full-time or part-time food services employees on a contract of service, working in a premise that has the Agency issued Food Retail or Food Processing (Central Kitchen) licence) came into effect from March 1, 2023.

Central Provident Fund

The central provident fund (the "CPF") is a mandatory social security savings scheme funded by contributions from employers and employees (Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents only) and is considered a key pillar in Singapore's social security system to meet the retirement, housing and healthcare needs of Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents. The rate of contribution into CPF is dependent on the age of the employee and can range from a total of 12.5% to 37% of one's monthly wages and is as set out in the First Schedule of the Central Provident Fund Act 1953 (the "CPF Act"). Specifically, section 9 of the CPF Act provides that where an employer fails to make the necessary contributions in respect of any month when due, the employer is liable to pay interest on the amount for every day the amount remains unpaid at a rate of 1.5% per month or the sum of SGD5, whichever greater.

Workplace Safety and Health Act

Section 12 of the Workplace Safety and Health Act 2006 (the "WSHA") requires every employer to take, so far as is reasonably practicable, such measures as are necessary to ensure the safety and health of the employer's employees at work, including, amongst others, providing and maintaining for the employees a work environment which is safe, without risk to health, and adequate as regards facilities and arrangements for their welfare at work and ensuring that adequate safety measures are taken in respect of any machinery, equipment, plant, article or process used by the employees.

Pursuant to section 24(1) of the Work Injury Compensation Act 2019 (the "WICA"), every employer is required to "insure and maintain insurance under one or more approved employee insurance policies with one or more designated employer's insurers against all liabilities that the employer may incur under this Act in respect of every employee of the employer" (such insurance known as the "Work Injury Compensation Insurance"). Such liability includes personal injury suffered by an employee by an accident arising out of and in the course of his/her employment. Notably, section 24(2)(a) of the WICA read with Paragraph 1 of the Second Schedule of the Work Injury Compensation (Insurance) Regulations 2020 notes that Work Injury Compensation Insurance is mandated only for any employee doing manual work (regardless of salary level) and all employees doing non-manual work, earning a salary of SGD2,600 or less a month (excluding any overtime pay, bonus pay, annual wage supplement, productivity incentive payment or allowance).

Laws & Regulations in relation to Taxes

Corporate Income Tax

Companies (whether resident or non-resident) that carry on a business in Singapore are taxed on (i) their Singapore-sourced income when it arises and (ii) on foreign-sourced income when it is remitted or deemed remitted to Singapore. Under the Income Tax Act 1947 (the “ITA”), the prevailing corporate income tax rate is 17%, and a company’s statutory income (for the purposes of determining assessable and chargeable income) is based on the full amount of its income for the year preceding the year of assessment (the “YA”). For the avoidance of doubt, a “year of assessment” refers to a period of twelve (12) months between January 1 and December 31 of a given year.

(i) Tax incentives

Under section 43(1) of the ITA, every company will be taxed at the rate of 17% of chargeable income for each YA unless, amongst others, a company falls under (a) the partial tax exemption in section 43(6) of the ITA applicable to all companies save for Qualifying Companies (the “**Partial Tax Exemption**”); or (b) the tax exemption for “qualifying company[ies]” in section 43(6C) of the ITA (the “**Qualifying Company[ies]**”) in their first three YAs, provided such YAs fall on or after YA 2008 (the “**Qualifying Company Tax Exemption**”).

Under the Partial Tax Exemption, a company is subject to the tax rate of 17% under section 43(1) of the ITA, save that for YA 2008 to 2019, for every dollar of the first SGD10,000 of chargeable income, only 25% is chargeable with tax and every dollar of the next SGD290,000 of chargeable income, only 50% is chargeable with tax. For YA 2020 and subsequent YAs, for every dollar of the first SGD10,000 of the chargeable income, only 25% is chargeable with tax, and for every dollar of the next SGD190,000 of the chargeable income, only 50% is chargeable with tax.

Under the Qualifying Company Tax Exemption, a Qualifying Company in its first three (3) YAs (each a “**Qualifying YA**”) which fall after YA 2008, is subject to the tax rate of 17% under section 43(1) of the ITA, save that for YA 2008 to 2019, every dollar of the first SGD100,000 of chargeable income is exempted from tax and for every dollar of the next SGD200,000 of chargeable income, only 50% is chargeable. For YA 2020 and subsequent YAs, only 25% of every dollar of its first SGD100,000 of chargeable income for a Qualifying YA is exempt from tax, and only 50% of every dollar of its next SGD100,000 of chargeable income for that Qualifying YA is chargeable with tax.

(ii) Tax Exemption

Generally, foreign income derived from outside Singapore is taxable in Singapore when remitted to and received in Singapore. Such foreign income may thus be taxed twice — once in the foreign jurisdiction and a second time in Singapore. However, certain tax reliefs are provided to alleviate any double taxation suffered in Singapore. Specifically, in relation to foreign-sourced dividends, foreign branch profits and foreign-sourced income, section 13(8) of the ITA provides that, amongst others, (i) any dividend derived from any territory outside Singapore; or (ii) any profit derived from any trade or business carried on by a branch in any territory outside Singapore of a company resident in Singapore, that is received by any person, not being an individual or resident in Singapore, is exempt from tax, provided that, amongst others: (a) the income is subject to tax of a similar character to income tax (by whatever name called), or qualified domestic minimum top-up tax (but disregarding any excluded top-up tax), under the law of the territory from which the income is received; (b) at the time the income is received in Singapore by the person resident in Singapore, the highest rate of tax of a similar character to income tax (by whatever name called) (but disregarding any excluded top-up tax or qualified domestic minimum top-up tax), levied under the law of the territory from which the income is received on any gains or profits from any trade or business carried on by any company in that territory at that time is not less than 15%; and (c) the Comptroller is satisfied that the tax exemption would be beneficial to the person resident in Singapore.

(iii) Withholding tax

Singapore withholding tax (known as tax deduction at source in other countries) refers to the tax withheld and paid to the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (the “IRAS”), when a Singapore company or individual pays a non-resident payment for services of specific natures performed in Singapore. Provided for under sections 45A to 45H of the ITA, payments including, amongst others, (i) interests, commissions or fees in connection with any loan or indebtedness; (ii) royalties or other payments for the use of or the right to use any movable property; or (iii) rent or other payment for the use of any movable property, is subject to withholding tax when paid to non-resident companies. The rate of withholding tax is dependent on the nature of the payment. For example, payments to non-resident company director are subject to 24% withholding tax. This applies to all forms of income (salary, bonus, director’s fees, accommodation, gains from stocks and shares, and other payments). However, where such payment is made to Singapore branches of non-resident company, withholding tax is waived.

Goods and Services Tax

Goods and Services Tax (the “GST”) is a broad-based consumption tax levied on the import of goods (collected by the Singapore Customs), as well as nearly all supplies of goods and services in Singapore. This is similar to Value-Added Tax (the “VAT”) in other jurisdictions. Under section 8(1) of the Goods and Services Tax Act 1993 (the “GST Act”), a person (i.e. business) who is or is required to be registered under section 9 of the GST Act is required, pursuant to section 16 of the GST Act) to charge GST of: (a) 7% from July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2022 (both dates inclusive); (ii) 8% from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 (both dates inclusive); and (iii) 9% from and including January 1, 2024, on any taxable supply made by it in the course or furtherance of any business carried on by it. Such persons required to be registered are as set out in Paragraph 1 of the First Schedule of the GST Act, including (i) business whose total value of all its taxable supplies made in Singapore, at the end of any quarter the last day of which is a day before January 1, 2019, and immediately preceding three quarters or calendar year respectively has exceeded SGD1 million; or (ii) at the end of the year 2019 or a subsequent calendar year, the total value of all of (a) the taxable supplies made in Singapore and (b) if the subsequent calendar year is 2022 or later, the taxable supplies in Singapore under paragraph 3(2)(b)(ii) and (3A) of the Seventh Schedule of the GST Act in that calendar year, has exceeded SGD1 million.

Section 61 of the GST Act provides that where a person fails to apply for registration as required by the First Schedule of the GST Act, such persons shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction, (a) pay a penalty equal to 10% of the tax due in respect of each year or part thereof beginning on the date on which the person is required to make the notification or to apply for registration, as the case may be; (b) be liable to a fine not exceeding SGD10,000; and (c) be liable to a further penalty of SGD50 for every day during which the offence continues after conviction. As a registered person under the GST Act, a company is further required to file accurate GST returns and pay the tax due in a timely manner.

Under the GST Act, GST may be payable on a transfer of assets in a business sale or under an amalgamation. However, pursuant to section 34A(1) of the GST Act, if the corporate reorganization involves the transfer of business (as a whole or part thereof) as a going concern, such a transaction is treated as neither a supply of goods nor a supply of services. Simply put, such a transfer would not be subject to GST.

Dividend Distribution

Singapore has adopted a one-tier corporate tax system pursuant to which tax paid by a Singapore resident company on its corporate profits is a final tax. Dividends payable by a Singapore resident company to its shareholders are exempt from Singapore income tax in the hands of the shareholders. There is also no withholding tax on such dividend payments on both resident and non-resident shareholders.

For completeness, section 403(1) of the Companies Act 1967 provides that no dividend is payable to the shareholders of any company except out of the profits available for distribution. This may further be subject to the company’s constitution or shareholders’ agreement (if any). In this regard, section 403(2) of the Companies Act further provides that every director or chief executive officer of a company who willfully pays or permits to be paid any dividend in contravention of this section, upon conviction, shall:

- (a) without prejudice to any other liability, be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding SGD5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve (12) months; and

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- (b) also be liable to the creditors of the company for the amount of the debts due by the company to them respectively to the extent by which the dividends so paid have exceeded the profits and such amount may be recovered by the creditors or the liquidator suing on behalf of the creditors.

Transfer Pricing Regulatory Framework

OECD TP Guidelines

The arm's length principle, which is the international standard for Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") member countries with respect to transfer pricing, provides broad parity of tax treatment for both associated and independent enterprises. The arm's length principle requires that transactions with a related party to be made under comparable conditions and circumstances as a transaction with an independent party.

Determining whether arm's length consideration has been provided in a controlled transaction (i.e., transaction with a related party) is, in theory, achieved by contrasting or comparing the choices made and the outcomes derived by the taxpayer with those that would have resulted from the interaction of the forces of supply and demand in the open market, or from negotiations amongst independent parties in more complex settings. In effect, the arm's length principle relies upon the open market or the behavior of parties dealing independently as a benchmark. The arm's length standard is applied by comparing controlled transactions with transactions between independent enterprises which consisted of two steps.

- (a) First by delineating the controlled transaction through identifying the "commercial or financial relations and economically relevant circumstances attaching to those relations" between the associated enterprises; and
- (b) Second by comparing those conditions and economically relevant circumstances with that of comparable transactions between independent enterprises.

Singapore Transfer Pricing Guidelines 8th Edition (published November 19, 2025) ("Singapore TP Guidelines")

The Singapore TP Guidelines endorse the arm's length principle as the standard to guide transfer pricing and provide guidance on how to apply the arm's length principle to transactions between related parties. In this regard, section 2 of the ITA defines "related parties" as, *inter alia*, where either party is directly or indirectly controlled by the other party; or where both parties are directly or indirectly controlled by a common person. This guidance on the application of the arm's length principle remains broadly consistent with the OECD TP Guidelines.

The Singapore TP Guidelines refer to the five internationally accepted transfer pricing methods which are consistent with the OECD TP Guidelines, and state that IRAS has no specific preference for any one method. Instead, the method that produces the most reliable results, taking into account the quality of available data and the degree and accuracy of adjustments, should be chosen. The Singapore TP Guidelines include a recommendation (neither mandatory nor prescriptive) to undertake a three-step approach to apply the arm's length principle:

- (a) Step 1: Conduct a comparability analysis — When conducting a comparability analysis, all the relevant facts and circumstances relating to the transaction must be considered;
- (b) Step 2: Identify the most appropriate transfer pricing method and tested party — Amongst others, the CUP method is the preferred method for determining and evaluating the arm's length pricing for transactions involving products with very similar characteristics and undertaken in similar market or economic conditions, specifically, related party loans; and
- (c) Step 3: Determine the arm's length results — Typically, with respect to related party loans, there are three steps: (i) identify a suitable base reference rate; (ii) calculate the estimated credit rating of the borrower; (iii) once the credit rating is determined, identify comparable benchmarking data to estimate an appropriate/arm's length interest rate.

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Amongst others, section 34D(1)(b) of the ITA enshrines the concept of “arm’s length conditions” as conditions that are made or imposed between two related parties in their commercial or financial relations (called in this section actual commercial or financial relations) which differ from conditions which would be made or imposed if they were not related parties and dealing independently with one another in comparable circumstances (called in this section arm’s length conditions)”. In this case, where IRAS is of the opinion that transactions are not at arm’s length, section 34D(1A) of the ITA allows for the comptroller (i.e., IRAS) to make the following adjustments as it deems appropriate to reflect the true price:

- (a) increase the amount of the income of a person for the year of assessment, being such person whose amount of income for a year of assessment that accrued in or is derived from Singapore, or is received in Singapore from outside Singapore, would be greater if arm’s length conditions had been made or imposed;
- (b) reduce the amount of the deduction that may be allowed to a person for the year of assessment, being such person whose amount of deduction that may be allowed would be less if arm’s length conditions had been made or imposed; or
- (c) reduce the amount of the loss of a person for the year of assessment, being such person whose amount of any loss would be less had the arm’s length conditions been made or imposed.

Transfer Pricing Methods

The OECD TP Guidelines and Singapore TP Guidelines set out five internationally accepted methods that establish whether the conditions imposed in the commercial or financial relations between associated enterprises are consistent with the arm’s length principle. The methods are:

- (a) The comparable uncontrolled price method (“**CUP method**”)—The CUP method, in theory, can be applied to a wide range of cross border associated party dealings including royalties, interest rates, related party services, and prices for tangible products. It can be applied from the perspective of either the provider or the recipient. However, the application of the CUP method in practice is usually limited, except in relation to certain commodity transactions or where internal comparable uncontrolled transactions exist;
- (b) The resale price method (“**RP method**”)—The RP method is generally regarded as most appropriate for the pricing of product transfers to a marketing or distribution operation which does not add substantially to the product value by physically altering the product or does not contribute valuable intangibles prior to resale. Hence, this method applies from the perspective of purchaser. The RP method may be difficult to apply where, before resale; the products are further processed or incorporated into a more complicated product so that the identity is transformed;
- (c) The cost plus method (“**CP method**”)—The CP method is generally regarded as most useful where semi-finished goods are transferred between cross border associated parties, where associated parties have concluded joint facility agreements, where associated parties have long-term buy-and-supply arrangements, as well as where the controlled transactions under consideration involve the provision of services. This method would normally be applied from the perspective of the provider of the service;
- (d) The transactional net margin method (“**TNMM**”)—The TNMM compares the net profit margin from a controlled transaction with the net profit margin derived on an internal or external comparable uncontrolled transaction. The TNMM can be directly or indirectly applied to review a wide range of cross border associated party dealings (including royalties, interest rates, related party services, and tangible products). The TNMM also provides flexibility in application, whether applied to grouped transactions or on a whole-of-entity basis; and
- (e) The transactional profit split method (“**PS method**”)—The PS method identifies the total profits derived by associated parties from a controlled transaction (or aggregated group of controlled transactions) and then splits those profits between the parties according to the relative economic value of their contributions to the transactions.

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United States Laws and Regulations

License, Registration and Permits

Business License

A business license is a type of legal authorization to operate a business in a city, county, or state. A license may even be required on a federal level depending on the nature of the business. As required by the local government, a general business license must be obtained in the city in which the business is located. For the restaurants operating in the state of California, business license certificate shall be obtained pursuant to applicable municipal codes, including the Union City Municipal Code where applicable. In respect of the restaurant in the state of New York, it is required to obtain a certificate of authority from the Department of Taxation and Finance subject to the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations. For the restaurants operating in the state of Washington, a business license shall be acquired from the Department of Revenue subject to the Revised Code of Washington.

Alcoholic Beverage License

Some of our businesses in the United States involve the sale of alcoholic beverage, which need to obtain liquor licenses. In the state of California, subject to the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, the restaurants involving the sale of alcoholic beverage need to obtain an alcoholic beverage license from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (the “**DABC**”) for the state of California. To obtain an alcoholic beverage license, the restaurant must provide information to DABC as needed for the investigation, and pay for the DABC license. The restaurant must meet specific requirements, including not keeping distilled spirits on premises, operating and maintain the restaurant as a *bona fide* eating place, and making substantial sales of meals during normal meal hours. Furthermore, according to the California Responsible Beverage Service Training Program Act which has come into effect on July 1, 2022, servers and wait staff of alcoholic beverages and their managers shall obtain Responsible Beverage Service Training Program certification. In respect of the restaurant in the state of New York, it is required to obtain a liquor license from New York State Liquor Authority subject to Alcoholic Beverage Control Law of the State of New York. For the restaurant operating in the state of Texas, a beverage certificate shall be acquired from Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission subject to Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.

Restaurants that sell alcoholic beverages must comply with applicable federal, state and local alcohol control laws and licensing requirements.

Food Safety and Environment Matters

Food Safety

Employees working in restaurants may include food handlers who are involved in the preparation, storage, or service of food. Pursuant to the Health and Safety Code of California and its amendments, the food handlers in the restaurants, unless exempt, will be required to obtain a food handler card after taking a food safety training course and passing an assessment. Further, for the restaurants in the state of Washington, all food workers who work with unpackaged food, food equipment or utensils, or with any surface where people put unwrapped food, subject to Chapter 246-217 of Washington Administrative Code, shall take food safety training before handling food served to the public. Food workers who take a food safety training class and pass the State of Washington exam on food safety basics are issued a food worker card.

Health Permit

The restaurants in the United States must obtain a local health permit from the county, as the business involves the preparation, handling or distribution of food. Health permits are typically part of the domain of a county health department.

In some states, businesses that involve contact with the human body will also require health department permits. The restaurants are subject to the inspection of the health department before issuing the permit and will be conducted annual inspections thereafter subject to local policies. In order to obtain and maintain the health permit, the staff have completed their food handler courses, and keep their certification up to date.

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Environmental regulatory compliance

The restaurant in the United States is subject to federal, state or local laws and regulations with respect to environmental regulatory compliance. Cooking oil use and kitchen grease management is often regulated on a municipal level. Many states require food service establishments to have grease traps installed and provide proof of regular cleanings from licensed service providers.

Labor, Employment and Working Safety

Statutory Benefits

Under the relevant provisions for general welfare in the United States involving the Social Security Act, Federal Unemployment Tax Act and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, employers are to provide statutory employee benefits to their employees, including health insurance, social security and medical care, unemployment insurance and disability insurance.

Occupational Safety and Health Act

The United States Occupational Safety and Health Act (the “OSHA”) and the regulations adopted pursuant to OSHA, and similar statutes and regulations adopted by the states that concern occupational health and safety, require employers to, among other things, (i) provide a workplace that is free from serious recognized hazards and complies with applicable safety regulations, (ii) make certain that employees have and use safe tools and equipment, (iii) provide safety training and develop operating procedures that facilitate employee compliance with safety and health requirements, and (iv) keep records of work-related injuries and illnesses. In addition, the OSHA and such regulations, and such state statutes and regulations concerning occupational health and safety, require employers to keep records of hazardous materials that they use or generate and provide such information to employees and the relevant government authorities upon request. Certain employers meeting applicable industry and employee-size thresholds are also required under OSHA regulations to electronically submit injury and illness data to OSHA through the Injury Tracking Application on an annual basis.

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, employers with 50 or more full-time equivalent employees, must either offer minimum essential health insurance coverage that is “affordable” and that provides “minimum value” to their full-time employees (and their dependents), or potentially make an employer shared responsibility payment to the Internal Revenue Service.

Taxation

Corporate Income Tax

The corporate income tax is levied by federal and state governments on corporations registered in the United States pursuant to subchapter A of the Internal Revenue Code.

Dividend Distribution

According to Sections 1441 and 1442 of the Internal Revenue Code, any dividends and other distributions payable to a non-U.S. holder by a corporation incorporated in the United States will be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty between the United States and such holder’s country of residence. In the event that there is no treaty between such non-U.S. Holder’s country (e.g. Singapore) and the United States, the corporation is required to pay tax on the income in the same way and at the same rates shown in the instructions for the applicable U.S. tax return.

Other Material Regulations

Import Tariffs

Goods imported from overseas are generally subject to the United States import duties. The rates of duty are set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (the “HTS”) which identifies applicable duties for the universe of imported goods, organized by class and specific articles. The HTS is periodically amended to reflect changes in U.S. trade policy and tariff measures adopted under applicable statutes.

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There are a number of provisions of the U.S. trade law which may allow or result in modification of these duties. For instance, Sections 201 through 204 of the Trade Act of 1974 provide the authority and procedures for the United States to take various actions to facilitate a domestic industry's adjustment to import competition. Under such Sections, if the International Trade Commission determines that an article is being imported in such increased quantities as to threaten domestic producers of similar products, the United States may, among other things, increase or impose a duty, or a tariff-rate quota.

Product Safety Law

The law of product safety is regulatory law and is governed primarily by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (the "CPSC"), an administrative agency of the United States federal government that regulates certain classes of products sold to the public. The CPSC has jurisdiction over the safety and labeling of consumer products pursuant to certain statutes.

Products Liability Law

The United States state law generally imposes liability on all manufacturers and retailers (and parties in the supply chain) for injuries that result from unsafe, defective and dangerous products sold to consumers. The term "product liability" refers to the legal liability of manufacturers and sellers to compensate buyers, users, and even bystanders for damages or injuries suffered because of defects in goods purchased. In addition, the United States laws and regulations (for example, the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008) can impose obligations manufacturers and retailers (and parties in the supply chain) to remedy product defects, which can include safety recall campaigns.

Product Liability Law sets out the full range of legal responsibilities of manufacturers, distributors and sellers of products. Parties involved in selling or distributing a product are subject to liability for harm caused by a defect in that product. Generally speaking, any and all entities in the supply chain of a product can potentially be held liable. This includes manufacturers of component parts (at the top of the chain), assembling manufacturers, the wholesalers, and the retail store owners (at the bottom of the chain).

There is no federal Products Liability Law in the United States. As such, each state determines the liability of product designers, manufacturers, distributors and sellers. Several states have passed statutes relating to Products Liability Law but most Products Liability Law is based on common law and is similar in most jurisdictions.

Malaysian Laws and Regulations

Business Operations

Local Government Act 1976 ("LGA 1976")

Under the LGA 1976 and the by-laws of the respective local councils and authorities issued under the LGA 1976 ("By-Laws"), no person shall operate any activity of trade, business and industry or use any place or premises in Malaysia for any activity of trade, business and industry and/or display any signboard without a license issued by the local councils.

As such, the company that is currently occupying various business premises in Malaysia, is required to obtain business/signboard license for each premises it occupied for purposes of its businesses, display the licenses at the premises and produce the licenses upon request. The By-Laws provides for certain requirements which the licensee shall adhere to, amongst others, in relation to the disposal of refuse, effluent and sewage pollution, work safety, fire prevention, cleanliness of the food establishment, requirement to obtain Halal certificate (if applicable) and installation of grease trap in the kitchen.

Pursuant to the LGA 1976 and the By-Laws, any person who operates or occupies a business premise without a license shall be liable to a fine not exceeding RM500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or both. Under the By-Laws, the local councils and authorities also have the rights to order for the closure of any premises if he is satisfied that there has been a breach of any condition or restriction of the license or contravention of any provision of the By-Laws.

Industrial Co-Ordination Act 1975 ("ICA 1975")

The ICA 1975 governs the licensing requirement of manufacturing licenses in Malaysia. The objectives of the legislation are to co-ordinate and ensure orderly development of manufacturing activities in Malaysia.

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“Manufacturing activity” in accordance with the ICA 1975 means the making, altering, blending, ornamenting, finishing or otherwise treating or adapting any article or substance with a view to its use, sale, transport, delivery or disposal and includes the assembly of parts and ship repairing but shall not include any activity normally associated with retail or wholesale trade. The legislation requires any person engaging in any manufacturing activity in Malaysia with a shareholders’ fund of RM2,500,000 and above or employing 75 or more full-time paid employees to obtain a manufacturing license issued by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia.

Any person that engages in any manufacturing activity without a manufacturing license will be guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding RM2,000.00 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months and to a further fine not exceeding RM1,000.00 for every day during which such default continues.

Consumer Protection

Consumer Protection Act 1999 (“CPA 1999”)

The CPA 1999 provides for the protection of consumers, the establishment of the national consumer advisory council and the tribunal for consumer claims, and connected matters. The CPA 1999 stipulates amongst others, the following:

- (a) no person shall engage in conduct that, in relation to goods or services, is misleading or deceptive, or is likely to mislead or deceive, the public as to the nature, manufacturing process, characteristics, suitability for a purpose, availability or quantity, of the goods or services;
- (b) no person shall advertise for supply at a specified price, goods or services which that person (1) does not intend to offer for supply; or (2) does not have reasonable grounds for believing can be supplied, at that price for a period that is, and in quantities that are, reasonable having regard to the nature of the market in which the person carries on business and the nature of the advertisement;
- (c) no person shall supply, or offer to or advertise for supply, any goods or services which do not comply with the safety standards prescribed under the CPA 1999; and
- (d) the goods supplied to a consumer shall be goods of acceptable quality, fit for any particular purpose that the consumer makes known, correspond with description, correspond with the sample or demonstration model in quality, of reasonable price, and which spare parts and repairs are available for a reasonable period of time.

Any body corporate who commits an offence shall be liable to a fine not exceeding RM250,000 and for a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding RM500,000. In the case of a continuing offence, the offender shall, in addition to the penalties mentioned above, be liable to a fine not exceeding RM1,000.00 for each day or part of a day during which the offence continues after conviction.

Trade Description Act 2011 (“TDA 2011”)

The TDA 2011 aims to facilitate good trade practices and protect the interest of consumers by eliminating false trade descriptions and false or misleading statements, conducts and practices in relation to the supply of goods and services. The TDA 2011 further standardizes the surveillance and issuance of Halal certificates via the Trade Description (Definition of Halal) Order 2011 and the Trade Descriptions (Certification and Marking of Halal) Order 2011 which provide for matters pertaining to Halal.

All applications for Halal certification by chain restaurants or franchise are managed by the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (“JAKIM”) who will be the competent authority to issue *Halal* certificates. Pursuant to the Trade Description (Certification and Marking of Halal) Order 2011, all food and goods, or services in relation to the food and goods shall not be described as *Halal* or be described in other expression to indicate that the foods or goods or services can be consumed or used by a Muslim unless they are certified as *Halal* via a certificate of authentication issued by a competent authority and marked with the Halal logo as specified in the order.

A body corporate in contravention with the Trade Description (Certification and Marking of Halal) Order 2011 shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction, be liable for a fine not exceeding RM200,000, and for a second or subsequent offence, for a fine not exceeding RM500,000.

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Food Safety

Food Act 1983 (“**FA 1983**”), Food Regulations 1985 (“**FR 1985**”) and Food Hygiene Regulations 2009 (“**FHR 2009**”)

The FA 1983 and the FR 1985 are laws governing food safety and quality control, including standards, hygiene, import and export, advertisement and accreditation of laboratories. The legislation applies to all foods, whether locally produced or imported, which are sold in Malaysia, and covers a broad spectrum from compositional standards to food additives, nutrient supplements, contaminants, packages and containers, food labelling, procedure for taking samples, food irradiation, provision for food not specified in the regulations and penalty.

Under the FA 1983, “food premises” means premises used for or in connection with the preparation, preservation, packaging, storage, conveyance, distribution or sale of any food, or the relabelling, reprocessing or reconditioning of any food, and any food that is sold, exposed or offered for sale at any food premises shall be deemed to be sold, exposed or offered for sale for human consumption.

The FHR 2009 which governs and control the hygiene and safety of food sold in Malaysia requires the food premises be registered with the Ministry of Health and to conspicuously display the certificate of registration issued thereof within the food premises. The objectives are to ensure food premises are hygienic and satisfactory in terms of design and building, ensure food handlers maintain personal hygiene and avoid practices that can contaminate food, and amongst others to provide for requirement of mandatory food safety assurance programs in food manufacturing factories.

The FHR 2009 also requires the owner of the food premises to ensure its employees working within the food premises who are directly involved in the preparation of food, come into contact with food or food contact surfaces and handle packaged or unpackaged food or appliances to undergo a food handlers training from an institution approved by the Ministry of Health and to be medically examined and vaccinated by a registered medical practitioner. Any food handler who works in any food premises fails to undergo a training or to obtain a food handlers training certificate commits an offence, and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding RM10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

For information, the recent Food (Amendment) Regulations 2025 has introduced two amendments to FR 1985 which has been passed as law and came into effect on September 1, 2025, whereby it introduces new national limits on industrial trans fats and update controls on the veterinary antibiotic colistin. Under the new amendment, the sale, preparation, import, or advertisement of food intended for final consumers or retail that contains more than 2 grams of trans fatty acids per 100 grams of total fat is prohibited. Further, Colistin will now fall under substances that are subject to tighter residue monitoring in food-producing animals.

Environmental Matters

Environmental Quality Act 1974

The Environmental Quality Act 1974 sets out the provisions in respect of prevention, abatement, control of pollution and enhancement of the environment. The legislation restricts, unless licensed to do so, the pollution of the atmosphere, noise pollution, pollution of the soil, pollution of inland waters, prohibits the discharge of oil into Malaysian waters, discharge of wastes into Malaysian waters and prohibits open burning.

Pollution of the atmosphere

Any person who contravenes the provisions relating to the pollution of the atmosphere commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than RM10,000 and not exceeding RM1,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both, and shall also be liable to a further fine not exceeding RM1,000 for every day during which the offence continues after a notice by the Director General of Environmental Quality requiring him to cease the act specified therein has been served on him.

Noise pollution

Any person who contravenes the provisions relating to the noise pollution commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than RM10,000 and not exceeding RM250,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both, and shall also be liable to a further fine not exceeding RM1,000 for every day during which the offence continues after a notice by the Director General of Environmental Quality requiring him to cease the act specified therein has been served on him.

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Pollution of the soil

Any person who contravenes the provisions relating to the pollution of the soil commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than RM50,000 and not exceeding RM500,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both, and shall also be liable to a further fine not exceeding RM1,000 for every day during which the offence continues after a notice by the Director General of Environmental Quality requiring him to cease the act specified therein has been served on him.

Pollution of inland waters

Any person who contravenes the provisions relating to the pollution of inland waters commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years and shall also be liable to a fine of not less than RM50,000 and not exceeding RM10,000,000.

Discharge of oil into Malaysian waters

Any person who contravenes the provisions relating to the discharge of oil into Malaysian Waters commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than RM100,000 and not exceeding RM10,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both.

Discharge of wastes into Malaysian waters

Any person who contravenes the provisions relating to the discharge of wastes into Malaysian Waters commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than RM50,000 and not exceeding RM10,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both.

Open burning

Any person who contravenes the provisions relating to the open burning commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than RM25,000 and not exceeding RM1,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or both, and shall also be liable to a further fine not exceeding RM5,000 for every day during which the offence continues after a notice by the Director General of Environmental Quality requiring him to cease the act specified therein has been served on him.

The Environmental Quality (Scheduled Wastes) Regulations 2005 further regulates the notification of the generation, disposal, treatment, storage and labelling of the scheduled wastes. Scheduled wastes shall only be disposed of at prescribed premises and be treated at prescribed premises that is prescribed by the Environmental Quality (Prescribed Premises) (Scheduled Wastes Treatment and Disposal Facilities) Order 1989 or on-site treatment facilities (a facility, other than a scheduled wastes incinerator or a land treatment facility, located on a waste generator's site and that is used solely to deal with scheduled wastes produced on that site).

Labor, Employment and Work Safety

Employment Act 1955 ("EA 1955")

The EA 1955 and the regulations made thereunder govern the employment laws in Peninsular Malaysia and set out the basic terms and conditions of employment, as well as the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees who fall within the ambit of the EA 1955.

Following the enactment of the Employment (Amendment) Act 2022 on January 1, 2023 which aims at increasing and improving the protection and welfare of employees and ensuring that the Malaysian labor law provisions are in accordance with international labor standards, the definition of "employee" pursuant to the EA 1955 is extended to include any person who has entered into a contract of service irrespective of wages save for some specific provisions which do not apply to employees whose wages exceed RM4,000 a month or any person who, irrespective of the amount of wages, is engaged in, among others, manual labor, the operation or maintenance of any mechanically propelled vehicle operated for the transport of passengers or goods or for reward or for commercial purposes, supervises, or oversees other employees engaged in manual labor employed by the same employer in and throughout the performance of their work, in any capacity in any vessel registered in Malaysia, or as a domestic servant.

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In addition, Malaysia has also implemented a minimum wage policy that has raised the basic wages of all employees (except for domestic servants) to RM1,700 per month under the Minimum Wages Order 2024 with effect from February 1, 2025.

Pursuant to the EA 1955, any term or condition of a contract of service or of an agreement which provides a term or condition of service which is less favorable to an employee than a term or condition of service prescribed by the EA 1955 or the subsidiary legislation made thereunder shall be void and of no effect to that extent and the more favorable provisions of the EA 1955 or the subsidiary legislation thereof shall be substituted therefor.

Employees Provident Fund Act 1991 (“EPFA 1991”)

The EPFA 1991 provides for the law relating to a scheme of savings for employees’ retirement purposes and the management of the savings for retirement purposes and for matters incidental thereto. Every employee and every employer of a person who falls within the ambit of the EPFA 1991 is liable to pay monthly contributions on the amount of wages at the rate set out in the Third Schedule of EPFA 1991.

Effective October 1, 2025, employers are now required to register and make contribution for their non-Malaysian citizen employees. The rate of contribution by the employer and the non-Malaysian citizen employee shall each be 2% of the employee’s monthly wages. The liability of the employer for their contribution ceases on the last month before the expiry of the employee’s work permit or before the expiry of any extension of the employee’s work permit.

Any employer who fails, within such period as may be prescribed by the minister, to pay any contributions for which he is liable under the EPFA 1991 to pay in respect of or on behalf of any employee in respect of any month, shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to a fine not exceeding RM10,000 or both.

Employees’ Social Security Act 1969 (“ESSA 1969”)

The ESSA 1969 provides social security for employees in the private sector in certain contingencies such as workplace injuries, emergencies, occupational sickness and death. The Social Security Organization (“SOCSO”) was established as one of the governmental departments under the Ministry of Human Resources of Malaysia to administer, implement and enforce the ESSA 1969.

The contribution payable under the ESSA 1969 in respect of an employee shall comprise contributions payable by the employer and the employee, respectively, which shall be paid to SOCSO. There are two categories where the contributions fall into, namely insurance for the contingencies of invalidity and employment injury and insurance for the contingency of employment injury only. Failure to pay such contribution payable or within the time prescribed by regulations or non-compliance with any of the requirements of the ESSA 1969 or the rules or the regulations in respect of which no special penalty is provided, constitutes an offence and on conviction, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine not exceeding RM10,000, or with both.

The Employees’ Social Security (Amendment) Act 2026 (“**ESS Amendment Act**”) has been gazetted on March 5, 2026 and will come into force on a date to be determined by the Minister of Human Resources. The ESS Amendment Act introduced non-employment injury protection, which is a major reform that expands SOCSO’s coverage to personal injury to the employee caused by accident not arising out of and in the course of his employment. For employers, this brings additional compliance responsibilities whereby contributions will now include coverage for non-employment injuries, on top of the existing employment-injury contributions. The amendment also introduces three phases of contributions where employees will be required to make contributions in three distinct phases to support non-employment injury protection, while employer contributions remain unchanged across all categories.

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Employment Insurance System Act 2017 (“EIS 2017”)

The EIS 2017 provides certain benefits and a re-employment placement programme for insured persons in the event of loss of employment and for matters incidental thereto and applies throughout Malaysia to all industries having one or more employees. Every employer shall register his industry to which the EIS 2017 applies with the SOCSO within such period and in such manner as prescribed. Any person who contravenes this obligation constitutes an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding RM10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both.

The contributions payable under the EIS 2017 in respect of an employee shall comprise a contribution payable by the employer and a contribution payable by the employee and shall be paid to the SOSCO, according to the rates as specified in the second schedule of the EIS 2017. Employer which is a body corporate who commits an offence under the EIS 2017, any person who at the time of the commission of the offence was a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate may be charged severally or jointly in the same proceedings with the body corporate.

Amendments have been proposed to extend the coverage of the EIS 2017 and empower SOCSO to provide employment services to ‘any person’, including casual workers, and gig and platform workers. The Employment Insurance System (Amendment) Bill 2025 (“**EIS Amendment Bill**”) had earlier been passed by the Dewan Rakyat (*House of Representatives*) on December 2, 2025 however the tabling of the EIS Amendment Bill before the Dewan Negara (*Senate*) has been postponed to 2026. Proposed amendments to be introduced under the EIS Amendment Bill includes:

- (a) the introduction of a mobility assistance allowance of RM1000 (with certain conditions); and
- (b) the increase in the rates for re-employment allowance (from 25% to 50%), max training fee (RM4,000 to RM7,000), and the rate for training allowance (to a maximum of RM30 per day).

Stamp duty Exemption Threshold for Employment Contracts

Pursuant to the amendment to the Stamp Act 1949 and effective from 1 January 2026, the wage threshold for stamp duty exemption on employment contracts will be raised from RM300 to RM3,000 per month. Hence, effective January 1, 2026, employers should stamp all contracts of employment above the threshold of RM3,000 per month within 30 days of execution to ensure full compliance and avoid penalties.

Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994 (“OSHA 1994”)

The OSHA 1994 makes provisions for securing the safety, health and welfare of persons at work, as well as for protecting others against the risks to safety or health in connection with the activities of persons at work. For information, the Occupational Safety and Health (Amendment) Act 2022 which brings about substantial amendments to the initial provisions of the OSHA 1994 has been passed as law and came into effect on 1 June 2024.

Duty to ensure safety, health and welfare of persons at work

The OSHA 1994 covers all places of work and introduces obligations that applies to a “principal” who is defined as any person who in the course of or for the purposes of his trade, business, profession or undertaking contracts with a contractor for the execution by or under the contractor of the whole or any part or any part of any work undertaken by the principal.

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Pursuant to the OSHA 1994, it sets out the general duties of an employer and principal to its employees and any contractor the principal engages, including any direct subcontractor, indirect subcontractor or employee employed by such contractor or subcontractor at work who act under the direction of the principal (as the case may be) to ensure, so far as is practicable, the safety, health and welfare at work. The matters in which the duty extends include, in particular, the following:

- (a) the provision and maintenance of the plants and systems of work that are, so far as is practicable, safe and without risks to health;
- (b) the provision of such information, instruction, training and supervision as is necessary to ensure, in so far as is practicable, the safety and health of its employees at work;
- (c) the provision and maintenance of a working environment, which is as far as possible, safe, without risks to health, and adequate as regards to facilities for their welfare at work;
- (d) the making of arrangements including the allocation of sufficient time, budget and other resources for ensuring, so far as is practicable, safety and absence of risks to health in connection with use or operation, handling, storage or transport of plant and substances;
- (e) so far as is practicable, as regards to any place of work under the control of the principal, the maintenance of a place of work in a condition that is safe and without risks to health, and the provision and maintenance of the means of access to and egress from it that are safe and without such risks;
- (f) the development and implementation of procedures for dealing with emergencies that may arise while such persons are at work; and
- (g) the conduct of risk assessment in relation to the safety and health risk posed to any person who may be affected by his undertaking at the place of work, as well as the determination of the risk control.

Pursuant to the OSHA 1994, it shall be the duty of every employer to formulate a written safety and health policy with respect to the safety and health at work of his employees.

Failure to comply with the general duties of employers and/or principals under Part IV of the OSHA 1994 constitutes an offence and the employer and/or principal is liable to a fine not exceeding RM500,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both.

Duty to establish a safety and health committee

The employer shall also establish a safety and health committee at the place of work if there are 40 or more persons employed at the place of work or if the Director General of the Occupational Safety and Health direct the establishment of such a committee at the place of work. An occupier of a place of work is also required to employ a competent person to act as a safety and health officer at the place of work.

Failure to comply with the duty to establish a safety and health committee constitutes an offence and the employer is liable to a fine not exceeding RM100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

Duty to appoint an occupational safety and health coordinator

An occupier of a workplace that has been gazetted as requiring a safety and health officer must appoint a person who is competent to act as a safety and health officer to ensure the due observances of the provisions of the OSHA 1994 and any related regulations, as well as for promoting safe work conduct at the workplaces. A person shall be appointed as a safety and health officer for one workplace at a time, unless otherwise authorised by the Director General of the Occupational Safety and Health. Employers who have five or more employees at other workplace that has not been so gazetted, are required to appoint an employee to act as an occupational safety and health coordinator to coordinate occupational safety and health issues at the workplace.

Failure to comply with the duty to appoint an occupational safety and health coordinator constitutes an offence and the employer is liable to a fine not exceeding RM50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both.

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Taxes

Income Tax Act 1967 (“ITA 1967”)

The ITA 1967 imposes income tax which is charged for each year of assessment upon the income of any person accruing in or derived from Malaysia or received in Malaysia from outside Malaysia.

The corporate tax rate in Malaysia is 24% in general. A company is considered a tax resident in Malaysia if its management and control are exercised in Malaysia i.e. place where the directors’ meeting of the company is held. Such resident companies with a paid-up capital of RM2.5 million or less and gross income from business of not more than RM50 million, will be charged at a tax rate of 15% for the first RM150,000 of chargeable income, a tax rate of 17% for the next RM450,000 and any subsequent chargeable income will be taxed at 24%, provided always that the company is not part of a group of companies where any of their related companies have a paid-up capital of more than RM2.5 million.

Commencing from January 1, 2024, businesses eligible to issue consolidated e-invoices may issue receipts to buyers in any manner (e.g. by electronic means).

Service Tax Act 2018 (“Service Tax Act”)

Under the Service Tax Act, service tax is charged and levied on any taxable services provided in Malaysia by a registered person in carrying on his or her business. A taxable person listed under the Service Tax Regulations 2018 (“Service Tax Regulations”) providing taxable services listed under the same regulations is liable to register if the value of its taxable services for a period of 12 months exceeds the thresholds (as applicable) stipulated in the Service Tax Regulations.

A restaurant operator is a taxable person and the provision of preparing and serving of food or drinks is a taxable service pursuant to Group B, First Schedule of the Service Tax Regulation, and the total value of taxable service is at RM1,500,000. Pursuant to the Service Tax (Rate of Tax) Order 2018, the prevailing service tax rate is at 6%.

A registered person is required to issue an invoice with the prescribed particulars for the taxable services rendered. The prescribed particulars include but not limited to description of the taxable services provided, total amount payable excluding tax and amount of service tax. The invoice may be issued and sent electronically.

Sales Tax Act 2018

Sales tax administered in Malaysia is a single-stage tax charged and levied on locally manufactured taxable goods at the manufacturer’s level and as such is often referred to as manufacturer’s tax. The tax is also imposed on taxable goods imported into Malaysia at the point of entry. A taxable person is a person who manufactures taxable goods and is liable to register if the total sales value of such taxable goods for a period of 12 months exceeds RM500,000.00. In the case of locally manufactured goods, sales tax is charged and levied when such goods are sold or disposed of by the manufacturers. Taxable goods are goods of a class or kind not for the time being exempted from sales tax. Sales tax is an ad valorem tax and rates between 5% to 10% apply based on the group of taxable goods. General rule is sales tax is levied on imported and locally manufactured goods (except those exempted by the Ministry of Finance, Malaysia).

In line with the revised sales tax effective from July 1, 2025, specific goods that were previously exempted from tax will become taxable goods and there are changes in the rates of existing taxable goods to new tax rate. List of goods affected is the rate of 5% and specific rates stipulated under the Sales Tax (Rate of Sales Tax) Order 2025 and the exempted goods under Sales Tax (Goods Exempted from Sales Tax) Order 2025.

The preparation of foods or drinks by any person who provides services under Group B, First Schedule, Service Tax Regulations 2016 is exempted from registration regardless of the total value of sales of taxable goods pursuant to the Sales Tax (Exemption from Registration) Order 2018.

Personal Data Protection Act 2010 (“PDPA 2010”)

The PDPA 2010 applies to (a) any person who processes and (b) any person who has control over or authorises the processing of any personal data in respect of commercial transactions (“Data Controller”).

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Pursuant to the PDPA 2010, the processing of personal data by Data Controller shall be in compliance with various personal data protection principles, namely (a) the General Principle; (b) the Notice and Choice Principle; (c) the Disclosure Principle; (d) the Security Principle; (e) the Retention Principle; (f) the Data Integrity Principle; and (g) the Access Principle (collectively, “**Personal Data Protection Principles**”). The processing of personal data by any person, other than an employee of the Data Controller on behalf of the Data Controller who does not process the personal data for his own purposes (“**Data Processor**”) shall comply with the Security Principle. A Data Controller who contravenes any of the Personal Data Protection Principle as set out in the PDPA 2010 or a Data Processor who contravenes the Security Principle commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding RM1,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both.

The Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2024 (“**PDPA Amendment Act**”) has been passed as law and gazetted on October 17, 2024. Effective June 1, 2025, the PDPA Amendment Act provides amongst others –

- (a) the obligation of the Data Controller and Data Processors to appoint at least one data protection officer, who will be accountable to the respective organisation for its compliance with the PDPA 2010;
- (b) the obligation of the Data Controller to notify both the Personal Data Protection Commissioner and relevant data subjects of personal data breaches without unnecessary delay. Failure to comply with this notification obligation by the Data Controller constitutes an offence and is liable to a fine of up to RM250,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of up to two years, or both;
- (c) the obligation of Data Processors to adhere to Security Principle and take steps to protect personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorized access and other risks;
- (d) provisions relating to the right of the data subject to request Data Controller to transmit their personal data to another data controller of their choice, subject to technical feasibility and compatibility of the data format;
- (e) the introduction of an additional mode of service of the service of a notice or any other document by way of electronic means;
- (f) the recognition of biometric data (defined as personal data from technical processing of physical, physiological or behavioral traits) as a type of sensitive personal data requiring stricter consent and security requirements; and
- (g) Data Controllers may now transfer any personal data to any place outside Malaysia provided that the recipient jurisdiction’s laws are substantially similar to, and offer an adequate level of protection which is at least equivalent to the PDPA 2010.

Vietnamese Laws and Regulations

License, Registration and Permits

Business Registration

Pursuant to the Law on Investment which was promulgated by the 13th National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on November 26, 2014, and came into effect on July 1, 2015 (the “**LOI 2014**”); and Law on Investment which was promulgated by the 14th National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam during its 9th session on June 17, 2020, and came into effect on January 1, 2021 (the “**LOI 2020**”), and Law on Investment which was promulgated by the 15th National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on December 11, 2025 and came into effect on March 1, 2026 (the “**LOI 2025**”), an enterprise established under foreign laws shall be defined as a foreign investor and may conduct the investment activity directly or indirectly, among other forms, under the following basic forms: (i) a foreign investor establishes a foreign-invested company within the territory of Vietnam, independently or jointly with any other investor, (ii) a foreign investor contributes capital or purchases shares or stakes of an enterprise established under Vietnamese laws, or (iii) a foreign investor enters into a business cooperation contract (BCC) for business cooperation and distribution of profits or products without establishing a business organization.

Furthermore, the foreign-invested business organizations established under Vietnamese laws on Investment, satisfy the conditions and follow investment procedures applied to foreign investors in case: (i) over 50% (or from 51% under the LOI 2014) of its charter capital or more is held by a foreign investor(s) or the majority of the general partners are foreigners if the business organization is a partnership; (ii) over 50% (or from 51% under the LOI 2014) of its charter capital or more is held by a business organization(s) mentioned in point (i) of this paragraph or by foreign investor(s) and a business organization(s) mentioned in point (i) of this paragraph.

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Except for (i) prohibited fields specified in the negative list under the LOI 2014, the LOI 2020, and the LOI 2025, and (ii) fields with prohibition on market access under the LOI 2020, as specified in the negative list under Decree No.31/2021/ND-CP and under the LOI 2025, which are not permitted to invest, the foreign investor must obtain permit for investment in other fields from competent authorities, i.e. Investment registration certificate (the “**IRC**”) for investment basic forms mentioned in the first paragraph and Notice of conditions satisfaction for capital contribution, shares purchase and stakes purchase for investment form mentioned in point (ii) of the first paragraph.

For foreign investors who invest in the form of establishing a foreign-invested company within the territory of Vietnam, under the LOI 2014 and the LOI 2020, after the issuance of the IRC for their investment project, they need to carry out the procedures to obtain a Enterprise Registration Certificate (the “**ERC**”) from the Business Registration Office under the local Department of Planning and Investment for establishing and then operating the companies. Under the LOI 2020 (last amended on June 25, 2025 by Law No.61/2020/QH14), foreign investors establishing a foreign-invested company within the territory of Vietnam to carry out investment projects establishing new innovation center, research and development center; projects for the construction of infrastructure for large-scale data center, cloud computing infrastructure, mobile infrastructure of 5G and higher, and other digital infrastructure in the field of strategic technology; and projects in the field of strategic technology and projects for manufacturing strategic technology products can carry out the procedures to obtain the ERC prior to the IRC. Under the LOI 2025, for foreign investors who invest in the form of establishing a foreign-invested company, foreign investors are allowed to carry out the procedures to obtain the ERC for the establishment of the company before carrying out the procedures to obtain the IRC for their investment project, provided that the market access conditions applicable to foreign investors are satisfied. In addition, under Decree No. 168/2025, the competent authority for issuing the ERC is generally referred to as the Provincial-level business registration authority, instead of the Business Registration Office under the local Department of Planning and Investment as mentioned above. After being granted a Certificate of Enterprise Registration, the company will be a legal person and thus be eligible to enter into any business relation on its own behalf. The conduct of business activities of the company must be in accordance with its business lines registered with the Business Registration Office.

Business Location Registration

Under Law on Enterprises No. 68/2014/QH13 and Law on Enterprises No.59/2020/QH14, a business location of an enterprise is the place at which specific business operations are carried out.

For business locations that are restaurants, under Decree No. 78/2015/ND-CP, Decree 01/2021/ND-CP, and Decree No. 168/2025/ND-CP, firstly, they are required to send a notification of establishment of a business location to the Business Registration Office under the local Department of Planning and Investment (currently referred to as the Provincial-level business registration authority), which shall then update information about the business location on the National Enterprise Registration Database and, upon the request of the enterprise, issue a Certificate for Registration of Business Location.

Besides, under Decree No. 15/2018/ND-CP issued by the Government on February 2, 2018, last amended on November 14, 2019, restaurants shall obtain the Certificate for Food Safety Eligibility before operating, except for the restaurants within hotels.

Furthermore, pursuant to the provisions of the LOI 2014, the LOI 2020, and the LOI 2025, spirit trading is on the list of conditional business lines (the provision relating to conditional business lines and the list of conditional business lines under the LOI 2025 will take effect from July 1, 2026). Decree No. 105/2017/ND-CP issued by the Government on September 14, 2017, deals with activities related to trade in alcohol including production, import, distribution, wholesaling and retailing of alcohol, and sale of alcohol for on-site consumption. The term “sale of alcohol for on-premises consumption” means an act of directly selling alcohol to a buyer for consumption right on the premises. The company shall obtain the license to sell alcohol at the premises for each restaurant. However, on February 5, 2020, the Government issued Decree No. 17/2020/ND-CP, which took effect from March 22, 2020, amended Decree No. 105/2017/ND-CP. Accordingly, the company shall need to satisfy the following conditions to sell spirits having at least 5.5% alcohol by volume for on-premises consumption: (i) having the right to legally use a fixed place of business, a clear address; (ii) alcohol consumed on premises shall be provided by the trader having the license for alcohol production/distribution/wholesaling/retailing; (iii) complying with regulations of the law on environmental protection, food safety and firefighting and prevention; and (iv) registering sale of alcohol for on-premises consumption with the Economic and Infrastructure Division of the district where the restaurant is located.

In addition, the Law on Fire Prevention and Fighting No. 27/2001/QH10 was promulgated by the National Assembly on June 29, 2001, and last amended on November 22, 2013 (the “**Law on FPF 2001**”) and Law on Fire Prevention, Fighting and Rescue No. 55/2024/QH15 was promulgated by the National Assembly on November 29, 2024 (“**Law on Fire and Rescue 2024**”), regulates the basic measures for fire prevention; designs on fire prevention and fighting, examination and approval thereof; requirements in fire prevention and fighting measures for establishments; as well as equipment of fire prevention and fighting means for establishments.

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According to Decree No. 136/2020/ND-CP issued on November 24, 2020, which provides detailed provisions on certain articles of the Law on FPF 2001, restaurants are on the list of facilities requiring fire management. On May 10, 2024, the Government issued Decree No. 50/2024/ND-CP, which took effect on May 15, 2024 to amend Decree No. 136/2020/ND-CP and modified the list of facilities requiring fire management. Specifically, only restaurants with a total business area of at least 100 m² or a total volume of at least 500 m³ are subject to fire prevention and fighting management. On May 15, 2025, the Government issued Decree No. 105/2025/ND-CP, which provides detailed provisions on certain articles of Law on Fire and Rescue 2024. Decree No.105/2025/ND-CP took effect on July 1, 2025 and replaced Decree No. 136/2020/ND-CP and Decree No.50/2024/ND-CP from its effective date. Accordingly, the list of facilities requiring fire management has been modified; under such list, only restaurants with a total business area of 100m² or larger are subject to comply with fire prevention and fighting management. The current regulations have removed the criterion relating to the volumetric capacity/volume of restaurants from this list.

In addition, under the Law on FPF 2001 and its guiding documents, depending on the specific business space/area or volume of the restaurant, it shall need to obtain the fire prevention plan approved by competent authorities and/or the certificate of design appraisal and design appraisal document and the written approval of fire safety commissioning results. According to Law on Fire and Rescue 2024 and Decree No.105/2025, depending on the specific business space/area of the restaurant, it shall need to obtain the fire prevention and rescue plan approved by competent authorities; and/or the certificate of design appraisal, or design appraisal document, or design inspection document, and the written approval of fire safety commissioning results. In this regard, the current regulations have removed the criterion relating to the volumetric capacity/volume of restaurants.

Food Safety and Environment Matters

The Law on Food Safety No. 55/2010/QH12 was promulgated by the National Assembly on June 17, 2010, and last amended on June 25, 2025 by Law No. 84/2025/QH15 (the “Law on Food Safety”) provided the rights and obligations of organizations and individuals in assuring food safety.

The Law on Environmental Protection No. 72/2020/QH14 of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, which was issued by the National Assembly on November 17, 2020, came into effect on January 1, 2022 and last amended on December 11, 2025 by Law No.146/2025/QH15 (the “Law on Environmental Protection”), provides general regulations as well as the detailed regulations on many issues related to environmental protection.

Environmental Criteria for Investment Project Classification

Under Article 28.1 of the Law on Environmental Protection, environmental criteria for investment project classification include: (i) scale, capacity and type of production, business and service; (ii) area of land, land with the water surface, and sea used; scale of extraction of natural resources; and (iii) environmentally sensitive factors including high-density residential areas; water source used for supply of domestic water, etc. In this regard, according to the environmental criteria set out above, investment projects shall be classified into Group I, II, III and IV. For example, among others, Group I investment projects are those that pose a high risk of adverse environmental impacts, including large-scale and capacity projects involved in types of production, business and services that are likely to cause environmental pollution; projects providing hazardous waste treatment service; projects involving import of scrap from foreign countries as production materials.

Based on the investment projects classification as well as the environmental-affecting factors of each project, the project investor and/or related parties must carry out procedures to apply for an environmental license or environmental registration in accordance with the Law on Environmental Protection.

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Environmental Protection During Production, Business Operation and Service Provision

Business operation and service provision are required to collect, classify, store, and treat waste under the Law on Environmental Protection and environmental standards. In general, on the basis of waste classification, waste generators are required to classify waste at source and storage waste in appropriate equipment. Regarding the collection and treatment of waste, under the Law on Environmental Protection and as well as related guiding documents, waste generators can transfer solid waste and wastewater to appropriate functional entities to carry out waste collection and treatment.

Waste Classification

The Law on Environmental Protection provides waste management requirements for domestic solid waste; normal industrial solid waste; hazardous waste and wastewater; dusts, exhaust gases and other pollutants. In general, all kinds of waste must be: (i) managed during its generation, reduction, classification, collection, storage, transfer, transport, reuse, recycling, treatment and disposal; (ii) treated by licensed facilities having an appropriate environmental license; and (iii) are encouraged to be reused, recycled with a view to maximization of its value.

Sanctions of The Violation of Laws on Environmental Protection

Pursuant to the Criminal Code No. 100/2015/QH13 which is promulgated by the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on November 27, 2015, and last amended on June 25, 2025 by Law No.86/2025/QH15, among others, the act of violation of the laws on environmental protection can be prosecuted for criminal liability based on the scale and consequences of environmental pollution, environmental emergencies, the types of waste to be illegal discharged.

Under the Law on Environmental Protection and related guiding documents, the acts of violation of rights and responsibilities regarding environmental protection can be subject to administrative penalties. In this regard, Decree No. 155/2016/ND-CP promulgated by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on November 18, 2016 on sanctioning of administrative violations in environmental protection amended and supplemented by Decree No. 55/2021/ND-CP (the “**Decree No.155/2016/ND-CP**”) and Decree 45/2022/ND-CP replacing the Decree No.155/2016/ND-CP since August 25, 2022 have provided legal background on specifying acts of administrative violation, sanctioning forms and levels, remedies; etc. Accordingly, any organization or individual who violates the regulations of environmental protection may, depending on the nature and seriousness of the violation, also be subject to (i) a caution or a monetary fine; (ii) the additional penalty(s) and (iii) the measure(s) for remedying consequences.

Labor, Employment and Occupational Safety

The Labor Code No. 45/2019/QH14 of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, which was issued by the National Assembly on November 20, 2019, came into effect on January 1, 2021 (the “**Labor Code**”), provides general regulations as well as the detailed regulations on many issues related to labor.

Labor Contract

Labor contract is an agreement between an employee and an employer on a paid job, salary, working conditions, and the rights and obligations of each party in the labor relations. Under the Labor Code, a labor contract shall be concluded in writing, except for the case where labor contracts with a term of less than 01 months, both parties may conclude an oral contract.

Salary

The term “salary” in the Labor Code includes wages by job or title, allowances and other additional amounts. The wages by job or title shall not fall below the statutory minimum wages, which shall be promulgated by the Government from time to time. On December 14, 2020, the Government promulgated Decree No. 145/2020/ND-CP, which came into effect on February 1, 2021 (“**Decree 145/2020/ND-CP**”), last amended on June 11, 2025 by Decree No.129/2025/ND-CP, elaborates some detailed articles about salary, including: salary payment forms; calculating methods of overtime salaries, night work salaries, night overtime salaries.

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Following the Labor Code, an enterprise shall have to build pay scales, payrolls and labor productivity norms as the basis for recruitment and use of labor, negotiation and payment of salaries and publicly post at the workplace before implemented. The employer shall consult with the internal employee representative organization during establishment of the pay scale, payroll and labor productivity norms.

Foreign Employees Who Work in Vietnam

Foreign Employees Who Work in Vietnam is governed by Labor Code and its guiding documents, specifically decree No. 152/2020/ND-CP which was issued by the Government on December 30, 2020, came into effect on February 15, 2021, and amended by Decree No. 70/2023/ND-CP which was issued by the Government on September 18, 2023 and came into effect on the same date (“**Decree 152/2020/ND-CP**”), sets forth foreign workers working in Vietnam and recruitment, management of Vietnamese workers working for foreign organizations and individuals in Vietnam. On August 7, 2025, Government issued Decree No. 219/2025/ND-CP stipulating on foreign workers working in Vietnam (“**Decree 219/2025/ND-CP**”). Decree 219/2025/ND-CP came into effect on August 7 2025 and partially replaced Decree 219/2025/ND-CP, specifically replacing the provisions on foreign workers working in Vietnam stipulated in Decree 152/2020/ND-CP.

According to the Labor Code, enterprises shall only employ foreigners to hold positions of managers, executive directors, specialists, and technical workers the professional requirements for which cannot be met by Vietnamese workers, and the recruitment of foreign employees in Vietnam shall be explained and subject to written approval by competent authorities. A foreign employee who works in Vietnam shall be in compliance with the legal requirements and has a work permit granted by a competent authority of Vietnam. In certain cases, the foreign employee may work in Vietnam without work permit.

Internal Labor Regulations

Internal Labor Regulations, which are prescribed in the Labor Code and the Decree 145/2020/ND-CP, are issued by the employer with the following key contents: (i) Working hours and rest periods; (ii) Order at the workplace; (iii) Occupational safety and health; (iv) Actions against sexual harassment in the workplace; (v) Protection of the assets and technological and business secrets and intellectual property of the employer; (vi) Cases in which temporary reassignment of employees are permitted; (vii) Violations against labor regulations and disciplinary measures; (viii) Material responsibility; (ix) The person having the competence to take disciplinary measures.

An employer who has more than 10 employees must have written internal labor regulation. Such an internal labor regulation must be registered at the provincial labor authority of the province where the employer registers its business activities and locates its headquarters and shall only come into effect after registering.

Occupational Safety and Hygiene

The Law on Occupational Safety and Hygiene No. 84/2015/QH13 (“**Law on Occupational Safety and Hygiene**”) which was issued by the National Assembly on June 25, 2015, came into effect on July 1, 2016, deals with occupational hygiene and safety assurance; policies and benefits for victims of occupational accidents and occupational diseases; rights and obligations of organizations or individuals relating to occupational hygiene. Pursuant to the Law on Occupational Safety and Hygiene, the employer must provide adequate personal protective equipment and healthcare for employees who have occupations as prescribed in List of heavy, harmful or dangerous occupations and extremely heavy, harmful or dangerous occupations.

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In addition, the Law on Occupational Safety and Hygiene sets out the general duty of the employer to ensure occupational safety and hygiene at the workplace within their responsibility by issuing written internal regulations on occupational safety and hygiene; providing training and supervision on work safety; carrying out adequate policies applicable to victims of the occupational accidents and occupational diseases; and paying the occupational accident insurance for the employees.

Taxes

Corporate Income Tax

Corporate income tax (“CIT”) in Vietnam is governed by the Law on Corporate Income Tax and the corresponding guiding documents from time to time. According to the Law on Corporate Income Tax, which was promulgated on June 3, 2008, came into effect on January 1, 2009, and amended by the Law on amendments to the Law on Corporate Income Tax 2013, the Law on amendments to the laws on taxation 2014 and the Law on Investment 2020 (“**Law on CIT 2008**”), and the Law on Corporate Income Tax, which was promulgated on June 14, 2025, came into effect on October 01, 2025 (“**Law on CIT 2025**”), replacing the Law on CIT 2008, a standard income tax rate of 20% shall be applied to enterprises that have established under the laws of Vietnam, foreign enterprises with or without permanent establishment. Law on CIT 2025 adds tax rates of 15% and 17%, applicable respectively to enterprises with total annual revenue not exceeding VND 3 billion and those with total annual revenue exceeding VND 3 billion but not exceeding VND 50 billion.

In principle, under Law on CIT 2008 and Law on CIT 2025, the difference between Total Revenue — Deductible Expenses is considered an income from main business activities, which is entitled to CIT incentives, if any. Normally, under Law on CIT 2008, Law on CIT 2025 and its corresponding guiding documents, other forms of income such as gains from foreign exchange revaluation, income from disposal of fixed assets, interest income, etc. not related to the main business are not entitled to CIT incentives, and thus shall be subject to the standard CIT rate of 20%. On the other hand, under Law on CIT 2008, an expense might be deductible for CIT purpose if the following conditions are met: (i) such expense is actually incurred and relevant to the company’s business activities, (ii) such expense must be supported by proper documents, (iii) payments above VND20 million must be supported by bank payment vouchers (or deemed as made via banks), (iv) such expense is not in the list of non-deductible expenses. However, with respect to deductible expenses, the Law on CIT 2025 retains conditions (ii), and (iv) as provided under the Law on CIT 2008, while condition (i) will be supplemented to include expenses in relation to the enterprise’s research and development activities calculated as a percentage of the actual expenses incurred during the tax period and condition (iii) will be amended to require that expenses must be supported by non-cash payment documents in cases of purchases of goods or services and other payments with a value of VND 5 million or more per transaction. Non-cash payment documents must comply with the relevant regulations under the laws on value-added tax. In addition, the Law on CIT 2025 introduces provisions allowing enterprises to include certain other actual expenses in deductible expenses when determining taxable income, provided that such expenses satisfy conditions (ii) and (iii) as mentioned above under the Law on CIT 2025. These expenses may include those incurred for the enterprise’s production and business activities that have not yet corresponded to the revenue generated in the period, in accordance with Government regulations; scientific research, technological development and innovation, and digital transformation; the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions for the purposes of carbon neutrality and net zero, mitigation of environmental pollution, and which are connected with the enterprise’s production and business activities, etc.

Under the Law on CIT 2008 and the Law on CIT 2025, regarding tax losses, tax losses are carried forward within a maximum period of 5 years after the loss-making year. Carry-back of tax loss is not allowed. Under the Law on CIT 2008 and its guiding documents, losses from incentive business activities can be offset against income from non-incentive activities, and losses from the transfer of real estate, investment projects, rights to participate in investment projects (except for mineral exploitation and exploration projects) can be offset against profits from other business activities. Under the Law on CIT 2025 and Decree No. 320/2025/ND-CP, which was issued by the Government on December 15, 2025 and came into effect on the same date, losses from business activities can be offset against income from other business activities, except for income from the transfer of real estate, investment projects and rights to participate in investment projects, which cannot be offset against income from incentive business activities.

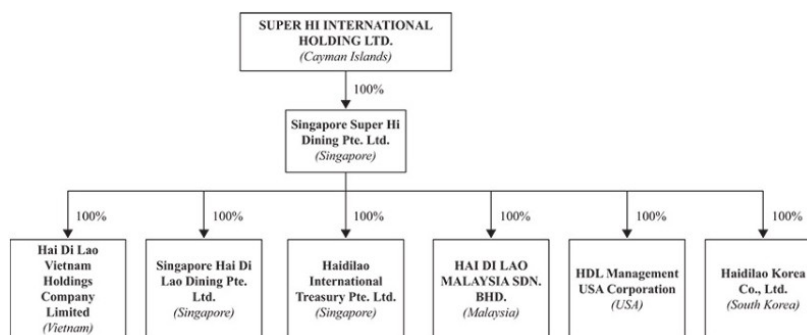
Regarding capital assignment profit tax, although not specifically a separate tax, under the provisions of Law on CIT 2008, Law on CIT 2025 and its corresponding guiding documents, Capital Assignments Profit Tax (“CAPT”) applies a 20% tax to gains from assignment of capital in limited liability companies in Vietnam. The time of determining income from the transfer of capital shall be the time at which ownership of such capital is transferred.

Dividend distribution

Under the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements to which Vietnam is a party, Vietnam is entitled to levy taxes on dividend income. Under the provisions of Law on CIT 2008, Law on CIT 2025 and its corresponding guiding documents, Vietnam has not yet imposed tax on income from dividends of enterprises, thus, there is no CIT on dividends paid to corporate shareholders. Nonetheless, a 5% personal income tax shall be applied on dividends paid to individual shareholders, whether the individual is tax resident or non-resident.

C. Organizational Structure

The following diagram illustrates our corporate structure, including our principal subsidiaries, as of the date of this annual report:



*: The diagram above omits the names of subsidiaries that are insignificant individually and in the aggregate.

D. Property, Plants and Equipment

Our company's headquarters are located in Singapore. We occupy certain properties for the use of restaurants, warehouses and offices. As of December 31, 2025, we leased over 260 properties with a total gross floor area of over 150,000 square meters for our restaurants in countries where we currently have or plan to open restaurants. For our restaurants, we enter into lease agreements with lease periods ranging from three to twenty years with an option for renewal as we believe this will enable us to secure more favorable lease terms and ensure that our restaurant can be operated in a stable and consistent manner.

ITEM 4A. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon and should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and their related notes included elsewhere in this annual report. This annual report contains forward-looking statements. See “Forward-Looking Information.” In evaluating our business, you should carefully consider the information provided under the caption “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors” in this annual report. We caution you that our businesses and financial performance are subject to substantial risks and uncertainties.

A. Operating Results

Overview

We are a leading Chinese cuisine restaurant brand, operating Haidilao hot pot restaurant in the international market. With roots in Sichuan from 1994, Haidilao has become one of the most popular and largest Chinese cuisine brands in the world. Since opening our first restaurant in Singapore in 2012, we have expanded to 126 self-operated restaurants in 14 countries across four continents as of December 31, 2025, making it the largest Chinese cuisine restaurant brand in the international market in terms of number of countries covered by self-operated restaurants.

Benefiting from our proven management philosophy and successful localization efforts, we have built an international Haidilao restaurant network with highly standardized operations, effective management systems, and motivated employees. Key highlights are as the follows:

- **Restaurant network expansion.** Our number of restaurants increased from 111 restaurants as of January 1, 2023 to 126 restaurants as of December 31, 2025. While we continued focusing on the expansion within existing countries and enhancing their operating performance over the past three years, we keep exploring new markets and our restaurant network covered 14 countries as of December 31, 2025.
- **Same-store sales growth.** Alongside our continual restaurant network expansion, we have also achieved meaningful same-store sales growth of 7.1% and 2.9% in 2024 and 2025, respectively.
- **Table turnover rate.** Our overall table turnover rate improved from 3.5 times per day in 2023 to 3.8 times per day in 2024, and further improved to 3.9 times per day in 2025.
- **Average daily revenue per restaurant.** Our average daily revenue per restaurant increased from US\$16.3 thousand in 2023 to US\$17.7 thousand in 2024, and further increased to US\$18.1 thousand in 2025.
- **Income from operation margin.** Our income from operation margin improved from 6.3% in 2023 to 6.8% in 2024, and then decreased to 4.4% in 2025.
- **Restaurant level operating margin.** Our restaurant level operating margin improved from 9.0% in 2023 to 10.1% in 2024, and then decreased to 8.7% in 2025.

Our revenues increased by 13.4% from US\$686.4 million in 2023 to US\$778.3 million in 2024, and further increased by 8.0% from US\$778.3 million in 2024 to US\$840.8 million in 2025. We recorded net profit of US\$25.3 million, US\$21.4 million and US\$36.3 million in 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively. The slight decrease in our net profit in 2024 was primarily due to the increase in net foreign exchange loss of US\$14.7 million, mainly driven by the foreign exchange fluctuations, particularly the depreciation of local currencies against the U.S. dollar, which was partially offset by (i) an increase in revenue driven by ongoing business expansion and continuous efforts in increasing guest visits and table turnover rate; and (ii) an improvement in operational efficiency. The increase in our net profit from 2024 to 2025 was primarily attributable to the increase in net foreign exchange gains of US\$33.8 million, mainly reflecting the appreciation of local currencies against the U.S. dollar, which was partially offset by the decrease in income from operation margin.

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Key Line Items Affecting Our Results of Operations

Revenue

We generated revenue from (i) Haidilao restaurant operations; (ii) delivery business; and (iii) others, primarily consisting of revenue from sales of hot pot condiment products and food under Haidilao brand and secondary brands to local guests and retailers. The following table sets forth a breakdown of our revenue in absolute amounts and as percentages of the total revenue for the years indicated.

	For the Year Ended December 31					
	2023		2024		2025	
	(US\$ in thousands, except for percentages)					
Haidilao restaurant operations	661,162	96.3 %	747,296	96.0 %	790,032	94.0 %
Delivery business	9,807	1.4 %	11,293	1.5 %	18,954	2.2 %
Others	15,393	2.3 %	19,719	2.5 %	31,769	3.8 %
Total	686,362	100.0 %	778,308	100.0 %	840,755	100.0 %

As of December 31, 2025, our restaurant network had 126 restaurants covering 14 countries. The following table summarizes the breakdown of our revenue from Haidilao restaurant operations by geographic region for the years indicated.

	For the Year Ended December 31					
	2023		2024		2025	
	(US\$ in thousands, except for percentages)					
Southeast Asia	368,457	55.7 %	405,429	54.3 %	395,074	50.0 %
East Asia	79,134	12.0 %	93,900	12.6 %	129,935	16.4 %
North America	134,129	20.3 %	158,131	21.2 %	164,695	20.8 %
Others ⁽¹⁾	79,442	12.0 %	89,836	11.9 %	100,328	12.8 %
Total	661,162	100.0 %	747,296	100.0 %	790,032	100.0 %

Notes:

(1) Others include Australia, the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates.

Other Income

Our other income primarily consisted of (i) government grants; and (ii) interest income from bank deposits and rental deposits. The table below summarizes a breakdown of our other income for the years indicated.

	For the Year Ended December 31		
	2023	2024	2025
	(US\$ in thousands)		
<i>Interest income on:</i>			
Bank deposits	1,370	4,438	7,014
Rental deposits	476	636	651
	1,846	5,074	7,665
Government grants	3,164	1,322	1,210
Others	1,685	1,127	620
Total	6,695	7,523	9,495

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Raw Materials and Consumables Used

Our raw materials and consumables used consisted of costs for (i) food ingredients used in the restaurants, including the soup base and menu items; (ii) consumables used in the restaurant operations, including disposable items, such as napkins, disposable tableware and table cloths; and (iii) others, including logistics and transportation fees. The following table sets forth a breakdown of our raw materials and consumables used for the years indicated.

	For the Year Ended December 31		
	2023	2024 (US\$ in thousands)	2025
Food ingredient costs	209,214	224,701	247,414
Consumables	20,923	27,248	30,400
Others	4,578	5,774	5,004
Total	234,715	257,723	282,818

Staff Costs

Our staff costs consisted of (i) employee salaries and other allowances; (ii) employee welfare; and (iii) retirement benefit scheme contributions. The following table sets forth a breakdown of our staff costs for the years indicated.

	For the Year Ended December 31		
	2023	2024 (US\$ in thousands)	2025
Salaries and other allowances	206,602	238,445	261,356
Employee welfare	8,372	8,459	10,750
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	11,059	12,389	13,249
Total	226,033	259,293	285,355

Rentals and Related Expenses

Our rentals and related expenses mainly represented property management fees, variable lease payments and lease payments for short-term leases we entered into in relation to our offices and warehouses.

Utilities Expenses

Our utilities expenses primarily consisted of expenses in relation to electricity, gas and water.

Depreciation and Amortization

Our depreciation and amortization represented depreciation charges for our property, plant and equipment, which primarily include leasehold improvements, machinery, transportation equipment, furniture and fixtures and right-of-use assets.

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Travelling and Communication Expenses

Our travelling and communication expenses mainly consisted of international and regional travel expenses of staff for new restaurants opening and restaurant operation inspection.

Listing Expenses

We incurred listing expenses in relation to our listing of the ADSs on the Nasdaq Global Market.

Other Expenses

Our other expenses comprised (i) administrative expenses; (ii) outsourcing service fees; (iii) bank charges; (iv) consulting service expenses; and (v) others, which mainly consisted of daily maintenance expenses, storage expenses and business development expenses.

Other Gains (Losses) — Net

Our net other gains (losses) primarily consisted of (i) net impairment loss or reversal of impairment recognized in respect of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets, representing provisions we recorded; (ii) loss or gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment and provision for early termination of leases, which was in relation to the capital expenditures we invested for restaurants as originally planned but later decided not to open as a result from our dynamic evaluation of our expansion plan and the temporary closure of certain restaurants; (iii) loss or gain on modification and termination of leases, arising from reversals of right of use assets and lease liabilities in relation to the termination of leases for restaurants we decided to suspend the opening of; (iv) net foreign exchange losses, which fluctuated from year-to-year based on exchange rate movements; (v) net gain or loss arising on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”); and (vi) others.

Finance Costs

Finance costs represented (i) interests on lease liabilities; (ii) interests charge on unwinding of discounts, primarily in relation to provisions for restoration of the premises we used for the restaurants.

Income Tax Expense

We are incorporated as an exempted company, as such, are not subject to Cayman Islands taxation. The taxation of our Group is calculated at the rates prevailing in relevant jurisdictions, which ranged from 9% to 33% in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

For a summary of recently issued accounting pronouncements, see note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth a summary of our consolidated results of operations for the years indicated. This information should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this annual report. The operating results in any year are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future periods.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2023	2024 (US\$ in thousands)	2025
Revenue	686,362	778,308	840,755
Other income	6,695	7,523	9,495
Raw materials and consumables used	(234,715)	(257,723)	(282,818)
Staff costs	(226,033)	(259,293)	(285,355)
Rentals and related expenses	(17,161)	(20,136)	(24,235)
Utilities expenses	(26,054)	(28,358)	(28,986)
Depreciation and amortization	(78,557)	(80,972)	(82,651)
Traveling and communication expenses	(5,756)	(6,449)	(7,996)
Listing expenses	(1,745)	(2,460)	—
Other expenses	(62,682)	(70,735)	(87,095)
Other gains (losses) - net	1,177	(17,924)	9,840
Finance costs	(8,424)	(8,538)	(11,447)
Profit before tax	33,107	33,243	49,507
Income tax expense	(7,850)	(11,844)	(13,169)
Profit for the year	25,257	21,399	36,338
Other comprehensive income/(expense)			
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	4,627	12,028	(6,355)
Total comprehensive income for the year	29,884	33,427	29,983
Earnings per share - Basic and diluted (USD).	0.05	0.04	0.06

Non-IFRS Financial Measure

In evaluating our business, we consider and use a non-IFRS measure, restaurant level operating profit margin, which is calculated by dividing (i) restaurant level operating profit by (ii) restaurant level revenue, as supplemental measures to review and assess our operating performance. The presentation of these non-IFRS financial measures is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

Restaurant level operating profit margin is a supplemental measure of operating performance of our restaurants and its calculations thereof may not be comparable to similar measures reported by other companies. Restaurant level operating profit margin has limitations as an analytical tool and should not be considered as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under IFRS Accounting Standards.

Restaurant level revenue refers to the total revenue generated from our two major service lines – Haidilao restaurant operations and delivery business.

Restaurant level operating profit is calculated by deducting from restaurant level revenue certain restaurant level costs and expenses, including (i) restaurant level expenses, including cost of restaurant level raw materials and consumables used, restaurant level staff costs, restaurant level property rentals and related expenses, restaurant level utilities expenses, restaurant level depreciation and amortization, restaurant level traveling and communication expenses and other restaurant level expenses, including preopening expenses in each region; and (ii) management fees incurred in each region. The cost of restaurant level raw materials and consumables used included the cost of food ingredients and consumables associated with central kitchens that are used within our Haidilao restaurants as well as those procured directly from suppliers.

We believe that restaurant level operating profit margin is an important measure to evaluate the performance and profitability of each of our restaurants, individually and in the aggregate. We use restaurant level operating profit margin information to benchmark our performance versus competitors.

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The table set forth below reconciles total revenue to restaurant level revenue:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2023	2024	2025
	(US\$ in thousands)		
Total revenue	686,362	778,308	840,755
Less: Revenue (Others)	(15,393)	(19,719)	(31,769)
Restaurant level revenue	670,969	758,589	808,986

The computation of restaurant level operating margin is as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2023	2024	2025
	(US\$ in thousands)		
Restaurant level revenue	670,969	758,589	808,986
Less: Restaurant level costs and expenses	(610,695)	(682,075)	(738,422)
Restaurant level operating profit	60,274	76,514	70,564
Restaurant level operating margin *	9.0 %	10.1 %	8.7 %

Note:

* Restaurant level operating margin is calculated by dividing (i) restaurant level operating profit by (ii) restaurant level revenue.

The table set forth below reconciles income from operation, the most directly comparable IFRS measure to the restaurant level operating profit.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2023	2024	2025
	(US\$ in thousands)		
Income from operation ⁽¹⁾	43,121	53,311	37,434
Less:			
Revenue (Others)	(15,393)	(19,719)	(31,769)
Other income ⁽²⁾	(4,849)	(2,449)	(1,830)
Add non-restaurant level cost and expenses ⁽³⁾			
Raw materials and consumables used ⁽⁴⁾	8,021	10,343	18,472
Staff costs	10,349	10,992	16,333
Rentals and related expenses	730	989	1,707
Utilities expenses	1,431	1,783	1,893
Depreciation and amortization	7,864	6,353	7,260
Traveling and communication expenses	768	995	1,399
Listing expenses	1,745	2,460	—
Other expenses	11,100	10,136	13,650
Other (gains) losses – net ⁽⁵⁾	(4,613)	1,320	6,015
Restaurant level operating profit	60,274	76,514	70,564
Restaurant level operating margin	9.0 %	10.1 %	8.7 %

Note:

- (1) Income from operation is calculated by profit for the year excluding interest income (included within other income), finance costs, unrealized foreign exchange differences arising from remeasurement of balances which are not denominated in functional currency, net gain arising on financial assets at FVTPL and income tax expense.
- (2) Other income primarily consists of the subsidies received from the local governments for our business development but does not include non-operating interest income.
- (3) Non-restaurant level cost and expenses mainly relate to costs associated with Revenue (Others), operational costs and expenses associated with central kitchens, and corporate and unallocated costs.

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- (4) Raw materials and consumables used in non-restaurant level operations mainly relate to cost of food ingredients purchased by central kitchens that are not used for Haidilao restaurants, but which are used for sales of hot pot condiment products and food under Haidilao brand and secondary brands to local guests and retailers.
- (5) Other (gains) losses – net primarily consist of net impairment (loss) reversal recognized in respect of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets, but do not include unrealized foreign exchange differences arising from remeasurement of balances which are not denominated in functional currency and net gain arising on financial assets at FVTPL.

Year Ended December 31, 2025 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2024

Revenue

Our revenue amounted to US\$840.8 million in 2025, representing an increase of 8.0% from US\$778.3 million in 2024, primarily driven by an increase of US\$42.7 million in revenue from Haidilao restaurant operations.

Our revenue from Haidilao restaurant operations amounted to US\$790.0 million in 2025, representing an increase of 5.7% from US\$747.3 million in 2024. This increase was mainly due to (i) the enhanced Haidilao restaurant operations driven by improved table turnover rates and customer traffic growth through our continuous efforts; and (ii) the continued strategic expansion of our business network throughout 2025.

Our revenue from delivery business amounted to US\$19.0 million in 2025, representing an increase of 68.1% from US\$11.3 million in 2024. This increase was mainly due to (i) the continuous optimization of delivery products and services based on market demand; and (ii) strategic marketing collaborations with local food delivery platforms.

Our revenue from others amounted to US\$31.8 million in 2025, representing an increase of 61.4% from US\$19.7 million in 2024, driven by (i) the increasing popularity of hot pot condiment products, Haidilao-branded and sub-branded food products among local customers and retailers; and (ii) the incubation of secondary branded restaurants under the “Pomegranate Plan” through diversification into multiple business concepts.

Other Income

Our other income amounted to US\$9.5 million in 2025, representing an increase of 26.7% from US\$7.5 million in 2024. This increase was mainly due to higher interest income on bank deposits driven by increased cash holdings resulting from revenue growth.

Raw Materials and Consumables Used

Our raw materials and consumables used amounted to US\$282.8 million in 2025, representing an increase of 9.7% from US\$257.7 million in 2024. As a percentage of revenue, our raw materials and consumables used increased from 33.1% in 2024 to 33.6% in 2025. This increase was primarily attributable to (i) the continued investment in initiatives to enhance the customer experience, such as quality enhancements; and (ii) increased sales of hot pot condiment products, Haidilao-branded and sub-branded food products, and the expansion of the secondary branded restaurants.

Staff Costs

Our staff cost amounted to US\$ 285.4 million in 2025, representing an increase of 10.1% from US\$259.3 million in 2024. The increase was primarily attributable to (i) the increase in the number of employees, which was in line with the expansion of the restaurant network and our operation strategy of ensuring sufficient number of employees to provide superior customer experience across catering services, product quality, restaurant environment, and food safety; (ii) higher piece-rate wages and extended working hours resulting from increased guest visits and improved table turnover rates; and (iii) higher statutory minimum wages in certain countries where we operated. As a percentage of revenue, the Group’s staff costs increased from 33.3% in 2024 to 33.9% in 2025.

Rentals and Related Expenses

Our rentals and related expenses amounted to US\$24.2 million in 2025, representing an increase of 20.4% from US\$20.1 million in 2024. This increase was mainly due to (i) increased property management fees resulting from the opening of new restaurants; and (ii) increased short-term lease payments aligned with warehouse leasing expansion to support our restaurant network growth.

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Utilities Expenses

Our utilities expenses remained relatively stable at US\$28.4 million and US\$29.0 million in 2024 and 2025, respectively. As a percentage of revenue, utilities expenses remained relatively stable at 3.6% and 3.4% in 2024 and 2025, respectively.

Depreciation and Amortization

Our depreciation and amortization amounted to US\$82.7 million in 2025, representing an increase of 2.1% from US\$81.0 million in 2024. This increase was mainly due to the increase in depreciation of right-of-use assets of US\$2.0 million. As a percentage of revenue, depreciation and amortization decreased from 10.4% in 2024 to 9.8% in 2025, primarily due to the increase in our revenue.

Travelling and Communication Expenses

Our travelling and communication expenses amounted to US\$8.0 million in 2025, representing an increase of 25.0% from US\$6.4 million in 2024. This increase was mainly due to the increase in business travels in line with our business expansion. As a percentage of revenue, our traveling and communication expenses increased from 0.8% in 2024 to 1.0% in 2025.

Other Expenses

Our other expenses amounted to US\$87.1 million in 2025, representing an increase of 23.2% from US\$70.7 million in 2024. This increase was primarily driven by (i) an increase in outsourcing service fee of US\$5.1 million, stemming from restaurant network expansion and improved table turnover rates; (ii) an increase in business development expenses of US\$3.3 million, primarily attributable to enhanced marketing efforts, including closer collaboration with third-party platforms, and (iii) an increase in consulting services expenses of US\$3.1 million, mainly arising from the continued investments for business expansion, particularly secondary brands development.

Other Gains (Losses) – Net

We recorded net other gains of US\$9.8 million in 2025, as compared to net other losses of US\$17.9 million in 2024. This change was attributable to the recognition of US\$14.1 million in net foreign exchange gains in 2025, as a result of fluctuation of exchange rate, partially offset by (i) a net increase in impairment loss of US\$3.1 million on right-of-use assets, primarily resulting from business optimization measures implemented at certain restaurant locations following management's performance evaluations, and (ii) a decrease in gains arising on financial assets at FVTPL of US\$1.4 million.

Finance Costs

Our finance costs amounted to US\$11.4 million as of December 31, 2025, representing an increase of 34.1% from US\$8.5 million for the corresponding period in 2024. This increase was directly attributable to the expansion of our restaurant network, which drove corresponding growth in both lease liabilities and restaurant restoration provisions.

Income Tax Expenses

We recorded income tax expenses of US\$11.8 million and US\$13.2 million in 2024 and 2025, respectively. The taxation of our Group was calculated at the rates prevailing in relevant jurisdictions, which ranged from 9% to 33% on the estimated assessable profits during the year ended December 31, 2025.

Year Ended December 31, 2024 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2023

Revenue

Our revenue amounted to US\$778.3 million in 2024, representing an increase of 13.4% from US\$686.4 million in 2023, primarily driven by an increase of US\$86.1 million in revenue from Haidilao restaurant operations.

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Our revenue from Haidilao restaurant operations amounted to US\$747.3 million in 2024, representing an increase of 13.0% from US\$661.2 million in 2023. This increase was mainly due to (i) the enhanced Haidilao restaurant operations driven by improved table turnover rates and customer traffic growth through our continuous efforts; and (ii) the continued strategic expansion of our business network throughout 2024.

Our revenue from delivery business amounted to US\$11.3 million in 2024, representing an increase of 15.3% from US\$9.8 million in 2023. This increase was mainly due to (i) the growth of our brand influence; and (ii) our continuous efforts in promoting our food delivery services by collaborating with local food delivery platforms.

Our revenue from others amounted to US\$19.7 million in 2024, representing an increase of 27.9% from US\$15.4 million in 2023, driven by (i) the increasing popularity of hot pot condiment products and Haidilao-branded and sub-branded food products among local customers and retailers; and (ii) the incubation of secondary branded restaurants through strategic exploration of diverse business forms.

Other Income

Our other income amounted to US\$7.5 million in 2024, representing an increase of 11.9% from US\$6.7 million in 2023. This increase was mainly due to higher interest income on bank deposits driven by increased cash holdings resulting from revenue growth and the unutilized proceeds from initial public offering on the Nasdaq Stock Market, partially offset by reduced government grants received in relation to COVID-19.

Raw Materials and Consumables Used

Our raw materials and consumables used amounted to US\$257.7 million in 2024, representing an increase of 9.8% from US\$234.7 million in 2023. This increase was mainly because we purchased more food ingredients driven as our business continued to grow. As a percentage of revenue, our raw materials and consumables used decreased from 34.2% in 2023 to 33.1% in 2024, primarily attributable to (i) enlargement of business scale driven by revenue increase; (ii) the optimization of our procurement costs; and (iii) the enhancement of our restaurant management strategies, including the development of localized supply chains tailored to restaurant operations.

Staff Costs

Our staff cost amounted to US\$259.3 million in 2024, representing an increase of 14.7% from US\$226.0 million in 2023. This increase was mainly due to the increase in the number of employees, which was in line with (i) the expansion of restaurant network; (ii) the increase in guest visits and table turnover rate; and (iii) our operation strategy of ensuring sufficient number of employees to provide superior customer experience in catering services, product quality, restaurant environment and food safety, as well as the increase in statutory minimum wages in certain countries where we operated.

Rentals and Related Expenses

Our rentals and related expenses amounted to US\$20.1 million in 2024, representing an increase of 16.9% from US\$17.2 million in 2023. This increase was mainly due to (i) increased property management fees resulting from the opening of new restaurants; and (ii) the increase in variable lease payments in line with the increase in revenue from relevant restaurants.

Utilities Expenses

Our utilities expenses amounted to US\$28.4 million in 2024, representing an increase of 8.8% from US\$26.1 million in 2023. This increase was mainly due to the increase in the number of restaurants and table turnover rate.

Depreciation and Amortization

Our depreciation and amortization amounted to US\$81.0 million in 2024, representing an increase of 3.1% from US\$78.6 million in 2023. This increase was mainly due to (i) an increase in depreciation of property, plant and equipment of US\$1.2 million; and (ii) an increase in depreciation of right-of-use assets of US\$1.2 million. As a percentage of revenue, depreciation and amortization decreased from 11.5% in 2023 to 10.4% in 2024, primarily due to the increase in our revenue.

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Travelling and Communication Expenses

Our travelling and communication expenses amounted to US\$6.4 million in 2024, representing an increase of 10.3% from US\$5.8 million in 2023. This increase was mainly due to the increase of business travels in line with our business expansion. As a percentage of revenue, our traveling and communication expenses remained relatively stable in 2023 and 2024, both at 0.8%.

Other Expenses

Our other expenses amounted to US\$70.7 million in 2024, representing an increase of 12.8% from US\$62.7 million in 2023. This increase was primarily driven by (i) an increase in outsourcing service fee of US\$6.8 million, stemming from restaurant network expansion and improved table turnover rates; (ii) an increase in banking fees of US\$1.6 million, mainly arising from credit card transaction fees incurred during our restaurant operations.

Other Gains (Losses) – Net

We recorded net other losses of US\$17.9 million in 2024, as compared to net other gains of US\$1.2 million in 2023. This change was mainly due to (i) an increase in net foreign exchange loss of US\$14.7 million; and (ii) a net increase in impairment loss of US\$6.0 million on property, plant and equipment, primarily resulting from business initiatives implemented following our evaluations of restaurant performance; partially offset by an increase in gains arising on financial assets at FVTPL of US\$1.5 million.

Finance Costs

Our finance costs remained relatively stable at US\$8.4 million and US\$8.5 million in 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Income Tax Expenses

We recorded income tax expenses of US\$7.9 million and US\$11.8 million in 2023 and 2024, respectively. The taxation of our Group was calculated at the rates prevailing in relevant jurisdictions, which ranged from 9% to 33% on the estimated assessable profits during the year ended December 31, 2024.

B. Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash Flows and Working Capital

We had net cash from operating activities of US\$114.0 million, US\$119.7 million and US\$114.6 million in 2023, 2024, and 2025, respectively.

As of December 31, 2025, we had a total of US\$144.6 million in cash and cash equivalents. As of the same date, 53.5% of our cash and cash equivalents were denominated in U.S. dollars. We did not have any outstanding bank borrowings as of the same date.

Our principal source of liquidity has been cash generated from our operations. Our primary uses of cash are to fund our operations, expansion and capital expenditures. We have adopted prudent treasury policies in cash and financial management and closely monitors its liquidity and capital resources on a regular basis and strives to maintain optimum liquidity that can meet its working capital needs while supporting the continuing business operations.

We believe that our current cash equivalents as of December 31, 2025 are sufficient to meet our current and anticipated working capital requirements and capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months. We may, however, need additional cash resources in the future if we experience changes in business conditions or other developments. We may also need additional cash resources in the future if we identify and wish to pursue opportunities for investment, acquisition, capital expenditure or similar actions.

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The following table sets forth a summary of our cash flows for the years indicated.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2023	2024	2025
	(US\$ in thousands)		
Summary of Consolidated Cash Flow Data:			
Net cash from operating activities	114,045	119,696	114,648
Net cash used in investing activities	(11,775)	(27,616)	(177,309)
Net cash (used in) from financing activities	(43,787)	12,577	(51,035)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	58,483	104,657	(113,696)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	93,878	152,908	254,719
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	547	(2,846)	3,567
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	152,908	254,719	144,590

Operating Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2025, our net cash generated from operating activities was US\$114.6 million. The difference between our profit before tax of US\$49.5 million and operating cash flow was primarily due to (i) an increase in inventories of US\$5.0 million to meet our growing customer demand and support our expanding operations in 2025; (ii) an increase in trade payables of US\$4.4 million and other payables of US\$3.2 million, primarily resulting from the expansion of business scale and growth in revenue; and (iii) adjustment of non-cash and non-operating items of US\$75.9 million, mainly representing depreciation of property, plant and equipment of US\$43.6 million, depreciation of right-of-use assets of US\$38.9 million, and net foreign exchange gain of US\$13.9 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, our net cash generated from operating activities was US\$119.7 million. The difference between our profit before tax of US\$33.2 million and operating cash flow was primarily due to (i) a decrease in trade payables of US\$3.7 million, reflecting our ongoing efforts to strengthen supplier relationships and optimize our supply chain; (ii) an increase in inventories of US\$1.8 million to meet our growing customer demand and support our expanding operations in 2024; and (iii) adjustment of non-cash and non-operating items of US\$102.6 million, mainly representing depreciation of property, plant and equipment of US\$43.9 million, depreciation of right-of-use assets of US\$36.9 million, and net foreign exchange loss of US\$20.5 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, our net cash generated from operating activities was US\$114.0 million. The difference between our profit before tax of US\$33.1 million and operating cash flow was primarily due to (i) an increase in contract liabilities of US\$7.2 million resulting from an increase in revenue related to customers under our customer loyalty program in 2023 and higher estimated future redemption rate; (ii) an increase in trade and other receivables and prepayments of US\$7.5 million primarily resulting from the increase in operating revenue in 2023; (iii) an increase in other payables of US\$5.8 million in relation to staff costs, which was in line with the increase in the number of our employees; and (iv) adjustment of non-cash and non-operating items of US\$86.6 million, mainly representing depreciation of property, plant and equipment of US\$42.7 million, depreciation of right-of-use assets of US\$35.7 million, finance costs of US\$8.4 million and net foreign exchange loss of US\$7.4 million.

Investing Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2025, our net cash used in investing activities was US\$177.3 million, which was primarily attributable to (i) purchase of financial assets at FVTPL of US\$373.9 million; (ii) placement of bank deposits with original maturity over three months of US\$127.4 million; and (iii) purchase of property, plant and equipment of US\$53.2 million; partially offset by redemption of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of US\$375.6 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, our net cash used in investing activities was US\$27.6 million, which was primarily attributable to (i) purchase of financial assets at FVTPL of US\$233.2 million; and (ii) purchase of property, plant and equipment of US\$34.7 million; partially offset by redemption of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of US\$236.3 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, our net cash used in investing activities was US\$11.8 million, which was primarily attributable to (i) purchase of financial assets at FVTPL of US\$97.3 million; and (ii) purchase of property, plant and equipment of US\$32.8 million mainly for restaurants we planned to open; partially offset by (i) redemption of financial assets at FVTPL of US\$98.8 million; and (ii) proceeds from disposal of a subsidiary of US\$17.4 million.

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Financing Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2025, our net cash used in financing activities was US\$51.0 million, which was primarily attributable to repayments of lease liabilities of US\$51.0 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, our net cash generated from financing activities was US\$12.6 million, which was primarily attributable to proceeds from our listing on the Nasdaq Stock Market of US\$56.1 million, partially offset by repayments of lease liabilities of US\$43.5 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, our net cash used in financing activities was US\$43.8 million, which was primarily attributable to repayments of lease liabilities of US\$43.4 million.

Material Cash Requirements

Our material cash requirements as of December 31, 2025 and any subsequent period primarily include our capital expenditure.

Capital Expenditures

Our capital expenditure represented additions to (i) leasehold improvements; (ii) machinery; (iii) transportation equipment; (iv) furniture and fixtures; and (v) renovation in progress. We incurred capital expenditures of US\$31.2 million, US\$37.4 million and US\$51.4 million in 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively. Fluctuations in our capital expenditure were primarily for our restaurants opened in the respective years and those still in the process of renovation and preparation. We will continue to make capital expenditures to meet the expected growth of our business. We plan to finance future capital expenditures through cash generated from our operations, the unutilized proceeds from initial public offering on the Nasdaq Stock Market, and cash and cash equivalents.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of December 31, 2025, we did not have any material off-balance sheet arrangements.

C. Research and Development, Patents and Licenses, etc.

See “Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Organization Structure—Intellectual Property.”

D. Trend Information

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in this annual report, we are not aware of any trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events for the current fiscal year that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on our net revenues, income, profitability, liquidity or capital resources, or that would cause the disclosed financial information to be not necessarily indicative of future operating results or financial conditions.

E. Critical Accounting Estimates

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (“**IFRS Accounting Standards**”). The preparation of our financial statements requires us to make assumptions and estimates about future events and apply judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the related disclosures. We base our estimates on historical experience and other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The critical accounting estimates that we believe to have the most significant impacts to our consolidated financial statements are described below.

Impairment Assessment of Property, Plant and Equipment and Right-of-Use Assets

Property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. At the end of each reporting date, our management also assessed if there were indications for reversal of impairment on certain property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets. For restaurant assets, impairment is tested at the individual restaurant level as a cash generating unit (CGU).

The recoverable amounts of CGUs are determined based on value in use calculation. That calculation used discounted cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by our management covering the remaining lease periods which are between 1 to 5 years with pre-tax discount rates ranging from 8.1% to 19.6% and 7.7% to 18.8% per annum as of December 31, 2024 and 2025 which varies in restaurants operated in different countries. Cash flows beyond the 5-year period for those CGUs with remaining lease terms more than 5 years are extrapolated using a steady 0% to 3% growth rate per annum. Other key assumptions for the value in use calculations related to the estimation of cash inflows/outflows included revenue growth rate and average percentage of costs and operating expenses of revenue for the forecast periods, which are based on the CGUs' past performance and the management's expectations for the market development.

Based on the results of the assessments, our management determined that the recoverable amounts of certain CGUs are lower than the carrying amounts because of continuing weak performance due to competition and market conditions. The impairment loss has been allocated to each category of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets such that the carrying amount of each category of asset is not reduced below the highest of its fair value less cost of disposal, its value in use and zero. During the year, some restaurants have achieved significant improvement in their operations because of the optimization of internal management and general improvement of market conditions. Accordingly, our management determined that the recoverable amounts of certain CGUs are higher than the carrying amounts. The reversal of impairment loss for the CGUs have been allocated to each category of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets such that the carrying amount of each category of asset is not increased above its recoverable amount and the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior periods.

Based on the value in use calculation and the allocation, gross impairment loss of USD5.3 million, USD5.3 million and USD2.5 million, and gross reversal of USD9.0 million, USD3.0 million and USD1.3 million has been recognized against the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively. As of December 31, 2024 and 2025, the accumulated impairment losses of USD36.0 million and USD31.2 million in respect of property, plant and equipment that have been recognized.

Based on the value in use calculation and the allocation, gross impairment loss of USD3.5 million, USD0.8 million and USD1.6 million and gross reversal of USD7.4 million, USD3.1 million and USD0.9 million has been recognized against the carrying amount of right-of-use assets for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively. As of December 31, 2024 and 2025, the accumulated impairment losses of USD22.2 million and USD21.6 million in respect of right-of-use assets that have been recognized.

Determination on Discount Rates of Lease Contracts

As our leases do not provide an implicit rate, we apply incremental borrowing rates as the discount rates of lease liabilities, which require financing spread adjustments and lease specific adjustments based on the relevant market rates. The assessments of the adjustments in determining the discount rates involved management judgment, which may significantly affect the amount of lease liabilities and right-of-use assets.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2025, the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets were US\$185.5 million and US\$204.2 million, respectively, and the carrying amounts of lease liabilities were US\$212.6 million and US\$228.8 million, respectively.

ITEM 6. DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES**A. Directors and Executive Officers**

The following table sets forth information regarding our directors and executive officers as of the date of this annual report.

Directors and Executive Officers	Age	Position/Title
Ping Shu	56	Director and Chairperson
June Lijuan Yang	47	Director and Chief Executive Officer
Yu Li	40	Director and Chief Operating Officer
Li Liu	39	Director
Anthony Kang Uei Tan	52	Independent Director
Ser Luck Teo	57	Independent Director
Jown Jing Vincent Lien	65	Independent Director
Cong Qu	43	Chief Financial Officer and Board Secretary
Shaohua Zhou	39	Vice President

Ms. Ping Shu has served as our director and chairperson of the board of directors since December 13, 2023. Ms. Shu has extensive experience in restaurant management and strategic planning. Ms. Shu served as a director of Haidilao International Holding Ltd. (“HDL Group”) (HKEx: 6862) from July 2015 to August 2021. Ms. Shu completed the Senior Management PRC Enterprise Master of Business Administration program and Financial Master of Business Administration Program jointly hosted by Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business and other institutes in November 2015 and completed the executive master of business administration program jointly hosted by Shanghai Jiaotong University and Singapore Nanyang Technological University in July 2016. Ms. Shu obtained the doctorate of advanced professional studies in applied finance (specialization in wealth management) from the Université de Genève in September 2022.

Ms. June Lijuan Yang has served as our director and chief executive officer since July 1, 2024. From June 1997 to March 2001, Ms. Yang served as a manager at Sichuan Haidilao Catering Co., Ltd (“Sichuan Haidilao”). In April 2001, she was appointed as a director of Sichuan Haidilao and re-designated as a non-executive director of Sichuan Haidilao in January 2018. Ms. Yang’s career and leadership further expanded through her various roles at HDL Group, including (i) as a director from July 2015 to January 2018; (ii) as the chief operating officer from January 2018 to March 2022; (iii) as the deputy chief executive officer from August 2021 to March 2022; (iv) as an executive director from August 2021 to June 2024; and (v) as the chief executive officer from March 2022 to June 2024. Ms. Yang completed the PRC Entities CEO and Finance CEO Program hosted by the Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business in September 2016.

Mr. Yu Li has served as our director since March 2023 and chief operating officer since March 2025. He also served as our chief executive officer from March 2023 to June 2024. Mr. Li possesses over 18 years of experience in the catering industry. Mr. Li joined HDL Group in November 2007. He was responsible for the operation and management of the Haidilao restaurants in Japan, Korea, Thailand and Taiwan from May 2021 to March 2022 and served as the chief operating officer (Chinese Mainland) of HDL Group from March 2022 to October 2022. Mr. Li also served as an executive director of HDL Group from August 2021 to September 2022. Mr. Li completed the MBA program held by National Chengchi University in Taiwan in October 2017.

Ms. Li Liu has served as our director since May 2022. She also served as the product director of our company from March 2022 to August 2023. Ms. Liu has over 13 years of experience in the catering service sector. Ms. Liu joined HDL Group in October 2012 and held various positions since then, including a restaurant front office manager, a restaurant manager, and the overseas product director. She also served as the project head of HDL Group’s snack and dessert development programs in Chinese Mainland and was in charge of product development of HDL Group from November 2021 to March 2022. Ms. Liu obtained her bachelor’s degree in business administration from West Coast University in the United States in September 2008.

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Mr. Anthony Kang Uei Tan has served as our independent director and, for purposes of the Hong Kong Listing Rules, an independent non-executive director of our company, since December 2022. Mr. Tan has extensive experience across the public sector and various industries in the private sector with strong professional skills in strategy, budgeting, media, property, government relations and nonprofit management. He devoted himself to the Singapore public sector for more than 17 years and worked in various organizations in Singapore, including Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Manpower, Ministry of Health and Mr. Lee Kuan Yew's Office. Mr. Tan also held and has been holding senior positions in both public and private companies, including serving as the deputy chief executive officer at Singapore Press Holdings Limited (SGX: T39) from July 2016 to December 2021 and as the chief executive officer at MOH Holdings Pte. Ltd. since December 2021. Mr. Tan also served as an independent director at Straco Corporation Limited (SGX: S85) since May 2024. Mr. Tan obtained his bachelor's degree in social science from National University of Singapore in July 1997 and his master's degree in management from Stanford University in May 2005. He also received the Advanced Management Program certificate from Harvard Business School in July 2021.

Mr. Ser Luck Teo has served as our independent director and, for purposes of the Hong Kong Listing Rules, an independent non-executive director of our company, since December 2022. Mr. Teo was a member of the Parliament of Singapore from May 2006 to June 2020. From May 2006 to July 2017, Mr. Teo served in the Singapore government cabinet and held various senior positions, including (i) the minister of state for the Ministry of Trade and Industry, (ii) the senior parliamentary secretary for the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, (iii) the minister of state for the Ministry of Manpower, and (iv) the mayor of the North East District of Singapore. Mr. Teo also held and has been holding a directorship at various companies, including United Engineers Limited (SGX: U04 and delisted in February 2020) from September 2017 to February 2020, MindChamps Preschool Limited (SGX: CNE) from December 2020 to September 2022, Serial System Ltd. (SGX: S69) since July 2017, BRC Asia Limited (SGX: BEC) since November 2017, China Aviation Oil (Singapore) Corporation Ltd. (SGX: G92) since April 2019, Straco Corporation Limited (SGX: S85) since July 2019, and Yanlord Land Group Limited (SGX: Z25) since February 2020. Mr. Teo obtained his bachelor's degree in accountancy from National University of Singapore in June 1992. He was certified as a fellow and advisor by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (the "ISCA") in May 2009 and has been elected as the president of the ISCA since April 2022.

Mr. Jown Jing Vincent Lien has served as our independent director and, for purposes of the Hong Kong Listing Rules, an independent non-executive director of our company, since December 2022. Mr. Lien has over 21 years of experience in the banking industry, specializing in corporate finance and capital management in Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Singapore and other regions in Southeast Asia. He has been holding and used to hold a directorship at various companies, such as the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore from February 2012 to February 2024. Mr. Lien obtained his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of New Brunswick in Canada in 1986 and was awarded an honorary doctoral degree in business administration from HyupSung University in South Korea in February 2018. Mr. Lien has also been a council member at the Lien Ying Chow Legacy Fellowship since August 2017.

Ms. Cong Qu has served as our financial director (currently chief financial officer) since August 2023 and our board secretary since December 2022. Ms. Qu served as the secretary of the board of directors of HDL Group from March 2018 to May 2019 and as a joint company secretary of HDL Group from May 2018 to May 2019. From October 2019 to August 2023, she held various positions at HDL Group, including a restaurant manager, a coach and a regional manager. Previously, Ms. Qu was an executive director at the investment banking department of China International Capital Corporation Limited ("CICC"), where she worked for nearly ten years from July 2008 to February 2018. During her tenure at CICC, she advised dozens of companies of various sizes on their capital markets and business transactions, including initial public offerings on the HKEX, the Shenzhen Stock Exchange and the Shanghai Stock Exchange, placings, private equity financings, and mergers and acquisitions. She has extensive experience with international capital markets, corporate governance, communication with regulatory authorities and investor relations. Ms. Qu obtained her bachelor's degree in mathematics and applied mathematics and master's degree in probability and statistics from Peking University in July 2005 and July 2008, respectively.

Mr. Shaohua Zhou has served as our vice president and senior regional manager since March 2022. Mr. Zhou has over 15 years of experience in the catering service sector. Mr. Zhou joined HDL Group in October 2010 and was relocated to Singapore as a project manager in January 2013 to assist with the local business development in Singapore after HDL Group decided to expand the overseas business and start its first overseas restaurant in Singapore. Since then he had held various positions, including a restaurant duty manager, a branch manager and a regional manager. Mr. Zhou obtained his college degree in tourism management from Dalian Polytechnic University in China in July 2010.

B. Compensation

For the year ended December 31, 2025, we paid an aggregate of US\$3.9 million in cash to our directors and executive officers. We have not set aside or accrued any amount to provide pension, retirement or other similar benefits to our directors and executive officers.

Employment Agreements and Indemnification Agreements

We have entered into employment agreements with each of our executive officers. Under these agreements, each of our executive officers is employed for a specified time period. We may terminate employment for cause, at any time, without advance notice or remuneration, for certain acts of the executive officer, such as conviction or plea of guilty to a felony or any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, willful misconduct or gross negligence, or continued failure to perform agreed duties. We may also terminate an executive officer's employment without cause upon a 30-day advance written notice. In such case of termination by us, we will provide severance payments to the executive officer as may be agreed with the executive officer. The executive officers may resign at any time with a 30-day advance written notice.

Each executive officer has agreed to hold, both during and after the termination or expiry of his or her employment agreement, in strict confidence and not to use, except as required in the performance of his or her duties in connection with the employment or pursuant to applicable law, any of our confidential information or trade secrets, any confidential information or trade secrets of our customers or prospective customers, or the confidential or proprietary information of any third party received by us and for which we have confidential obligations. The executive officers have also agreed to disclose in confidence to us all inventions, designs and trade secrets which they conceive, develop or reduce to practice during the executive officer's employment with us and to assign all right, title and interest in them to us, and assist us in obtaining and enforcing patents, copyrights and other legal rights for these inventions, designs and trade secrets.

In addition, each executive officer has agreed to be bound by non-competition and non-solicitation restrictions during the term of his or her employment and, in the event that such executive officer leaves our company, such executive officer agrees not to disclose to any party any company confidential information he or she received without the prior written consent of our company. Specifically, each executive officer has agreed not to (i) approach our suppliers, clients, customers or contacts or other persons or entities introduced to the executive officer in his or her capacity as a representative of us for the purpose of doing business with such persons or entities that will harm our business relationships with these persons or entities; (ii) assume employment with or provide services to any of our competitors, or engage, whether as partner, licensor or otherwise, any of our competitors, without our express consent; or (iii) seek directly or indirectly, to solicit the services of any of our employees who is employed by us on or after the date of the executive officer's termination, or in the year preceding such termination, without our express consent.

We have also entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers. Under these agreements, we agree to indemnify our directors and executive officers against certain liabilities and expenses incurred by such persons in connection with claims made by reason of their being a director or officer of our company.

Share Award Scheme

On June 24, 2022, we adopted a share award scheme ("Share Award Scheme") to attract and retain the best available personnel, provide additional incentives to directors, officers, employees and consultants, and promote the success of our business. The maximum aggregate number of ordinary shares which may be issued pursuant to all awards under the Share Award Scheme is 61,933,000. As of the date of this annual report, awards to receive 61,933,000 ordinary shares of our company under the Share Award Scheme have been granted and are outstanding.

A decision of our board or the committee of our board or person(s) to which our board has delegated its authority shall be final and binding on the administration of the Share Award Scheme and all persons affected thereby. We use the ESOP Platform I and the ESOP Platform II to implement the Share Award Scheme. The ESOP Platform I refers to Super Hi Ltd., a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and wholly-owned by SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. SHARE AWARD SCHEME Trust I, a trust set up by our company as the settlor for the benefit of the grantees other than the directors and other connected persons of our company (as defined under the Hong Kong Listing Rules) pursuant to the Share Award Scheme. The ESOP Platform II refers to Super Hi International Ltd., a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and wholly-owned by SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. SHARE AWARD SCHEME Trust II, a trust set up by our company as the settlor for the benefit of the grantees who are directors or other connected persons of our company (as defined under the Hong Kong Listing Rules) pursuant to the Share Award Scheme. We have appointed Futu Trustee Limited as the trustee for each of SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. SHARE AWARD SCHEME Trust I and SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. SHARE AWARD SCHEME Trust II. As of March 31, 2026, the ESOP Platform I and the ESOP Platform II, in aggregate, owned 9.52% of our total issued and outstanding ordinary shares.

Pursuant to the Share Award Scheme, before the awards corresponding to any underlying ordinary shares of our company held by the ESOP Platform I or the ESOP Platform II are vested, none of the ESOP Platform I, the ESOP Platform II, or their trustee is entitled to exercise any voting rights in respect of any such ordinary shares. After the related awards are vested, the underlying ordinary shares of our company will be transferred by the ESOP Platform I or the ESOP II Platform, as applicable, to the related grantees in accordance with the Share Award Scheme, and such grantees will become the beneficial owners of such ordinary shares. As of the date of this annual report, the vesting conditions (including both service conditions and performance conditions) of the Share Award Scheme have not yet been determined and no shared understanding of the terms and conditions of the share-based payment arrangement between our company and the grantees has been reached. Therefore, no share-based payment expense has been incurred up to the date of this annual report. Ordinary shares of our company held by the ESOP Platform I or the ESOP Platform II are issued and outstanding under Cayman Islands law. See notes 25 and 26 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report for more details.

Set forth below is a summary of the key terms of the Share Award Scheme:

Types of Awards. The Share Award Scheme permits awards of ordinary shares of our company from the ESOP Platform I or the ESOP Platform II, as approved by our board or a committee to which the board delegates the authority.

Plan Administration. Our board has the power to administer the Share Award Scheme. The board may delegate the authority to administer the Share Award Scheme to a committee of the board or other person(s) as deemed appropriate. A decision of our board or the committee of the board or person(s) to which the board has delegated its authority shall be final and binding on all persons affected thereby. Our board and the committee of the board or person(s) to which the board has delegated its authority, determines, among other things, the participants to receive awards, the number of awards to be granted to each participant, and the terms and conditions of each award, subject to the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

Award Agreement. Awards granted under the Share Award Scheme are evidenced by an award letter that sets forth the terms, conditions and limitations for each award, which may include the term of the award, the provisions applicable in the event that the participant's employment or service terminates, and provisions governing the cancellation and modification of the award.

Eligibility. We may grant awards to (i) employees or directors of our company, including our subsidiaries; (ii) employees or directors of our holding companies, fellow subsidiaries or associated companies; or (iii) service providers, who our board or its delegate(s) considers, in their sole discretion, to have contributed or will contribute to our company. We shall not make any grants of awards to service providers which cause the aggregate number of ordinary shares underlying such grants pursuant to the Share Award Scheme and any other share schemes (excluding award shares that have been forfeited in accordance with the Share Award Scheme) to exceed 6,193,300, unless approved by shareholders of our company.

Vesting Schedule. Our board or the committee of the board of directors or person(s) to which the board delegates its authority may from time to time while the Share Award Scheme is in force and subject to all applicable laws, determine the vesting schedule, provided that the vesting period for awards granted shall not be less than 12 months.

Exercise of Awards. The exercise price per share, if any, shall be determined by our board or its delegate(s), in their absolute discretion, which may take into account the prevailing closing price of our ordinary shares, the purpose of the Share Award Scheme and the characteristics and profile of the related participant.

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Transfer Restrictions. Any award granted under the Share Award Scheme but not yet vested shall be personal to the grantee and shall not be assignable or transferable and no grantee shall in any way, sell, transfer, charge, mortgage, encumber or create any interest in favor of any other person over or in relation to any such award, or enter into any agreement to do so.

Termination and Amendment of the Share Award Scheme. Unless terminated earlier as determined by our board, the Share Award Scheme shall be valid and effective during the period commencing on June 24, 2022 and ending on the business day immediately prior to the 10th anniversary of June 24, 2022 (after which no further awards will be granted), and thereafter for so long as there are any non-vested award shares granted prior to the expiration of the Share Award Scheme, in order to give effect to the vesting of such award shares or otherwise as may be required in accordance with the Share Award Scheme rules. The early termination as determined by the board shall not affect any subsisting rights in respect of the award shares already granted to a participant.

The following table summarizes, as of March 31, 2026, awards we have granted to our directors and executive officers:

Name	Ordinary Shares Underlying Awards	Exercise Price (US\$/Share*)	Date of Grant	Date of Expiration
Yu Li	*	N.A	December 12, 2022	June 23, 2032
Li Liu	*	N.A	December 12, 2022	June 23, 2032
Shaohua Zhou	*	N.A	December 12, 2022	June 23, 2032
Total	6,233,050			

Notes:

* Less than 1% of our total ordinary shares outstanding as of March 31, 2026.

As of March 31, 2026, our other officers, employees and service providers other than directors and executive officers as a group had the right to receive 55,699,950 ordinary shares under the Share Award Scheme.

C. Board Practices

Board of Directors

Our board of directors currently consists of seven directors. A director is not required to hold any shares in our company by way of qualification. A director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or proposed contract with our company, is required to declare the nature of his or her interest at a meeting of our directors. A director may vote with respect to any contract, proposed contract or arrangement notwithstanding that he or she may be interested therein, and if he or she does so, his or her vote shall be counted and he or she may be counted in the quorum at any meeting of our directors at which any such contract or proposed contract or arrangement is considered. Our directors may exercise all the powers of our company to raise or borrow money, and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital or any part thereof, to issue debentures, bonds, or other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of our company or of any third party. None of our non-executive directors has a service contract with us that provides for benefits upon termination of service.

The Listing Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market generally require that a majority of an issuer's board of directors must consist of independent directors. However, the Listing Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market permit foreign private issuers like us to follow "home country practice" in certain corporate governance matters. We rely on this "home country practice" exception and do not have a majority of independent directors serving on our board of directors.

Committees of the Board of Directors

We have established three committees under the board of directors: an audit committee, a remuneration committee and a nomination committee. We have adopted terms of reference for each of the three committees. Each committee's members and functions are described below.

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Audit Committee. Our audit committee consists of Mr. Ser Luck Teo, Mr. Anthony Kang Uei Tan and Mr. Jown Jing Vincent Lien. The chairperson of the audit committee is Mr. Ser Luck Teo. We have determined that Mr. Ser Luck Teo, Mr. Anthony Kang Uei Tan and Mr. Jown Jing Vincent Lien satisfy the “independence” requirements of Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Listing Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market and Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act. We have determined that Mr. Ser Luck Teo qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert.” The audit committee reviews and monitors the financial reporting, risk management and internal control systems of our company and assists the board in fulfilling its responsibility over the audit. The audit committee is responsible for, among other things:

- proposing the appointment, re-appointment or replacement of external audit firm, providing advice to the board of directors, and approving the remuneration and engagement terms of external audit institution;
- reviewing and monitoring external audit institution to see if it is independent and objective and whether its auditing process is effective, discussing the nature, scope and method of auditing and the relevant reporting responsibilities with the audit institution prior to the commencement of audit work, and formulating and implementing policies for engaging external audit institutions to provide non-audit services;
- supervising our internal audit system and its implementation and reviewing our financial information and the related disclosures;
- communication between internal auditors and external auditors;
- performing other responsibilities required by laws, regulations, rules, regulatory documents, articles of association and assigned by our board;
- reviewing our audit plan report, annual report, half-year report, and quarterly data; and
- reviewing our financial reporting system, risk management and internal control systems and reviewing material connected transactions.

Remuneration Committee. Our remuneration committee consists of Mr. Ser Luck Teo, Mr. Anthony Kang Uei Tan, Mr. Jown Jing Vincent Lien and Ms. Ping Shu. The chairperson of the remuneration committee is Mr. Jown Jing Vincent Lien. We have determined that Mr. Ser Luck Teo, Mr. Anthony Kang Uei Tan and Mr. Jown Jing Vincent Lien satisfy the “independence” requirements of Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Listing Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market. The remuneration committee formulates appraisal standards and conducts appraisals for our directors and managers and formulates and reviews the remuneration policies and proposals for our directors and senior management. The remuneration committee is responsible for, among other things:

- making proposals and recommendations to our board of directors on remuneration plans or proposals and establishment of formal and transparent procedures for the formulation of the remuneration plans or proposals according to the primary scope, responsibilities, importance of the management positions of directors and senior management members and the remuneration standards of relevant positions in other relevant enterprises;
- formulating the specific remuneration packages for all executive directors and senior management members, and making recommendation to the board of directors on remuneration of non-executive directors;
- reviewing and approving matters relating to share schemes (as amended from time to time);
- reviewing the performance of duties of our non-independent directors and senior management members and conducting annual performance appraisals on them; and
- performing other responsibilities required by laws, regulations, rules, regulatory documents, articles of association and assigned by the board of directors.

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Nomination Committee. Our nomination committee consists of Ms. Ping Shu, Mr. Ser Luck Teo, Mr. Anthony Kang Uei Tan and Mr. Jown Jing Vincent Lien. The chairperson of the nomination committee is Ms. Ping Shu. We have determined that Mr. Ser Luck Teo, Mr. Anthony Kang Uei Tan and Mr. Jown Jing Vincent Lien satisfy the “independence” requirements of Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Listing Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market. The nomination committee identifies, screens and recommends to our board appropriate candidates to serve as our directors, oversees the process of evaluating the performance of our directors, and develops and recommends to our board nomination guidelines. The nomination committee is responsible for, among other things:

- reviewing the structure, size and composition of our board of directors at least annually and making recommendations on any proposed changes to our board of directors to complement our corporate strategy;
- identifying individuals suitably qualified to become our board members and selecting or making recommendations to our board of directors on the selection of individuals nominated for a directorship based on merit and having due regard to the board diversity policy and other factors which are relevant to us;
- assessing the independence of independent non-executive directors;
- making recommendations to the board of directors on the appointment or re-appointment of directors and succession planning for directors, taking into account our corporate strategy and mix of skills, knowledge, experience and diversity needed in the future;
- developing, reviewing, implementing and monitoring, as appropriate, the policy for the nomination of directors and making recommendations to the board of directors for consideration and approval;
- reviewing the policy on board diversity policy and any measurable objectives for implementing such policy as may be adopted by the board of directors from time to time and reviewing the progress on achieving the objectives; and making disclosures of such results in our annual report; and
- doing such things to enable the nomination committee to discharge its powers and functions conferred on it by the board of directors.

Duties of Directors

Under Cayman Islands law, our directors owe fiduciary duties to our company, including a duty of loyalty, a duty to act honestly, and a duty to act in what they consider in good faith to be in our best interests. Our directors must also exercise their powers only for a proper purpose. Our directors also have a duty to exercise the skill they actually possess and such care and diligence that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. In fulfilling their duty of care to us, our directors must ensure compliance with our memorandum and articles of association, as amended and restated from time to time, and the class rights vested thereunder in the holders of the shares. Our company has the right to seek damages if a duty owed by our directors is breached. A shareholder may in certain circumstances have rights to damages if a duty owed by the directors is breached.

Our board of directors has all the powers necessary for managing, directing and supervising our business affairs. The functions and powers of our board of directors include, among others:

- convening shareholders’ annual and extraordinary general meetings and reporting its work to shareholders at such meetings;
- appointing officers and determining the term of office of the officers;
- exercising the borrowing powers of our company and mortgaging the property of our company; and
- approving the transfer of shares in our company, including the registration of such shares in our share register.

Terms of Directors and Officers

Our directors may be elected by an ordinary resolution of our shareholders. At each annual general meeting, one third of our directors for the time being (or if their number is not a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not less than one third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every director shall be subject to retirement at an annual general meeting at least once every three years. Our directors to retire by rotation shall include any director who wishes to retire and not offer himself for re-election. Any further directors so to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since their last re-election or appointment but as between persons who became or were last re-elected directors on the same day those to retire will (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.

Our board has the power to appoint any person as a director either to fill a casual vacancy on the board or as an addition to the existing board. Any director so appointed shall hold office only until the first annual general meeting of our company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election.

A director may be removed by an ordinary resolution of our company before the expiration of his or her term of office (but without prejudice to any claim which such director may have for damages for any breach of any contract between him or her and our company) and members of our company may by ordinary resolution appoint another in his or her place. Unless otherwise determined by our company in general meeting, the number of directors shall not be less than two. There is no maximum number of directors unless otherwise determined from time to time by members of our company in general meeting.

The office of director shall be vacated if:

- (A) he or she resigns by notice in writing delivered to our company or tendered at a board meeting;
- (B) he or she becomes of unsound mind or dies;
- (C) without special leave, he or she is absent from meetings of the board for six (6) consecutive months, and the board resolves that his or her office is vacated;
- (D) he or she becomes bankrupt or has a receiving order made against him or her or suspends payment or compounds with his or her creditors;
- (E) he or she is prohibited from being a director by law; or
- (F) he or she ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of law or is removed from office pursuant to our articles of association.

The board may appoint one or more of its body to be managing director, joint managing director, or deputy managing director or to hold any other employment or executive office with our company for such period and upon such terms as the board may determine and the board may revoke or terminate any of such appointments. The board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions to committees consisting of such director or directors and other persons as the board thinks fit, and it may from time to time revoke such delegation or revoke the appointment of and discharge any such committees either wholly or in part, and either as to persons or purposes, but every committee so formed must, in the exercise of the powers, authorities and discretions so delegated, conform to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed upon it by the board.

Our officers are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the board of directors, and may be removed by our board of directors.

D. Employees

As of December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025, we had 12,891, 13,057 and 14,003 full-time and part-time employees. The following table sets forth the numbers of our employees categorized by function as of December 31, 2025.

	<u>As of December 31, 2025</u>
Headquarters, regional managers and administrative staff	522
Managerial restaurant staff	385
Kitchen staff	5,137
Waiting staff	5,731
Reception staff	652
Others ⁽¹⁾	1,576
Total	14,003

Note:

(1) Primarily including midnight restaurant staff and restaurant staff responsible for food delivery.

E. Share Ownership

Except as specifically noted, the following table sets forth information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our ordinary shares as of March 31, 2026 by:

- each of our directors and executive officers; and
- each of our principal shareholders who beneficially own 5% or more of our total outstanding shares.

The calculations in the table below are based on 650,299,000 ordinary shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2026.

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Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, we have included shares that the person has the right to acquire within 60 days, including through the exercise of any option, warrant or other right or the conversion of any other security, if any. These shares, however, are not included in the computation of the percentage ownership of any other person.

	Ordinary Shares Beneficially Owned		
	Total ordinary shares beneficially owned	% of beneficial ownership	% of aggregate voting power
Directors and Executive Officers*:			
Ping Shu ⁽¹⁾	279,737,389	43.02	43.02
June Lijuan Yang ⁽⁴⁾	17,757,122	2.73	2.73
Yu Li	—	—	—
Li Liu	—	—	—
Anthony Kang Uei Tan	—	—	—
Ser Luck Teo	—	—	—
Jown Jing Vincent Lien	—	—	—
Shaohua Zhou	—	—	—
Cong Qu	—	—	—
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group	297,494,511	45.75	45.75
Principal Shareholders:			
Yong Zhang entities ⁽¹⁾	279,737,389	43.02	43.02
SP NP LTD ⁽¹⁾	279,737,389	43.02	43.02
LHY NP LTD and SYH NP LTD ⁽²⁾	111,758,438	17.19	17.19
ESOP Planforms ⁽⁴⁾	61,933,000	9.52	—

Notes

* Except as indicated otherwise below, the business address of our directors and executive officers is 1 Paya Lebar Link #09- 04 PLQ 1 Paya Lebar Quarter Singapore 408533. The business address of Anthony Kang Uei Tan is 52 Crowhurst Drive Singapore 557931. The business address of Ser Luck Teo is 74 Stratton Drive Singapore 805672. The business address of Jown Jing Vincent Lien is 1 Raffles Place, 5100 Singapore.

† For each person and group included in this column, percentage ownership is calculated by dividing the number of shares beneficially owned by such person or group by the sum of the total number of shares outstanding as of March 31, 2026.

(1) Represents (i) 71,561,070 ordinary shares held by SP NP LTD, an investment holding company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and controlled by Ms. Ping Shu, our director and chairperson of the board of director, and (iii) 208,176,319 ordinary shares held by ZY NP LTD, an investment holding company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and controlled by Mr. Yong Zhang, Ms. Ping Shu's spouse. Accordingly, all of the 279,737,389 ordinary shares, representing 43.02% of our total ordinary shares outstanding, have been under the ownership and control of Mr. Yong Zhang and/or Ms. Ping Shu at all times since our initial registration, and neither of them disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities directly or indirectly held by their spouse. The registered address of each of SP NP LTD and ZY NP LTD is Trinity Chambers, P.O., Box 4301, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

- (2) Represents (i) 62,080,369 ordinary shares held by LHY NP LTD, an investment holding company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and controlled by Ms. Hailey Lee, (ii) 45,928,069 ordinary shares held by SYH NP LTD, an investment holding company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and controlled by Mr. Sean Yonghong Shi, Ms. Hailey Lee's spouse and (iii) 3,750,000 ordinary shares held by Ms. Hailey Lee. Mr. Sean Yonghong Shi is Ms. Hailey Lee's spouse and accordingly, all of the 111,758,438 ordinary shares, representing 17.19% of our total ordinary shares outstanding, have been under the ownership and control of Mr. Sean Yonghong Shi and/or Ms. Hailey Lee at all times since our initial registration, and neither of them disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities directly or indirectly held by their spouse. The registered address of each of LHY NP LTD and SYH NP LTD is Trinity Chambers, P.O., Box 4301, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
- (3) Represents (i) 43,353,100 ordinary shares held by Super Hi Ltd. (the "ESOP Platform I"), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and (ii) 18,579,900 ordinary shares held by Super Hi International Ltd. (the "ESOP Platform II"), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability. The registered address of each of the ESOP Platform I and the ESOP Platform II is Trinity Chambers, PO Box 4301, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. We use the ESOP Platform I and the ESOP Platform II to implement the Share Award Scheme. The ESOP Platform I refers to Super Hi Ltd., a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and wholly-owned by SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. SHARE AWARD SCHEME Trust I, a trust set up by our company as the settlor for the benefit of the grantees other than the directors and other connected persons of our company (as defined under the Hong Kong Listing Rules) pursuant to the Share Award Scheme. The ESOP Platform II refers to Super Hi International Ltd., a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and wholly-owned by SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. SHARE AWARD SCHEME Trust II, a trust set up by our company as the settlor for the benefit of the grantees who are directors or other connected persons of our company (as defined under the Hong Kong Listing Rules) pursuant to the Share Award Scheme. We have appointed Futu Trustee Limited as the trustee for each of SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. SHARE AWARD SCHEME Trust I and SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. SHARE AWARD SCHEME Trust II. Pursuant to the arrangements we have entered into with the trustee for each ESOP Platform, the board of directors of our company exercises investment control over each ESOP Platform.

Pursuant to the Share Award Scheme, before the awards corresponding to any underlying ordinary shares of our company held by the ESOP Platform I or the ESOP Platform II are vested, none of the ESOP Platform I, the ESOP Platform II, or their trustee is entitled to exercise any voting rights in respect of any such ordinary shares. After the related awards are vested, the underlying ordinary shares of our company will be transferred by the ESOP Platform I or the ESOP II Platform, as applicable, to the related grantees in accordance with the Share Award Scheme, and such grantees will become the beneficial owners of such ordinary shares. As of the date of this annual report, the vesting conditions (including both service conditions and performance conditions) of the Share Award Scheme have not yet been determined and no shared understanding of the terms and conditions of the share-based payment arrangement between our company and the grantees has been reached. Therefore, no share-based payment expense has been incurred up to the date of this annual report. Ordinary shares of our company held by the ESOP Platform I or the ESOP Platform II are issued and outstanding under Cayman Islands law. See "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees—B. Compensation—Share Award Scheme" and notes 25 and 26 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report for more details.

- (4) Represents (i) 5,100 ordinary shares held by Ms. June Lijuan Yang and (ii) 14,672,822 ordinary shares and 307,920 ADSs (representing 3,079,200 ordinary shares) held by YLJ YIHAI Ltd., a business company with limited liability incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and controlled by Ms. June Lijuan Yang. The registered address of YLJ YIHA is Trinity Chambers, PO Box 4301, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

To our knowledge, as of December 31, 2025, a total of 22,333,660 Class A ordinary shares were held by Citibank, N.A., the depository for our ADS program, via its Hong Kong nominees for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of our ADSs. One record holder in the United States held a *de minimis* number of our ADSs. The number of beneficial owners of our ADSs in the United States is likely to be much larger than the number of record holders in the United States.

We are not aware of any arrangement that may, at a subsequent date, result in a change of control of our company. See "Item 10. Additional Information—A. Share Capital" for historical changes in our shareholding structure.

F. Disclosure of Registrant's Action to Recover Erroneously Awarded Compensation

Not applicable.

ITEM 7. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A. Major Shareholders

See “Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees—E. Share Ownership.”

B. Related Party Transactions

Employment Agreements and Indemnification Agreements

See “Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees—B. Compensation—Employment Agreements and Indemnification Agreements.”

Share Award Scheme

See “Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees—B. Compensation—Share Award Scheme.”

Other Transactions with Related Parties

Trademark license from Sichuan Haidilao. On December 12, 2022, we entered into a trademark license agreement with Sichuan Haidilao Catering Co., Ltd. (“Sichuan Haidilao”), a limited liability company established in the PRC and controlled by Mr. Yong Zhang, our largest shareholder. Pursuant to this agreement, Sichuan Haidilao agrees to license to our company certain trademarks registered by Sichuan Haidilao, including Haidilao (“海底撈”), in all the jurisdictions where we operate on an exclusive and royalty-free basis for a perpetual term, to the extent permissible under the Hong Kong Listing Rules and relevant laws and regulations.

Transaction with Yihai. We purchase hot pot soup flavoring and Chinese-style compound condiment products and other related supplies from Yihai International Holding Ltd., a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability (“Yihai”) and listed on the HKEx (HKEx: 1579). Yihai is controlled by Mr. Yong Zhang, our largest shareholder. In 2023, 2024 and 2025, US\$13.7 million, US\$16.6 million and US\$19.1 million in purchase of goods was incurred under this agreement, respectively.

Disposal of JAPAN HAI. On October 31, 2023, we sold all of our equity interest in JAPAN HAI Co., Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of our company (“JAPAN HAI”), to Newpai, a wholly-owned subsidiary of HDL Group, for a cash consideration of US\$17.4 million. JAPAN HAI primarily engages in managing and developing hot spring hotels in Japan.

As of March 31, 2026, entities controlled by Ms. Ping Shu and Mr. Yong Zhang collectively own 43.02% of our outstanding shares. Mr. Yong Zhang is the spouse of Ms. Ping Shu, our director and chairperson of the board of directors. As the largest shareholders of our company, Ms. Ping Shu and Mr. Yong Zhang have substantial influence over our business.

C. Interests of Experts and Counsel

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information

We have appended consolidated financial statements filed as part of this annual report.

Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we may be involved in various claims and legal actions that arise in the ordinary course of business. We do not believe that the ultimate resolution of any pending claims and legal actions will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations, liquidity and capital resources.

Dividend Policy

We have never declared or paid dividends on our ordinary shares. We currently expect to retain all future earnings for use in the operation and expansion of our business and do not have any present plan to pay any dividends.

Pursuant to our articles of association, (i) any future declarations and payments of dividends (other than interim dividends) will be at the recommendation of our board at its absolute discretion for approval by our shareholders at a general meeting; and (ii) interim dividends may be paid by our board if justified by the profits of our company. There can be no assurance that we will be able to declare or distribute any dividend in the amount set out in any plan of our board or at all. In addition, as a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands, we may declare and pay a dividend out of profits and/or share premium account, provided always that in no circumstances may a dividend be declared or paid out of share premium if such payment would result in our company being unable to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business. If we pay any dividends on our ordinary shares, we will pay those dividends which are payable in respect of the ordinary shares underlying the ADSs to the depository, as the registered holder of such ordinary shares, and the depository then will pay such amounts to the ADS holders in proportion to the ordinary shares underlying the ADSs held by such ADS holders, subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, including the fees and expenses payable thereunder. See “Item 12. Description of Securities Other Than Equity Securities — D. American Depositary Shares.” Cash dividends on our ordinary shares, if any, will be paid in U.S. dollars.

B. Significant Changes

Except as disclosed elsewhere in this annual report, we have not experienced any significant changes since the date of our audited consolidated financial statements included in this annual report.

ITEM 9. THE OFFER AND LISTING

A. Offering and Listing Details

Our ADSs, each representing ten (10) ordinary shares, have been listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market since May 16, 2024 (United States Eastern Standard Time) under the symbol “HDL.”

Our ordinary shares have been listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, by way of introduction, since December 30, 2022 under the stock code “9658.”

B. Plan of Distribution

Not applicable.

C. Markets

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D. Selling Shareholders

Not applicable.

E. Dilution

Not applicable.

F. Expenses of the Issue

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. Share Capital

History of Securities Issuances

The following is a summary of our securities issuances in the past three years.

Ordinary Shares

Our ordinary shares have been listed on the HKEx since December 30, 2022 under the stock code “9658.” The Hong Kong listing of our ordinary shares was achieved through HDL Group’s distribution (the “Distribution”) of 100% of its equity interest in SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. (held by Newpai) to qualified holders of HDL Group’s ordinary shares as of the close of business on the record date of December 20, 2022 (the “Record Date”). Each qualified holder of HDL Group’s ordinary shares of record received one ordinary share of our company for every ten shares of HDL Group’s ordinary shares that it held on the Record Date. Following the Distribution, we became an independent, publicly-traded company and HDL Group retains no ownership interest in our company.

On September 2, 2025, NP UNITED HOLDING LTD., one of our then Shareholders, resolved to distribute in specie all the shares of us held by NP United (the “**Distribution Shares**”) to the shareholders of NP United, namely ZY NP LTD, SP NP LTD, SYH NP LTD, and LHY NP LTD, in strict proportion to their respective shareholding percentages (the “**Distribution in Specie**”).

We have granted awards to receive our ordinary shares to certain of our directors, executive officers, employees and service providers under the Share Award Scheme, for their past and future services. See “Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees—B. Compensation—Share Award Scheme.”

B. Memorandum and Articles of Association

We are an exempted company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands and our affairs are governed by our memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands (the “**Companies Act**”), and the common law of the Cayman Islands.

The following are summaries of material provisions of our memorandum and articles of association and of the Companies Act, insofar as they relate to the material terms of our ordinary shares.

Objects of Our Company. Under our memorandum and articles of association, the objects of our company are unrestricted and we have and are capable of exercising all the functions of a natural person of full capacity irrespective of any question of corporate benefit.

Classes of Shares. The share capital of our company consists of ordinary shares.

Voting Rights and Right to Demand a Poll. Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any shares, at any general meeting on a poll every member present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorized representative shall have one vote for every fully paid share of which he is the holder but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls or installments is treated for the foregoing purposes as paid up on the share. A member entitled to more than one vote need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.

At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting is to be decided by way of a poll save that the chairperson of the meeting may in good faith, allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands in which case every member present in person (or being a corporation, is present by a duly authorized representative), or by proxy(ies) shall have one vote provided that where more than one proxy is appointed by a member which is a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands. Votes (whether on a show of hands or by way of poll) may be cast by such means, electronic or otherwise, as the directors or the chairperson of the meeting may determine.

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Any corporation which is a member may by resolution of its directors or other governing body authorize such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of our company or at any meeting of any class of members. The person so authorized shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of such corporation as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual member and such corporation shall for the purposes of our articles of association be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if a person so authorized is present thereat.

If a recognized clearing house (or its nominee(s)) is a member of our company it may authorize such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative(s) at any meeting of our company or at any meeting of any class of members of our company provided that, if more than one person is so authorized, the authorization shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such person is so authorized. A person authorized pursuant to this provision shall be deemed to have been duly authorized without further evidence of the facts and be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the recognized clearing house (or its nominee(s)) as if such person was the registered holder of the shares of our company held by that clearing house (or its nominee(s)) including, the right to speak and to vote, and where a show of hands is allowed, the right to vote individually on a show of hands.

All members have the right to speak and vote at a general meeting except where a member is required, by the rules of the HKEx, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration.

Where our company has any knowledge that any member is, under the rules of the HKEx, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of our company or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution of our company, any votes cast by or on behalf of such member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

Dividends. Our company in general meeting may declare dividends in any currency to be paid to the members but no dividend shall be declared in excess of the amount recommended by the board. Dividends may be declared and paid out of the profits of our company, realized or unrealized, or from any reserve set aside from profits which the directors determine is no longer needed. With the sanction of an ordinary resolution dividends may also be declared and paid out of share premium account or any other fund or account which can be authorized for this purpose in accordance with the Companies Act.

Except in so far as the rights attaching to, or the terms of issue of, any share may otherwise provide, (i) all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares in respect whereof the dividend is paid but no amount paid up on a share in advance of calls shall for this purpose be treated as paid up on the share and (ii) all dividends shall be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amount paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid. The directors may deduct from any dividend or other monies payable to any member or in respect of any shares all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to our company on account of calls or otherwise.

Whenever the board or our company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared on the share capital of our company, the board may further resolve either (a) that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up, provided that the members entitled thereto will be entitled to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof) in cash in lieu of such allotment, or (b) that members entitled to such dividend will be entitled to elect to receive an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up in lieu of the whole or such part of the dividend as the board may think fit.

Our company may also upon the recommendation of the board by an ordinary resolution resolve in respect of any one particular dividend of our company that it may be satisfied wholly in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up without offering any right to members to elect to receive such dividend in cash in lieu of such allotment.

Any dividend, interest or other sum payable in cash to the holder of shares may be paid by cheque or warrant sent through the post addressed to the holder at his registered address, or in the case of joint holders, addressed to the holder whose name stands first in the register of our company in respect of the shares at his address as appearing in the register or addressed to such person and at such addresses as the holder or joint holders may in writing direct. Every such cheque or warrant shall, unless the holder or joint holders otherwise direct, be made payable to the order of the holder or, in the case of joint holders, to the order of the holder whose name stands first on the register in respect of such shares, and shall be sent at his or their risk and payment of the cheque or warrant by the bank on which it is drawn shall constitute a good discharge to our company. Any one of two or more joint holders may give effectual receipts for any dividends or other moneys payable or property distributable in respect of the shares held by such joint holders.

Whenever the board or our company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared the board may further resolve that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets of any kind.

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All dividends or bonuses unclaimed for one year after having been declared may be invested or otherwise made use of by the board for the benefit of our company until claimed and our company shall not be constituted a trustee in respect thereof. All dividends or bonuses unclaimed for six years after having been declared may be forfeited by the board and shall revert to our company.

No dividend or other monies payable by our company on or in respect of any share shall bear interest against our company.

Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings. Our company must hold an annual general meeting of our company every financial year and such general meeting must be held within six (6) months after the end of our company's financial year unless a longer period would not infringe the rules of the HKEx.

Extraordinary general meetings may be convened on the requisition of one or more members holding, at the date of deposit of the requisition, not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of our company having the right of voting at general meetings, on a one vote per share basis. Such requisition shall be made in writing to the board or the secretary for the purpose of requiring an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the board for the transaction of any business or resolution specified in such requisition. Such meeting shall be held within two months after the deposit of such requisition. If within 21 days of such deposit, the board fails to proceed to convene such meeting, the requisitioner(s) himself/herself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitioner(s) as a result of the failure of the board shall be reimbursed to the requisitioner(s) by our company.

An annual general meeting must be called by notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days. All other general meetings must be called by notice of at least fourteen (14) clear days. The notice is exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given, and must specify the time and place of the meeting and particulars of resolutions to be considered at the meeting and, in the case of special business, the general nature of that business.

In addition, notice of every general meeting must be given to all members of our company other than to such members as, under the provisions of our memorandum and articles of association or the terms of issue of the shares they hold, are not entitled to receive such notices from our company, and also to, among others, the auditors for the time being of our company.

Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to our memorandum and articles of association may be served on or delivered to any member of our company personally, by post to such member's registered address or by advertisement in newspapers in accordance with the requirements of the HKEx. Subject to compliance with Cayman Islands law and the rules of the HKEx, notice may also be served or delivered by our company to any member by electronic means.

All business that is transacted at an extraordinary general meeting and at an annual general meeting is deemed special, save that in the case of an annual general meeting, each of the following business is deemed an ordinary business:

- (A) the declaration and sanctioning of dividends;
- (B) the consideration and adoption of the accounts and balance sheet and the reports of the directors and the auditors;
- (C) the election of directors in place of those retiring;
- (D) the appointment of auditors and other officers; and
- (E) the fixing of the remuneration of the directors and of the auditors.

No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business, but the absence of a quorum shall not preclude the appointment of a chairperson. The quorum for a general meeting shall be two members present in person (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorized representative) or by proxy or, for quorum purposes only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as authorized representative or proxy, and entitled to vote. In respect of a separate class meeting (other than an adjourned meeting) convened to sanction the modification of class rights the necessary quorum shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class.

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Any member of our company entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of our company is entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf at a general meeting of our company or at a class meeting. A proxy need not be a member of our company and is entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of a member who is an individual and for whom he acts as proxy as such member could exercise. In addition, a proxy is entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of a member which is a corporation and for which he acts as proxy as such member could exercise as if it were an individual member. Votes may be given either personally (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorized representative) or by proxy.

Special and ordinary resolutions. A special resolution of our company must be passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the votes cast by such members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of such members as are corporations, by their duly authorized representatives or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which notice has been duly given in accordance with our memorandum and articles of association.

Under the Companies Act, a copy of any special resolution must be forwarded to the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands within fifteen (15) days of being passed.

An ordinary resolution is defined in our articles of association to mean a resolution passed by a simple majority of the votes of such members of our company as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or, in the case of corporations, by their duly authorized representatives or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which notice has been duly given in accordance with our articles of association.

Variation of Rights of Existing Shares or Classes of Shares. Subject to the Companies Act, if at any time the share capital of our company is divided into different classes of shares, all or any of the special rights attached to the shares or any class of shares may (unless otherwise provided for by the terms of issue of that class) be varied, modified or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-fourths in nominal value of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of that class. To every such separate general meeting the provisions of our articles of association relating to general meetings will mutatis mutandis apply, but so that the necessary quorum (other than at an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class and at any adjourned meeting two holders present in person or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by them) shall be a quorum. Every holder of shares of the class shall be entitled to one vote for every such share held by him.

Any special rights conferred upon the holders of any shares or class of shares shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided in the rights attaching to the terms of issue of such shares, be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further shares ranking *pari passu* therewith.

Alteration of Capital. Our company may by ordinary resolution of its members:

- (A) increase its share capital by the creation of new shares;
- (B) consolidate all or any of its capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares;
- (C) divide its shares into several classes and attach to such shares any preferential, deferred, qualified or special rights, privileges, conditions or restrictions as our company in general meeting or as the directors may determine;
- (D) subdivide its shares or any of them into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by our memorandum and articles of association; or
- (E) cancel any shares which, at the date of passing of the resolution, have not been taken and diminish the amount of its capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

Our company may reduce its share capital or any capital redemption reserve or other undistributable reserve in any way by special resolution.

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Transfer of Shares. All transfers of shares may be effected by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in a form prescribed by the HKEx or in such other form as the board may approve and which may be under hand or, if the transferor or transferee is a clearing house or its nominee(s), by hand or by machine imprinted signature or by such other manner of execution as the board may approve from time to time.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for so long as any shares are listed on the HKEx, titles to such listed shares may be evidenced and transferred in accordance with the laws applicable to and the rules and regulations of the HKEx that are or shall be applicable to such listed shares. The register of members in respect of its listed shares (whether the principal register or a branch register) may be kept by recording the particulars required by Section 40 of the Companies Act in a form otherwise than legible if such recording otherwise complies with the laws applicable to and the rules and regulations of the HKEx that are or shall be applicable to such listed shares.

The instrument of transfer shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and the transferee provided that the board may dispense with the execution of the instrument of transfer by the transferee. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the register of members in respect of that share.

The board may, in its absolute discretion, at any time transfer any share upon the principal register to any branch register or any share on any branch register to the principal register or any other branch register.

The board may decline to recognize any instrument of transfer unless a fee (not exceeding the maximum sum as the HKEx may determine to be payable) determined by the directors is paid to our company, the instrument of transfer is properly stamped (if applicable), it is in respect of only one class of share and is lodged at the relevant registration office or registered office or such other place at which the principal register is kept accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s) and such other evidence as the board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer (and if the instrument of transfer is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person so to do).

The registration of transfers may be suspended and the register closed on giving notice by advertisement in any newspaper or by any other means in accordance with the requirements of the HKEx, at such times and for such periods as the board may determine. The register of members must not be closed for periods exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in any year. The period of thirty (30) days may be extended for a further period or periods not exceeding thirty (30) days in respect of any year if approved by members by ordinary resolution.

Subject to the above, fully paid shares are free from any restriction on transfer and free of all liens in favor of our company.

Power of Our Company to Purchase its Own Shares. Our company is empowered by the Companies Act and our articles of association to purchase our own shares subject to certain restrictions and the board may only exercise this power on behalf of our company subject to any applicable requirements imposed from time to time by the HKEx. The board may accept the surrender for no consideration of any fully paid share.

Power of any subsidiary of our company to own shares in our company. There are no provisions in our memorandum and articles of association relating to ownership of shares in our company by a subsidiary.

Calls on Shares and Forfeiture of Shares. The board may from time to time make such calls upon the members in respect of any monies unpaid on the shares held by them respectively (whether on account of the nominal value of the shares or by way of premium). A call may be made payable either in one lump sum or by installments. If the sum payable in respect of any call or instalment is not paid on or before the day appointed for payment thereof, the person or persons from whom the sum is due shall pay interest on the same at such rate not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum as the board may agree to accept from the day appointed for the payment thereof to the time of actual payment, but the board may waive payment of such interest wholly or in part. The board may, if it thinks fit, receive from any member willing to advance the same, either in money or money's worth, all or any part of the monies uncalled and unpaid or installments payable upon any shares held by him, and upon all or any of the monies so advanced our company may pay interest at such rate (if any) as the board may decide.

If a member fails to pay any call on the day appointed for payment thereof, the board may serve not less than fourteen (14) clear days' notice on him requiring payment of so much of the call as is unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued and which may still accrue up to the date of actual payment and stating that, in the event of non-payment at or before the time appointed, the shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.

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If the requirements of any such notice are not complied with, any share in respect of which the notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the board to that effect. Such forfeiture will include all dividends and bonuses declared in respect of the forfeited share and not actually paid before the forfeiture.

A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of the forfeited shares but shall, notwithstanding, remain liable to pay to our company all monies which, at the date of forfeiture, were payable by him to our company in respect of the shares, together with (if the board shall in its discretion so require) interest thereon from the date of forfeiture until the date of actual payment at such rate not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum as the board determines.

Liquidation. A resolution that our company be wound up by the court or, unless otherwise provided by the Companies Act, be wound up voluntarily shall be a special resolution. Subject to any special rights, privileges or restrictions as to the distribution of available surplus assets on liquidation for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares:

- (A) if our company is wound up and the assets available for distribution amongst the members of our company shall be more than sufficient to repay the whole of the capital paid up at the commencement of the winding up, the excess shall be distributed *pari passu* amongst such members in proportion to the amount paid up on the shares held by them respectively; and
- (B) if our company is wound up and the assets available for distribution amongst the members as such shall be insufficient to repay the whole of the paid-up capital, such assets shall be distributed so that, as nearly as may be, the losses shall be borne by the members in proportion to the capital paid up, or which ought to have been paid up, at the commencement of the winding up on the shares held by them respectively.

If our company is wound up (whether the liquidation is voluntary or by the court) the liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution and any other sanction required by the Companies Act divide among the members in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of our company whether the assets shall consist of property of one kind or shall consist of properties of different kinds and the liquidator may, for such purpose, set such value as he deems fair upon any one or more class or classes of property to be divided as aforesaid and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members. The liquidator may, with the like authority, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of members as the liquidator, with the like authority, shall think fit, but so that no contributory shall be compelled to accept any shares or other property in respect of which there is a liability.

Redemption, Repurchase and Surrender of Shares. We may issue shares on terms that such shares are subject to redemption, at our option or at the option of the holders of these shares, on such terms and in such manner as may be determined, before the issue of such shares, by our board of directors or by our shareholders by ordinary resolutions. Our company may also repurchase any of our shares on such terms and in such manner as have been approved by our board of directors or by an ordinary resolution of our shareholders. Under the Companies Act, the redemption or repurchase of any share may be paid out of our company's profits or out of the proceeds of a new issue of shares made for the purpose of such redemption or repurchase, or out of capital (including share premium account and capital redemption reserve) if our company can, immediately following such payment, pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business. In addition, under the Companies Act no such share may be redeemed or repurchased (a) unless it is fully paid up, (b) if such redemption or repurchase would result in there being no shares outstanding or (c) if the company has commenced liquidation. In addition, our company may accept the surrender of any fully paid share for no consideration.

Issuance of Additional Shares. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and our memorandum and articles of association and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or class of shares, any share may be issued (a) with or have attached thereto such rights, or such restrictions, whether with regard to dividend, voting, return of capital, or otherwise, as the directors may determine, or (b) on terms that, at the option of our company or the holder thereof, it is liable to be redeemed.

The board may issue warrants or convertible securities or securities of similar nature conferring the right upon the holders thereof to subscribe for any class of shares or securities in the capital of our company on such terms as it may determine.

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and our memorandum and articles of association and, where applicable, the rules of the HKEx and without prejudice to any special rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any shares or any class of shares, all unissued shares in our company are at the disposal of the board, which may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times, for such consideration and on such terms and conditions as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit, but so that no shares shall be issued at a discount to their nominal value.

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Neither our company nor the board is obliged, when making or granting any allotment of, offer of, option over or disposal of shares, to make, or make available, any such allotment, offer, option or shares to members or others with registered addresses in any particular territory or territories being a territory or territories where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, this would or might, in the opinion of the board, be unlawful or impracticable. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be, or be deemed to be, a separate class of members for any purpose whatsoever.

Inspection of Books and Records. The board shall cause true accounts to be kept of the sums of money received and expended our company, and the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure take place, and of the property, assets, credits and liabilities of our company and of all other matters required by the Companies Act or necessary to give a true and fair view of our company's affairs and to explain its transactions.

The accounting records must be kept at the registered office or at such other place or places as the board decides and shall always be open to inspection by any director. No member (other than a director) shall have any right to inspect any accounting record or book or document of our company except as conferred by law or authorized by the board or our company in general meeting. However, an exempted company must make available at its registered office in electronic form or any other medium, copies of its books of account or parts thereof as may be required of it upon service of an order or notice by the Tax Information Authority pursuant to the Tax Information Authority Act of the Cayman Islands.

A copy of every balance sheet and profit and loss account (including every document required by law to be annexed thereto) which is to be laid before our company at its general meeting, together with a printed copy of the directors' report and a copy of the auditors' report, shall not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date of the meeting and at the same time as the notice of annual general meeting be sent to every person entitled to receive notices of general meetings of our company under the provisions of our memorandum and articles of association; however, subject to compliance with all applicable laws, including the rules of the HKEx, we may send to such persons summarized financial statements derived from our company's annual accounts and the directors' report instead provided that any such person may by notice in writing served on our company, demand that our company sends to him, in addition to summarized financial statements, a complete printed copy of our company's annual financial statement and the directors' report thereon.

At the annual general meeting or at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting in each year, the members shall by ordinary resolution appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of our company and such auditor shall hold office until the next annual general meeting. Moreover, the members may, at any general meeting, by ordinary resolution remove the auditor at any time before the expiration of his terms of office and shall by ordinary resolution at that meeting appoint another auditor for the remainder of his term. The remuneration of the auditors shall be fixed by an ordinary resolution passed at a general meeting or in such manner as the members may by ordinary resolution determine.

The financial statements of our company shall be audited by the auditor in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which may be those of a country or jurisdiction other than the Cayman Islands. The auditor shall make a written report thereon in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the report of the auditor must be submitted to the members in general meeting.

Anti-Takeover Provisions. Some provisions of our articles of association may discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our company or management that shareholders may consider favorable, including provision that only one-third of the board of directors is up for election during each annual general meeting.

However, under Cayman Islands law, our directors may only exercise the rights and powers granted to them under our memorandum and articles of association for a proper purpose and for what they believe in good faith to be in the best interests of our company.

Exempted Company. We are an exempted company with limited liability incorporated under the Companies Act. The Companies Act distinguishes between ordinary resident companies and exempted companies. Any company that is registered in the Cayman Islands but conducts business mainly outside of the Cayman Islands may apply to be registered as an exempted company. The requirements for an exempted company are essentially the same as for an ordinary company except that an exempted company:

- does not have to file an annual return of its shareholders with the Registrar of Companies;
- is not required to open its register of members for inspection;
- does not have to hold an annual general meeting;

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- may issue negotiable or bearer shares or shares with no par value;
- may obtain an undertaking against the imposition of any future taxation (such undertakings are usually given for 20 years in the first instance);
- may register by way of continuation in another jurisdiction and be deregistered in the Cayman Islands;
- may register as a limited duration company; and
- may register as a segregated portfolio company.

“Limited liability” means that the liability of each shareholder is limited to the amount unpaid by the shareholder on the shares of the company (except in exceptional circumstances, such as involving fraud, the establishment of an agency relationship or an illegal or improper purpose or other circumstances in which a court may be prepared to pierce or lift the corporate veil).

Differences in Corporate Law

The Companies Act is derived, to a large extent, from the older Companies Acts of England but does not follow recent English statutory enactments and, accordingly, there are significant differences between the Companies Act of the Cayman Islands and the current Companies Act of England. In addition, the Companies Act of the Cayman Islands differs from laws applicable to U.S. corporations and their shareholders. Set forth below is a summary of certain significant differences between the provisions of the Companies Act applicable to us and the laws applicable to companies incorporated in the State of Delaware in the United States and their shareholders.

Mergers and Similar Arrangements. The Companies Act permits mergers and consolidations between Cayman Islands companies and between Cayman Islands companies and non-Cayman Islands companies. For these purposes, (i) “merger” means the merging of two or more constituent companies and the vesting of their undertaking, property and liabilities in one of such companies as the surviving company, and (ii) a “consolidation” means the combination of two or more constituent companies into a consolidated company and the vesting of the undertaking, property and liabilities of such companies to the consolidated company. In order to effect such a merger or consolidation, the directors of each constituent company must approve a written plan of merger or consolidation, which must then be authorized by (a) a special resolution of the shareholders of each constituent company, and (b) such other authorization, if any, as may be specified in such constituent company’s articles of association. The written plan of merger or consolidation must be filed with the Registrar of Companies of the Cayman Islands together with a declaration as to the solvency of the surviving or consolidated company, a list of the assets and liabilities of each constituent company and an undertaking that a copy of the certificate of merger or consolidation will be given to the members and creditors of each constituent company and that notification of the merger or consolidation will be published in the Cayman Islands Gazette. Court approval is not required for a merger or consolidation that is effected in compliance with these statutory procedures.

A merger between a Cayman parent company and its Cayman subsidiary or subsidiaries does not require authorization by a resolution of shareholders of that Cayman subsidiary if a copy of the plan of merger is given to every member of that Cayman subsidiary to be merged unless that member agrees otherwise. For this purpose a company is a “parent” of a subsidiary if it holds issued shares that together represent at least 90.0% of the votes at a general meeting of the subsidiary.

The consent of each holder of a fixed or floating security interest over a constituent company is required unless this requirement is waived by a court in the Cayman Islands.

Save in certain limited circumstances, a shareholder of a Cayman constituent company who dissents from the merger or consolidation is entitled to payment of the fair value of his shares (which, if not agreed between the parties, will be determined by the Cayman Islands court) upon dissenting to the merger or consolidation; *provided* that the dissenting shareholder complies strictly with the procedures set out in the Companies Act. The exercise of dissenter rights will preclude the exercise by the dissenting shareholder of any other rights to which he or she might otherwise be entitled by virtue of holding shares, save for the right to seek relief on the grounds that the merger or consolidation is void or unlawful.

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Separate from the statutory provisions relating to mergers and consolidations, the Companies Act also contains statutory provisions that facilitate the reconstruction and amalgamation of companies by way of schemes of arrangement; *provided* that the arrangement is approved by 75% in value of the shareholders or class of shareholders, as the case may be, with whom the arrangement is to be made and a majority in number of each class of creditors with whom the arrangement is to be made, and who must in addition represent 75% in value of each such class of creditors, as the case may be, that are present and voting either in person or by proxy at a meeting, or meetings, convened for that purpose. The convening of the meetings and subsequently the arrangement must be sanctioned by the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands. While a dissenting shareholder has the right to express to the court the view that the transaction ought not to be approved, the court can be expected to approve the arrangement if it determines that:

- the statutory provisions as to the required majority vote have been met;
- the shareholders have been fairly represented at the meeting in question and the statutory majority are acting bona fide without coercion of the minority to promote interests adverse to those of the class;
- the arrangement is such that may be reasonably approved by an intelligent and honest man of that class acting in respect of his interest; and
- the arrangement is not one that would more properly be sanctioned under some other provision of the Companies Act.

The Companies Act also contains a statutory power of compulsory acquisition, which may facilitate the “squeeze out” of dissentient minority shareholders upon a tender offer. When a tender offer is made and accepted by holders of 90.0% of the shares affected within four months, the offeror may, within a two- month period commencing on the expiration of such four-month period, require the holders of the remaining shares to transfer such shares to the offeror on the terms of the offer. An objection can be made to the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands but this is unlikely to succeed in the case of an offer that has been so approved unless there is evidence of fraud, bad faith or collusion.

If an arrangement and reconstruction by way of scheme of arrangement is thus approved and sanctioned, or if a tender offer is made and accepted, in accordance with the foregoing statutory procedures, a dissenting shareholder would have no rights comparable to appraisal rights, save that objectors to a takeover offer may apply to the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands for various orders that the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands has a broad discretion to make, which would otherwise ordinarily be available to dissenting shareholders of Delaware corporations, providing rights to receive payment in cash for the judicially determined value of the shares.

The Companies Act also contains statutory provisions which provide that a company may present a petition to the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands for the appointment of a restructuring officer on the grounds that the company (a) is or is likely to become unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 93 of the Companies Act; and (b) intends to present a compromise or arrangement to its creditors (or classes thereof) either, pursuant to the Companies Act, the law of a foreign country or by way of a consensual restructuring. The petition may be presented by a company acting by its directors, without a resolution of its members or an express power in its articles of association. On hearing such a petition, the Cayman Islands court may, among other things, make an order appointing a restructuring officer or make any other order as the court thinks fit.

Shareholders’ Suits. In principle, we will normally be the proper plaintiff, and as a general rule a derivative action may not be brought by a minority shareholder. However, based on English authorities, which would in all likelihood be of persuasive authority in the Cayman Islands, the Cayman Islands court can be expected to follow and apply the common law principles (namely the rule in *Foss v. Harbottle* and the exceptions thereto) so that a non-controlling shareholder may be permitted to commence a class action against or derivative actions in the name of the company to challenge actions where:

- a company acts or proposes to act illegally or ultra vires;
- the act complained of, although not ultra vires, could only be effected duly if authorized by more than a simple majority vote that has not been obtained; and
- those who control the company are perpetrating a “fraud on the minority.”

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Indemnification of Directors and Executive Officers and Limitation of Liability. Cayman Islands law does not limit the extent to which a company's memorandum and articles of association may provide for indemnification of officers and directors, except to the extent any such provision may be held by the Cayman Islands courts to be contrary to public policy, such as to provide indemnification against civil fraud or the consequences of committing a crime. Our articles of association provide that we shall indemnify our directors and officers against all actions, proceedings, costs, charges, expenses, losses, damages or liabilities incurred or sustained by such directors or officer, other than by reason of such person's dishonesty or fraud, in or about the conduct of our company's business or affairs (including as a result of any mistake of judgment) or in the execution or discharge of his duties, powers, authorities or discretions, including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any costs, expenses, losses or liabilities incurred by such director or officer in defending (whether successfully or otherwise) any civil proceedings concerning our company or its affairs in any court whether in the Cayman Islands or elsewhere. This standard of conduct is generally the same as permitted under the Delaware General Corporation Law for a Delaware corporation.

In addition, we have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors and executive officers that provide such persons with additional indemnification beyond that provided in our articles of association.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers or persons controlling us under the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Directors' Fiduciary Duties. Under Delaware corporate law, a director of a Delaware corporation has a fiduciary duty to the corporation and its shareholders. This duty has two components: the duty of care and the duty of loyalty. The duty of care requires that a director acts in good faith, with the care that an ordinarily prudent person would exercise under similar circumstances. Under this duty, a director must inform himself of, and disclose to shareholders, all material information reasonably available regarding a significant transaction. The duty of loyalty requires that a director act in a manner he reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation. He must not use his corporate position for personal gain or advantage. This duty prohibits self-dealing by a director and mandates that the best interest of the corporation and its shareholders take precedence over any interest possessed by a director, officer or controlling shareholder and not shared by the shareholders generally. In general, actions of a director are presumed to have been made on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest belief that the action taken was in the best interests of the corporation. However, this presumption may be rebutted by evidence of a breach of one of the fiduciary duties. Should such evidence be presented concerning a transaction by a director, the director must prove the procedural fairness of the transaction, and that the transaction was of fair value to the corporation.

As a matter of Cayman Islands law, a director of a Cayman Islands company is in the position of a fiduciary with respect to the company and therefore it is considered that he owes the following duties to the company — a duty to act bona fide in the best interests of the company, a duty not to make a personal profit based on his position as director (unless the company permits him to do so), a duty not to put himself in a position where the interests of the company conflict with his personal interest or his duty to a third party, and a duty to exercise powers for the purpose for which such powers were intended. A director of a Cayman Islands company owes to the company a duty to act with skill and care. It was previously considered that a director need not exhibit in the performance of his duties a greater degree of skill than may reasonably be expected from a person of his knowledge and experience. However, English and Commonwealth courts have moved towards an objective standard with regard to the required skill and care and these authorities are likely to be followed in the Cayman Islands.

Shareholder Action by Written Consent. Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation may eliminate the right of shareholders to act by written consent by amendment to its certificate of incorporation. Cayman Islands law and our articles of association provide that our shareholders may approve corporate matters by way of a unanimous written resolution signed by or on behalf of each shareholder who would have been entitled to vote on such matter at a general meeting without a meeting being held.

Shareholder Proposals. Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a shareholder has the right to put any proposal before the annual meeting of shareholders; *provided* that it complies with the notice provisions in the governing documents. A special meeting may be called by the board of directors or any other person authorized to do so in the governing documents, but shareholders may be precluded from calling special meetings.

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The Companies Act does not provide shareholders with any right to requisition a general meeting or to put any proposal before a general meeting. However, these rights may be provided in a company's articles of association. Our articles of association allow any one or more of our shareholders who together hold shares that carry in aggregate not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of our company entitled to vote at general meetings to requisition an extraordinary general meeting of our shareholders, in which case our board is obliged to convene an extraordinary general meeting and to put the resolutions so requisitioned to a vote at such meeting. Other than this right to requisition a shareholders' meeting, our articles of association do not provide our shareholders with any other right to put proposals before annual general meetings or extraordinary general meetings. As an exempted Cayman Islands company, we are not obliged by law to call shareholders' annual general meetings but our articles of association requires us to have an annual general meeting held in each financial year.

Cumulative Voting. Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, cumulative voting for elections of directors is not permitted unless the corporation's certificate of incorporation specifically provides for it. Cumulative voting potentially facilitates the representation of minority shareholders on a board of directors since it permits the minority shareholder to cast all the votes to which the shareholder is entitled on a single director, which increases the shareholder's voting power with respect to electing such director. There are no prohibitions in relation to cumulative voting under the laws of the Cayman Islands but our articles of association do not provide for cumulative voting. As a result, our shareholders are not afforded any less protections or rights on this issue than shareholders of a Delaware corporation.

Removal of Directors. Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a director of a corporation with a classified board may be removed only for cause with the approval of a majority of the issued and outstanding shares entitled to vote, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Under our articles of association, directors may be removed with or without cause, by an ordinary resolution of our shareholders. A director will also cease to be a director if he (i) becomes bankrupt or has a receiving order or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors; (ii) dies or becomes of unsound mind; (iii) resigns his office by notice in writing or tendered at a board meeting; (iv) without special leave of absence from our board, is absent from meetings of our board for six consecutive months and our board resolves that his office be vacated; or (v) is removed from office pursuant to any other provision of our articles of association.

Transactions with Interested Shareholders. The Delaware General Corporation Law contains a business combination statute applicable to Delaware corporations whereby, unless the corporation has specifically elected not to be governed by such statute by amendment to its certificate of incorporation, it is prohibited from engaging in certain business combinations with an "interested shareholder" for three years following the date that such person becomes an interested shareholder. An interested shareholder generally is a person or a group who or which owns or owned 15% or more of the target's outstanding voting shares within the past three years. This has the effect of limiting the ability of a potential acquirer to make a two-tiered bid for the target in which all shareholders would not be treated equally. The statute does not apply if, among other things, prior to the date on which such shareholder becomes an interested shareholder, the board of directors approves either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the person becoming an interested shareholder. This encourages any potential acquirer of a Delaware corporation to negotiate the terms of any acquisition transaction with the target's board of directors.

Cayman Islands law has no comparable statute. As a result, we cannot avail ourselves of the types of protections afforded by the Delaware business combination statute. However, although Cayman Islands law does not regulate transactions between a company and its significant shareholders, the directors of our company are required to comply with fiduciary duties, which they owe to our company under Cayman Islands laws, including the duty to ensure that, in their opinion, any such transactions must be entered into bona fide in the best interests of the company and not with the effect of constituting a fraud on the minority shareholders. Our articles of association also provides that where our company has knowledge that any of our shareholders is, under the rules and regulations of the HKEx, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of our company or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution of our company, any votes cast by or on behalf of such shareholder in contravention of such requirement or restriction is not to be counted.

Dissolution; Winding up. Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, unless the board of directors approves the proposal to dissolve, dissolution must be approved by shareholders holding 100% of the total voting power of the corporation. Only if the dissolution is initiated by the board of directors may it be approved by a simple majority of the corporation's outstanding shares. Delaware law allows a Delaware corporation to include in its certificate of incorporation a supermajority voting requirement in connection with dissolutions initiated by the board.

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Under Cayman Islands law, a company may be wound up by either an order of the courts of the Cayman Islands or by a special resolution of its members or, if the company is unable to pay its debts, by an ordinary resolution of its members. The court has authority to order winding up in a number of specified circumstances including where it is, in the opinion of the court, just and equitable to do so. Under the Companies Act and our articles of association, our company may be dissolved, liquidated, or wound up by a special resolution of our shareholders.

Variation of Rights of Shares. Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation may vary the rights of a class of shares with the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares of such class, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Under our articles of association, if our share capital is divided into more than one class of shares, we may vary the rights attached to any class with the written consent of the holders of at least three-fourths in nominal value of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the shares of that class.

Amendment of Governing Documents. Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation's governing documents may be amended with the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Under the Companies Act and our articles of association, our memorandum and articles of association may only be amended by a special resolution of our shareholders.

Rights of Non-Resident or Foreign Shareholders. There are no limitations imposed by our memorandum and articles of association on the rights of non-resident or foreign shareholders to hold or exercise voting rights on our shares. In addition, there are no provisions in our memorandum and articles of association that require our company to disclose shareholder ownership above any particular ownership threshold.

C. Material Contracts

We have not entered into any material contracts other than in the ordinary course of business and other than those described in "Item 4. Information on the Company," "Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions—B. Related Party Transactions" or elsewhere in this annual report.

D. Exchange Controls

Under Cayman Islands law, there are currently no restrictions on the export or import of capital, including foreign exchange controls or restrictions that affect the remittance of dividends, interest or other payments to non-resident holders of our shares.

E. Taxation

The following discussion of Cayman Islands and United States federal income tax consequences of an investment in our ADSs or ordinary shares is based upon laws and interpretations thereof in effect as of the date of this annual report, all of which are subject to change or differing interpretation, possibly with retroactive effect. This summary does not deal with all possible tax consequences relating to an investment in our ADSs or ordinary shares, such as the tax consequences under U.S. state and local tax laws or under the tax laws of jurisdictions other than the Cayman Islands and the United States.

Cayman Islands Tax Considerations

The Cayman Islands currently levies no taxes on individuals or corporations based upon profits, income, gains or appreciation and there is no taxation in the nature of inheritance tax or estate duty. There are no other taxes likely to be material to us levied by the government of the Cayman Islands except for stamp duties which may be applicable on instruments executed in, or brought within the jurisdiction of the Cayman Islands. The Cayman Islands are a party to a double tax treaty entered into with the United Kingdom in 2010 but otherwise is not party to any double tax treaties. There are no exchange control regulations or currency restrictions in the Cayman Islands.

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Pursuant to the Tax Concessions Act of the Cayman Islands, our company has obtained an undertaking:

(1) that no law which is enacted in the Cayman Islands imposing any tax to be levied on profits, income, gains or appreciation shall apply to our company or its operations; and

(2) that the aforesaid tax or any tax in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax shall not be payable on or in respect of the shares, debentures or other obligations of our company.

The undertaking for our company is for a period of twenty years from May 25, 2022.

Payments of dividends and capital in respect of our shares will not be subject to taxation in the Cayman Islands and no withholding will be required on the payment of a dividend or capital to any holder of the shares, nor will gains derived from the disposal of our shares be subject to Cayman Islands income or corporation tax.

No stamp duty is payable in respect of the issue of shares by our company and no stamp duty is payable on transfers of shares of our company provided our company does not hold any interest in land in the Cayman Islands.

United States Federal Income Tax Consideration

The following discussion describes the material United States federal income tax consequences to a United States Holder (as defined below) of an investment in the ADSs or our ordinary shares in the offering. This discussion is based on the federal income tax laws of the United States as of the date of this annual report, including the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, existing and proposed Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, judicial authority, published administrative positions of the United States Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, and other applicable authorities, all as of the date of this annual report. All of the foregoing authorities are subject to change, which change could apply retroactively and could significantly affect the tax consequences described below. We have not sought any ruling from the IRS with respect to the statements made and the conclusions reached in the following discussion and there can be no assurance that the IRS or a court will agree with our statements and conclusions.

This discussion applies only to a United States Holder (as defined below) that holds ADSs or ordinary shares as capital assets for United States federal income tax purposes (generally, property held for investment). The discussion neither addresses the tax consequences to any particular investor nor describes all of the tax consequences applicable to persons in special tax situations, such as:

- banks and other financial institutions;
- insurance companies;
- regulated investment companies;
- real estate investment trusts;
- brokers or dealers in stocks and securities, or currencies;
- persons who use or are required to use a mark-to-market method of accounting;
- certain former citizens or residents of the United States subject to Section 877 of the Code;
- entities subject to the United States anti-inversion rules;
- tax-exempt organizations and entities;
- persons subject to the alternative minimum tax provisions of the Code;
- persons whose functional currency is other than the United States dollar;
- persons holding ADSs or ordinary shares as part of a straddle, hedging, conversion or integrated transaction;

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- persons that actually or constructively own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our voting stock;
- persons who acquired ADSs or ordinary shares pursuant to the exercise of an employee stock option or otherwise as compensation;
- partnerships or other pass-through entities, or persons holding ADSs or ordinary shares through such entities; or
- persons that held, directly, indirectly or by attribution, ordinary shares or other ownership interests in us prior to the initial public offering on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Except as described below, this discussion does not address any reporting obligations that may be applicable to persons holding ADSs or ordinary shares through a bank, financial institution or other entity, or a branch thereof, located, organized or resident outside the United States. This discussion also does not address any non-U.S. tax, alternative minimum tax, state or local tax, or non-income tax (such as the U.S. federal gift or estate tax) considerations, or the Medicare tax on net investment income.

If a partnership (including an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) holds the ADSs or ordinary shares, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. A partnership or partner in a partnership holding ADSs or ordinary shares should consult its own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of investing in and holding the ADSs or ordinary shares.

THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR CAREFUL TAX PLANNING AND ADVICE. HOLDERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS TO THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATIONS, AS WELL AS ANY TAX CONSEQUENCES ARISING UNDER THE FEDERAL ESTATE OR GIFT TAX LAWS OR THE LAWS OF ANY STATE, LOCAL OR NON-UNITED STATES TAXING JURISDICTION OR UNDER ANY APPLICABLE TAX TREATY.

For purposes of the discussion below, a “United States Holder” is a beneficial owner of the ADSs or ordinary shares that is, for United States federal income tax purposes:

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate, the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust, if (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary jurisdiction over its administration and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of its substantial decisions or (ii) a valid election is in place under applicable Treasury Regulations to treat such trust as a domestic trust.

The discussion below assumes that the representations contained in the deposit agreement and any related agreement are true and that the obligations in such agreements will be complied with in accordance with their terms.

ADSs

It is generally expected that a United States Holder of ADSs will be treated as the owner of the underlying ordinary shares represented by those ADSs for United States federal income tax purposes. The remainder of this discussion assumes that a United States Holder of the ADSs will be treated in this manner. Accordingly, deposits or withdrawals of ordinary shares for ADSs generally is not expected to be subject to United States federal income tax.

Dividends and Other Distributions on the ADSs or Our Ordinary Shares

Subject to the passive foreign investment company rules discussed below, the gross amount of any distribution that we make to you with respect to the ADSs or ordinary shares will be taxable as a dividend, to the extent paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under United States federal income tax principles. Such income (including any withheld taxes) will be includable in your gross income on the day actually or constructively received by you, if you own the ordinary shares, or by the depository, if you own ADSs. Because we do not intend to determine our earnings and profits on the basis of United States federal income tax principles, any distribution paid generally will be reported as a “dividend” for United States federal income tax purposes. Such dividends will not be eligible for the dividends- received deduction allowed to qualifying corporations under the Code with respect to certain dividends.

Dividends received by a non-corporate United States Holder may qualify for the lower rates of tax applicable to “qualified dividend income,” if the dividends are paid by a “qualified foreign corporation” and other conditions discussed below are met. A non-United States corporation is treated as a qualified foreign corporation with respect to dividends paid by that corporation on shares (or American depository shares backed by such shares) that are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States. However, a non-United States corporation will not be treated as a qualified foreign corporation if it is a passive foreign investment company in the taxable year in which the dividend is paid or the preceding taxable year.

Under a published IRS Notice, common or ordinary shares, or ADSs representing such shares, are considered to be readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States if they are listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market, as the ADSs (but not our ordinary shares) are expected to be. Based on existing guidance, it is unclear whether the ordinary shares will be considered readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States, because only the ADSs, and not the underlying ordinary shares, will be listed on a securities market in the United States. In addition, there can be no assurance that our ADSs will be considered readily tradeable on an established securities market in later years.

Even if dividends would be treated as paid by a qualified foreign corporation, a non-corporate United States Holder will not be eligible for reduced rates of taxation if it does not hold the ADSs or our ordinary shares for more than 60 days during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date or if the United States Holder elects to treat the dividend income as “investment income” pursuant to Section 163(d)(4) of the Code.

You should consult your own tax advisors regarding the availability of the lower tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income for any dividends that we pay with respect to the ADSs or our ordinary shares, as well as the effect of any change in applicable law after the date of this prospectus.

For purposes of calculating your foreign tax credit limitation, dividends paid to you with respect to the ADSs or our ordinary shares will be treated as income from sources outside the United States and generally will constitute passive category income. The rules relating to the determination of the foreign tax credit are complex, and you should consult your tax advisors regarding the availability of a foreign tax credit in your particular circumstances.

Disposition of the ADSs or Our Ordinary Shares

You will recognize gain or loss on a sale or exchange of the ADSs or ordinary shares in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale or exchange and your tax basis in the ADSs or ordinary shares. Subject to the discussion under “— Passive Foreign Investment Company” below, such gain or loss generally will be capital gain or loss. Capital gains of a non-corporate United States Holder, including an individual, which has held the ADSs or ordinary shares for more than one year, are currently eligible for reduced tax rates. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Any gain or loss that you recognize on a disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares generally will be treated as United States-source income or loss for foreign tax credit limitation purposes.

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Passive Foreign Investment Company

A non-United States corporation such as SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD., will be treated as a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for United States federal income tax purposes for any taxable year if, after applying applicable look-through rules, either:

- at least 75% of its gross income for such year is passive income; or
- at least 50% of the value of its assets (determined based on a quarterly average) during such year is attributable to assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income (“asset test”).

For this purpose, passive income generally includes dividends, interest, royalties and rents (other than certain royalties and rents derived in the active conduct of a trade or business and not derived from a related person). In addition, we will be treated as owning a proportionate share of the assets and earning a proportionate share of the income of any other corporation in which we own, directly or indirectly, 25% or more (by value) of the stock.

Based on the historical value of our assets, the composition of our income and assets and the trade price of the ADSs as of the date of this annual report, we do not believe we were a PFIC for our prior taxable year ending December 31, 2025. However, the determination of PFIC status is based on an annual determination that cannot be made until the close of a taxable year, involves extensive factual investigation, including ascertaining the fair market value of all our assets on a quarterly basis and the character of each item of income that we earn, and is subject to uncertainty in several respects. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that we will not be treated as a PFIC for our prior taxable year ending December 31, 2025, or for our current or any future taxable year or that the IRS will not take a contrary position.

Changes in the composition of our income or composition of our assets may cause us to become a PFIC. The determination of whether we will be a PFIC for any taxable year may depend in part upon the value of our goodwill not reflected on our balance sheet (which may depend upon the market value of the ADSs from time to time, which may be volatile) and also may be affected by how, and how quickly, we spend our liquid assets and the cash raised in the IPO offering on the Nasdaq Stock Market. In estimating the value of our goodwill, we have taken into account our market capitalization following the listing of the ADSs on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Among other matters, if our market capitalization is less than anticipated or subsequently declines, we may be or become a PFIC for the current or future taxable years because our liquid assets and cash (which are for this purpose considered assets that produce passive income) may then represent a greater percentage of our overall assets. Further, while we believe our classification methodology and valuation approach is reasonable, it is possible that the IRS may challenge our classification or valuation of our goodwill, which may result in our being or becoming a PFIC for the current or one or more future taxable years.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which you hold ADSs or ordinary shares, we will continue to be treated as a PFIC with respect to you for all succeeding years during which you hold ADSs or ordinary shares, unless we were to cease to be a PFIC and you make a “deemed sale” election with respect to the ADSs or ordinary shares. If such election is made, you will be deemed to have sold the ADSs or ordinary shares you hold at their fair market value and any gain from such deemed sale would be subject to the rules described in the following two paragraphs. After the deemed sale election, so long as we do not become a PFIC in a subsequent taxable year, the ADSs or ordinary shares with respect to which such election was made will not be treated as shares in a PFIC and, as a result, you will not be subject to the rules described below with respect to any “excess distribution” you receive from us or any gain from an actual sale or other disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares. You are strongly urged to consult your tax advisors as to the possibility and consequences of making a deemed sale election if we are and then cease to be a PFIC and such an election becomes available to you.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which you hold ADSs or ordinary shares, then, unless you make a “mark-to-market” election (as discussed below), you generally will be subject to special adverse tax rules with respect to any “excess distribution” that you receive from us and any gain that you recognize from a sale or other disposition, including, in some circumstances, a pledge, of ADSs or ordinary shares. For this purpose, distributions that you receive in a taxable year that are greater than 125% of the average annual distributions that you received during the shorter of the three preceding taxable years or your holding period for the ADSs or ordinary shares will be treated as an excess distribution. Under these rules:

- the excess distribution or recognized gain will be allocated ratably over your holding period for the ADSs or ordinary shares;

- the amount of the excess distribution or recognized gain allocated to the taxable year of distribution or gain, and to any taxable years in your holding period prior to the first taxable year in which we were treated as a PFIC, will be treated as ordinary income; and
- the amount of the excess distribution or recognized gain allocated to each other taxable year will be subject to the highest tax rate in effect for individuals or corporations, as applicable, for each such year and the resulting tax will be subject to the interest charge generally applicable to underpayments of tax.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which you hold ADSs or ordinary shares and any of our non-United States subsidiaries or other corporate entities in which we own equity interests for U.S. federal income tax purposes is also a PFIC, you would be treated as owning a proportionate amount (by value) of the shares of each such non-United States entity classified as a PFIC (each such entity, a lower tier PFIC) for purposes of the application of these rules. You should consult your own tax advisor regarding the application of the PFIC rules to any of our lower tier PFICs.

As an alternative to the foregoing rules, a United States Holder of “marketable stock” in a PFIC may make a mark-to-market election with respect to such stock, provided that certain requirements are met. Marketable stock is stock that is regularly traded on a qualified exchange or other market under applicable Treasury regulations. Our ADSs, but not our ordinary shares, are listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market, which is a qualified exchange for these purposes. We anticipate that our ADSs should qualify as being regularly traded, but no assurances are given in this regard. If a valid mark-to-market election is made with respect to the ADSs, the United States Holder generally will (i) include as ordinary income for each taxable year that we are classified as a PFIC the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the ADSs held at the end of the taxable year over the adjusted tax basis of such ADSs and (ii) deduct as an ordinary loss the excess, if any, of the adjusted tax basis of the ADSs held at the end of the taxable year over the fair market value of such ADSs held at the end of the taxable year, but only to the extent of the net amount previously included in income as a result of the mark-to-market election. The U.S. holder’s adjusted tax basis in the ADSs would be adjusted to reflect any income or loss resulting from the mark-to-market election.

Because a mark-to-market election cannot be made for any lower-tier PFICs that we may own, if we were a PFIC for any taxable year, a United States Holder that makes the mark-to-market election may continue to be subject to the tax and interest charges under the general PFIC rules with respect to such United States Holder’s indirect interest in any investments held by us that are treated as an equity interest in a PFIC for United States federal income tax purposes.

In certain circumstances, a shareholder in a PFIC may avoid the adverse tax and interest-charge regime described above by making a “qualified electing fund” election to include in income its share of the corporation’s income on a current basis. However, you may make a qualified electing fund election with respect to the ADSs or ordinary shares only if we agree to furnish you annually with a PFIC annual information statement as specified in the applicable Treasury regulations. We currently do not intend to prepare or provide the information that would enable you to make a qualified electing fund election.

A United States Holder that holds the ADSs or ordinary shares in any year in which we are a PFIC will be required to file an annual report containing such information as the United States Treasury Department may require. You should consult your own tax advisor regarding the application of the PFIC rules to your ownership and disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares and the availability, application and consequences of the elections discussed above.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Information reporting to the IRS and backup withholding generally will apply to dividends in respect of the ADSs or our ordinary shares, and the proceeds from the sale or exchange of the ADSs or our ordinary shares, that are paid to you within the United States (and in certain cases, outside the United States), unless you furnish a correct taxpayer identification number and make any other required certification, generally on IRS Form W-9 or you otherwise establish an exemption from information reporting and backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Amounts withheld as backup withholding generally are allowed as a credit against your United States federal income tax liability, and you may be entitled to obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules if you file an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS and furnish any required information in a timely manner.

United States Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of the information reporting and backup withholding rules.

Information with Respect to Foreign Financial Assets

United States Holders who are individuals (and certain entities closely held by individuals) generally will be required to report our name, address and such information relating to an interest in the ADSs or ordinary shares as is necessary to identify the class or issue of which the ADSs or ordinary shares are a part. These requirements are subject to exceptions, including an exception for ADSs or ordinary shares held in accounts maintained by certain financial institutions and an exception applicable if the aggregate value of all “specified foreign financial assets” (as defined in the Code) does not exceed US\$50,000.

United States Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of these information reporting rules.

F. Dividends and Paying Agents

Not applicable.

G. Statement by Experts

Not applicable.

H. Documents on Display

We previously filed a registration statement on Form F-1 (Registration No. 333-278940) with the SEC to register the issuance and sale of our Class A ordinary shares represented by ADSs in our initial public offering. We have also filed a registration statement on Form F-6 (Registration No. 333-279250) with the SEC to register the ADSs.

We are subject to the periodic reporting and other informational requirements of the Exchange Act. Under the Exchange Act, we are required to file reports and other information with the SEC. Specifically, we are required to file annually a Form 20-F no later than four months after the close of each fiscal year. All information we file with the SEC can be obtained over the internet at the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. As a foreign private issuer, we are exempt from the rules under the Exchange Act prescribing the furnishing and content of quarterly reports and proxy statements, and officers, directors and principal shareholders are exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

We will furnish Citibank, N.A., the depository of our ADSs, with our annual reports, which will include a review of operations and annual audited consolidated financial statements prepared in conformity with IFRS, and all notices of shareholders’ meetings and other reports and communications that are made generally available to our shareholders. The depository will make such notices, reports and communications available to holders of ADSs and, upon our request, will mail to all record holders of ADSs the information contained in any notice of a shareholders’ meeting received by the depository from us.

In accordance with Nasdaq Stock Market Rule 5250(d), we will post this annual report on our website, <http://www.superhiinternational.com>. In addition, we will provide hardcopies of our annual report to shareholders, including ADS holders, free of charge upon request.

I. Subsidiary Information

Not applicable.

J. Annual Report to Security Holders

As an issuer listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, we are required to publish an annual report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, which we plan to furnish as an exhibit to a current report on Form 6-K via EDGAR to be filed on the same date of this annual report on Form 20-F.

ITEM 11. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Foreign Currency Risk

We undertook certain transactions in foreign currencies, which expose us to foreign currency risk. In addition, we have intra-group balances with several subsidiaries denominated in foreign currency which also expose us to foreign currency risk. We do not use any derivative contracts to hedge against our exposure to currency risk. We manage our currency risk by closely monitoring the movement of the foreign currency rates and considers hedging significant foreign currency exposure should such need arise.

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to fair value interest rate risk in relation to pledged bank deposits and lease liabilities. We are also exposed to cash flow interest risk in relation to variable-rate bank balances which carry prevailing market interests. We manage the interest rate risk by maintaining a balanced portfolio of fixed rate and floating rate bank borrowings and bank balances. We manage our interest rate exposures by assessing the potential impact arising from any interest rate movements based on interest rate level and outlook. Our management will review the proportion of borrowings in fixed and floating rates and ensure they are within reasonable range.

Credit Risk

Our maximum exposure to credit risk which will cause a financial loss to us due to failure to discharge an obligation by the counterparties arises from the carrying amount of the respective recognized financial assets as stated in the consolidated statement of financial position (including deposits, trade receivables, other receivables, amounts due from related parties, financial assets at FVTPL, pledged bank deposits and bank balances).

We consider pledged bank deposits and bank balances that are deposited with financial institutions with high credit rating to be low credit risk financial assets. In addition, trade receivables in connection with bills settled through payment platforms and the issuer of other financial assets are also with high credit rating and no past due history. We consider these assets to be short-term in nature and the estimated loss rates are low as the probability of default is negligible on the basis of high-credit-rating issuers, and accordingly, no expected credit loss was recognized.

In determining the ECL for deposits and other receivables, we have taken into account the historical default experience and forward-looking information, as appropriate, for example we have considered the consistently low historical default rate in connection with deposits and the strong financial capability of the lessors, and concluded that credit risk inherent in our outstanding deposits and other receivables is insignificant. We have assessed those deposits and other receivable have not had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and risk of default is insignificant, therefore the estimated loss rates of these assets are low, and accordingly, no expected credit loss has been recognized.

Liquidity Risk

In the management of the liquidity risk, the management of our Group monitors and maintains a reasonable level of cash and cash equivalents which is deemed adequate by us to finance our operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. For details, see “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.”

Inflation Risk

The primary inflationary factors affecting our operations are cost of food ingredients, labor, fuel, utility costs, materials used in the construction of our restaurants, and insurance. Although almost all of our restaurant team members make more than the minimum wage, increases in the applicable federal, state or local minimum wage may have an impact on our labor costs. Additionally, many of our leases require us to pay taxes, maintenance, utilities and insurance, all of which are generally subject to inflationary increases. Historically, inflation has not had a material effect on our results of operations in the international market.

ITEM 12. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES OTHER THAN EQUITY SECURITIES

A. Debt Securities

Not applicable.

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B. Warrants and Rights

Not applicable.

C. Other Securities

Not applicable.

D. American Depositary Shares

Fees and Charges Our ADS holders May Have to Pay

As an ADS holder, you will be required to pay the following fees (some of which may be cumulative) under the terms of the deposit agreement:

Service	Fees
Issuance of ADSs (e.g., an issuance of ADS upon a deposit of ordinary shares, upon a change in the ADS(s)-to-ordinary share ratio, ADS conversions, or for any other reason), excluding ADS issuances as a result of distributions of ordinary shares)	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS issued
Cancellation of ADSs (e.g., a cancellation of ADSs for delivery of deposited property, upon a change in the ADS(s)-to-ordinary share ratio, ADS conversions, upon termination of the Deposit Agreement, or for any other reason)	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS cancelled
Distribution of cash dividends or other cash distributions (e.g., upon a sale of rights and other entitlements)	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS held
Distribution of ADSs pursuant to (i) stock dividends or other free stock distributions, or (ii) exercise of rights to purchase additional ADSs	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS held
Distribution of financial instruments, including, without limitation, securities other than ADSs or rights to purchase additional ADSs (e.g., upon a spin-off and contingent value rights)	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS held
ADS Services	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS held on the applicable record date(s) established by the depositary bank
Registration of ADS transfers (e.g., upon a registration of the transfer of registered ownership of ADSs, upon a transfer of ADSs into DTC and <i>vice versa</i> , or for any other reason)	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS (or fraction thereof) transferred
Conversion of ADSs of one series for ADSs of another series (e.g., upon conversion of Partial Entitlement ADSs for Full Entitlement ADSs, or upon conversion of Restricted ADSs (each as defined in the Deposit Agreement) into freely transferable ADSs, and <i>vice versa</i> or conversion of ADSs for unsponsored American Depositary Shares (e.g., upon termination of the Deposit Agreement)).	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS (or fraction thereof) converted

As an ADS holder you will also be responsible to pay certain charges (some of which may be cumulative) such as:

- taxes (including applicable interest and penalties) and other governmental charges;
- the registration fees as may from time to time be in effect for the registration of ordinary shares on the share register and applicable to transfers of ordinary shares to or from the name of the custodian, the depositary bank or any nominees upon the making of deposits and withdrawals, respectively;
- certain SWIFT, cable, telex and facsimile transmission and delivery expenses;
- the fees, expenses, spreads, taxes and other charges of the depositary bank and/or service providers (which may be a division, branch or affiliate of the depositary bank) in the conversion of foreign currency;
- the reasonable and customary out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the depositary bank in connection with compliance with exchange control regulations and other regulatory requirements applicable to ordinary shares, ADSs and ADRs;
- the fees, charges, costs and expenses incurred by the depositary bank, the custodian, or any nominee in connection with the ADR program; and
- the amounts payable to the Depositary by any party to the Deposit Agreement pursuant to any ancillary agreement to the Deposit Agreement in respect of the ADR program, the ADSs and the ADRs.

ADS fees and charges for (i) the issuance of ADSs, and (ii) the cancellation of ADSs are charged to the person for whom the ADSs are issued (in the case of ADS issuances) and to the person for whom ADSs are cancelled (in the case of ADS cancellations). In the case of ADSs issued by the depositary bank into DTC, the ADS issuance and cancellation fees and charges may be deducted from distributions made through DTC, and may be charged to the DTC participant(s) receiving the ADSs being issued or the DTC participant(s) holding the ADSs being cancelled, as the case may be, on behalf of the beneficial owner(s) and will be charged by the DTC participant(s) to the account of the applicable beneficial owner(s) in accordance with the procedures and practices of the DTC participants as in effect at the time. ADS fees and charges in respect of distributions and the ADS service fee are charged to the holders as of the applicable ADS record date. In the case of distributions of cash, the amount of the applicable ADS fees and charges is deducted from the funds being distributed. In the case of (i) distributions other than cash and (ii) the ADS service fee, holders as of the ADS record date will be invoiced for the amount of the ADS fees and charges and such ADS fees and charges may be deducted from distributions made to holders of ADSs. For ADSs held through DTC, the ADS fees and charges for distributions other than cash and the ADS service fee may be deducted from distributions made through DTC, and may be charged to the DTC participants in accordance with the procedures and practices prescribed by DTC and the DTC participants in turn charge the amount of such ADS fees and charges to the beneficial owners for whom they hold ADSs. In the case of (i) registration of ADS transfers, the ADS transfer fee will be payable by the ADS Holder whose ADSs are being transferred or by the person to whom the ADSs are transferred, and (ii) conversion of ADSs of one series for ADSs of another series (which may entail the cancellation, issuance and transfer of ADSs and the conversion of ADSs from one series to another series), the applicable ADS issuance, cancellation, transfer and conversion fees will be payable by the Holder whose ADSs are converted or by the person to whom the converted ADSs are delivered.

In the event of refusal to pay the depositary bank fees, the depositary bank may, under the terms of the deposit agreement, refuse the requested service until payment is received or may set off the amount of the depositary bank fees from any distribution to be made to the ADS holder. Note that the fees and charges you may be required to pay may vary over time and may be changed by us and by the depositary bank. You will receive prior notice of such changes. The depositary bank may reimburse us for certain expenses incurred by us in respect of the ADR program, by making available a portion of the ADS fees charged in respect of the ADR program or otherwise, upon such terms and conditions as we and the depositary bank agree from time to time.

Fees and Other Payments Made by the Depositary to Us

Citibank, N.A., as the depositary, has agreed to reimburse us for certain expenses we incur that are related to establishment and maintenance of the ADR program upon such terms and conditions as we and the depositary may agree from time to time. The depositary may make available to us a set amount or a portion of the depositary fees charged in respect of the ADR program or otherwise upon such terms and conditions as we and the depositary may agree from time to time. In 2025, we received an after-tax reimbursement payment of US\$9,344.13 from the depositary.

Conversion Between Ordinary Shares in Hong Kong and ADSs

Dealings and Settlement of Ordinary Shares in Hong Kong

Dealings in our ordinary shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will be conducted in Hong Kong dollars. Our ordinary shares are traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in board lots of 1,000 ordinary shares. The transaction costs of dealings in our ordinary shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange include:

- Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.005% of the consideration of the transaction, charged to each of the buyer and seller;
- SFC transaction levy of 0.0027% of the consideration of the transaction, charged to each of the buyer and seller;
- FRC transaction levy of 0.00015% of the consideration of the transaction, charged to each of the buyer and seller;
- trading tariff of HK\$0.50 on each and every purchase or sale transaction. The decision on whether or not to pass the trading tariff onto investors is at the discretion of brokers;
- transfer deed stamp duty of HK\$5.00 per transfer deed (if applicable), payable by the seller;
- ad valorem stamp duty at a total rate of 0.2% of the value of the transaction, with 0.1% payable by each of the buyer and the seller;
- stock settlement fee, which is currently 0.002% of the gross transaction value, subject to a minimum fee of HK\$2.00 and a maximum fee of HK\$100.00 per side per trade;
- brokerage commission, which is freely negotiable with the broker (other than brokerage commissions for IPO transactions which are currently set at 1% of the subscription or purchase price and will be payable by the person subscribing for or purchasing the securities); and
- charge of HK\$2.50 by the Hong Kong share registrar, for each transfer of ordinary shares from one registered owner to another, each share certificate canceled or issued by it and any applicable fee as stated in the share transfer forms used in Hong Kong.

Investors must settle their trades executed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through their brokers directly or through custodians. For an investor who has deposited his/her ordinary shares in his/her stock account or in his/her designated CCASS Participant's stock account maintained with CCASS, settlement will be effected in CCASS in accordance with the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time. For an investor who holds the physical certificates, settlement certificates and the duly executed transfer forms must be delivered to his/her broker or custodian before the settlement date.

An investor may arrange with his/her broker or custodian on a settlement date in respect of his/her trades executed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Under the Listing Rules and the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time, the date of settlement must be the second business day (a day on which the settlement services of CCASS are open for use by CCASS Participants) following the trade date (T+2). For trades settled under CCASS, the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time provided that the defaulting broker may be compelled to compulsorily buy-in by HKSCC the day after the date of settlement (T+3), or if it is not practicable to do so on T+3, at any time thereafter. HKSCC may also impose fines from T+2 onwards.

Conversion between Ordinary Shares Trading in Hong Kong and ADSs

We have established a branch register of members in Hong Kong, or the Hong Kong share register, which are maintained by our Hong Kong share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited. Our principal register of members, or the Cayman share register, are maintained by our principal share registrar, Conyers Trust Company (Cayman) Limited in the Cayman Islands.

Holders of ordinary shares registered on the Hong Kong share register are able to exchange these ordinary shares into ADSs, and vice versa.

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In connection with the listing of our ordinary shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and to facilitate fungibility and conversion between ADSs and ordinary shares and trading between the Nasdaq Stock Market and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, we moved a portion of our issued ordinary shares from our register of members maintained in the Cayman Islands to our Hong Kong share register. We are not under any obligation to maintain or increase the number of ordinary shares on the Hong Kong share register to facilitate any withdrawals of ADSs to convert into ordinary shares listed on the Hong Kong Exchange.

Converting Ordinary Shares Trading in Hong Kong into ADSs

An investor who holds ordinary shares registered in Hong Kong and who intends to convert them to ADSs to trade on the Nasdaq Stock Market must deposit or have his or her broker deposit the ordinary shares with the depositary's Hong Kong custodian, in exchange for ADSs.

A deposit of ordinary shares trading in Hong Kong in exchange for ADSs involves the following procedures:

- If ordinary shares have been deposited with CCASS, the investor must transfer the ordinary shares to the depositary's account with the custodian within CCASS by following the CCASS procedures for transfer and submit and deliver a duly completed and signed letter of transmittal to the custodian via his or her broker.
- If ordinary shares are held outside CCASS, the investor must arrange to deposit his or her ordinary shares into CCASS for delivery to the depositary's account with the custodian within CCASS, and must submit and deliver a duly completed and signed letter of transmittal to the custodian via his or her broker.
- Upon payment of its fees and expenses and of any taxes or charges, such as stamp taxes or stock transfer taxes or fees, if applicable, and subject in all case to the terms of the deposit agreement, the depositary will register the corresponding number of ADSs in the name(s) requested by an investor and will deliver the ADSs to the designated DTC account of the person(s) designated by an investor or his or her broker if such ADSs are to be held in book-entry form through DTC's "Direct Registration System."

For ordinary shares deposited in CCASS, under normal circumstances, the above steps generally require two business days, provided that the investor has provided timely and complete instructions. For ordinary shares held outside CCASS in physical form, the above steps may take 14 business days, or more, to complete. Temporary delays may arise. For example, the transfer books of the depositary may from time to time be closed to ADS issuances. The investor will be unable to trade the ADSs until the procedures are completed.

Converting ADSs to Ordinary Shares Trading in Hong Kong

An investor who holds ADSs and who intends to convert his/her ADSs into ordinary shares that trade on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange must cancel the ADSs the investor holds, withdraw ordinary shares from our ADS program and cause his or her broker or other financial institution to trade such ordinary shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

An investor that holds ADSs indirectly through a broker or other financial institution should follow the procedure of the broker or financial institution and instruct the broker to arrange for cancellation of the ADSs and transfer of the underlying ordinary shares from the depositary's account with the custodian within the CCASS system to the investor's Hong Kong stock account. For investors holding ADSs directly, subject to the applicable transfer restrictions, the following steps must be taken:

- To withdraw ordinary shares from our ADS program, an investor who holds ADSs may turn in such ADSs at the office of the depositary (and the applicable ADR(s) if the ADSs are held in certificated form), and send an instruction to cancel such ADSs to the depositary.
- Upon payment or net of its fees, payment of CCASS' fees and expenses, and payment of expenses and of any taxes or charges, such as stamp taxes or stock transfer taxes or fees, if applicable, and subject in all cases to the terms of the deposit agreement, the depositary will instruct the custodian to deliver ordinary shares underlying the canceled ADSs to the CCASS account designated by an investor.
- If an investor prefers to receive ordinary shares outside CCASS, he or she must receive ordinary shares in CCASS first and then arrange for the withdrawal from CCASS. Investors can then obtain a transfer form signed by HKSCC Nominees Limited (as the transferor) and register ordinary shares in their own names with the Hong Kong share registrar.

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For ordinary shares to be received in CCASS, under normal circumstances, the above steps generally require two business days, provided that the investor has provided timely and complete instructions.

For ordinary shares to be received outside CCASS in physical form, the above steps may take 14 business days, or more, to complete. The investor will be unable to trade the ordinary shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange until the procedures are completed.

Temporary delays may arise. For example, the transfer books of the depository may from time to time be closed to ADS cancellations. In addition, completion of the above steps and procedures for delivery for ordinary shares in a CCASS account is subject to there being a sufficient number of ordinary shares on the Hong Kong share register to facilitate a withdrawal from the ADS program directly into the CCASS system. We are not under any obligation to maintain or increase the number of ordinary shares on the Hong Kong share register to facilitate such withdrawals.

Depository Requirements

Before the depository delivers ADSs or permits withdrawal of ordinary shares, the depository may require:

- payment of all amounts required pursuant to the deposit agreement, including the issuance and cancellation fees therein, any stock transfer or other tax or other governmental charges and any stock transfer or registration fees in effect;
- production of satisfactory proof of the identity and genuineness of any signature or other information it deems necessary; and
- compliance with terms and procedures it may establish, from time to time, consistent with the deposit agreement, including completion and presentation of transfer documents.

The depository may refuse to deliver, transfer, or register issuances, transfers, and cancellations of ADSs generally when the transfer books of the depository or our Hong Kong share registrar or Cayman Islands share registrar are closed or at any time if the depository or we determine it advisable to do so, subject to such refusal complying with U.S. federal securities laws.

All costs attributable to the transfer of ordinary shares to effect a withdrawal from or deposit of ordinary shares into our ADS program will be borne by the investor requesting the transfer. In particular, holders of ordinary shares and ADSs should note that HK\$2.50 will be charged by the Hong Kong share registrar, for each transfer of ordinary shares from one registered owner to another, each share certificate canceled or issued by it and any applicable fee as stated in the share transfer forms used in Hong Kong. In addition, holders of ordinary shares and ADSs must pay up to US\$5.00 per 100 ADSs (or portion thereof) for each issuance of ADSs and each cancellation of ADSs, as the case may be, in connection with the deposit of ordinary shares into, or withdrawal of ordinary shares from, our ADS program.

PART II.

ITEM 13. DEFAULTS, DIVIDEND ARREARAGES AND DELINQUENCIES

None.

ITEM 14. MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Material Modifications to the Rights of Security Holders

See “Item 10. Additional Information—B. Memorandum and Articles of Association—Ordinary Shares” for a description of the rights of securities holders, which remain unchanged.

Use of Proceeds

The following “Use of Proceeds” information relates to the registration statement on Form F-1 (File Number: 333-278940) relating to our initial public offering of 2,692,700 ADSs representing 26,927,000 ordinary shares, and the underwriters’ partial exercise of their option to purchase from us 403,900 additional ADSs representing 4,039,000 ordinary shares, at an initial offering price of US\$19.56 per ADS. The registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on May 16, 2024. Morgan Stanley Asia Limited and Huatai Securities (USA), Inc. were the representatives of the underwriters.

We raised approximately US\$51.91 million in net proceeds from our initial public offering, after deducting underwriting commissions and the offering expenses payable by us, including the net proceeds we received from the underwriters’ partial exercise of their option to purchase additional ADSs from us. None of the transaction expenses included payments to directors or officers of our company or their associates, persons owning more than 10% or more of our equity securities, or our affiliates. None of the net proceeds from the initial public offering were paid, directly or indirectly, to any of our directors or officers or their associates, persons owning 10% or more of our equity securities, or our affiliates.

For the period from May 16, 2024 to December 31, 2025, we have used approximately 94% of the net proceeds from our initial public offering for strengthening our brand and expanding our restaurant network globally, investing in our supply chain management capabilities, research and development, and working capital and general corporate purposes. There is no material change in the use of proceeds as described in our registration statement on Form F-1. We still intend to use the remainder of the proceeds from our initial public offering for purposes as disclosed in our registration statement on Form F-1.

ITEM 15. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our chief financial officer, has performed an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this annual report, as required by Rule 13a-15(b) under the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, our management, with the participation of our chief financial officer, has concluded that, as of December 31, 2025, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) and for the assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risks that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

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As required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and related rules as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, our management including our chief financial officer assessed the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025 using the criteria set forth in the report “Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)” published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

Based on this evaluation, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2025.

As a company with less than US\$1.235 billion in net revenues for our last fiscal year, we qualify as an “emerging growth company” pursuant to the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act (“JOBS Act”). An emerging growth company may take advantage of specified reduced reporting and other requirements that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies. These provisions include exemption from the auditor attestation requirement under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, in the assessment of the emerging growth company’s internal control over financial reporting.

Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rules 13a - 15 (f) and 15d - 15 (f) under the Exchange Act of 1934 based on the criteria established in the framework of Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organization of the Treadway Commission. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of a fund’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Other than as described above, there were no changes in the Group’s internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the period covered by this annual report on Form 20-F that have materially affected, or that are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Group’s internal control over financial reporting.

Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm

Since we are an “emerging growth company” as defined under the JOBS Act, we are exempt from the requirement to comply with the auditor attestation requirements that our independent registered public accounting firm attest to and report on the effectiveness of our internal control structure and procedures for financial reporting.

ITEM 16. [RESERVED]

ITEM 16A. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

Our board of directors has determined that Mr. Ser Luck Teo, a member of our audit committee and independent director (under the standards set forth in Rule 5605(c) (2) of the Nasdaq Stock Market Rules and Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), is an audit committee financial expert.

ITEM 16B. CODE OF ETHICS

Our board of directors has adopted a code of ethics that applies to our directors, officers and employees.

ITEM 16C. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees by the categories specified below in connection with certain professional services rendered by Deloitte & Touche LLP, (PCAOB ID: 1046), our principal external auditor, for the years indicated. We did not pay any other fees to our principal external auditors during the years indicated below.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2023	2024 (US\$ in thousands)	2025
Audit fees ⁽¹⁾	453	1,066	1,202
Audit related fees ⁽²⁾	2,249	12	12
Tax fees ⁽³⁾	34	167	320
Total	2,736	1,245	1,534

Note:

- (1) "Audit fees" means the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by our principal external auditor, including the audits of our annual financial statements, the quarterly reviews of our condensed consolidated financial information, and statutory audits for certain of our subsidiaries required by non-US jurisdictions.
- (2) "Audit related fees" means the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by our principal external auditor that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements and are not reported under "Audit fees." For the year ended December 31, 2023, audit related fees also included fees for the professional services rendered in connection with our initial public offering in the United States.
- (3) "Tax fees" means the aggregate fees billed in each of the fiscal years listed for professional services rendered by our principal external auditor for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

The policy of our audit committee is to pre-approve all audit and other service provided by Deloitte & Touche LLP, including audit services, tax services and other services described above, other than those for *de minimis* services which are approved by the audit committee prior to the completion of the audit.

ITEM 16D. EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LISTING STANDARDS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEES

Not applicable.

ITEM 16E. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY THE ISSUER AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS

None.

ITEM 16F. CHANGE IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT

Not applicable.

ITEM 16G. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

As a Cayman Islands company listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market, we are subject to the Nasdaq Stock Market Rules. However, the Nasdaq Stock Market Rules permit a foreign private issuer like us to follow the corporate governance practices of its home country. Certain corporate governance practices in the Cayman Islands, which is our home country, may differ significantly from the Nasdaq Stock Market's corporate governance requirements applicable to U.S. domestic issuers. We also rely on exemptions afforded to controlled companies. Our board of directors is not composed of a majority of independent directors. Furthermore, not all members of our remuneration committee and our nomination committee are independent directors. See "Item 3. Key Information — D. Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our ADSs and Ordinary Shares — As an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands, we are permitted to adopt certain home country practices in relation to corporate governance matters that differ significantly from the Nasdaq Stock Market's corporate governance requirements; these practices may afford less protection to shareholders than they would enjoy if we complied fully with the Nasdaq Stock Market's corporate governance requirements."

Other than the home country practice described above, we are not aware of any significant differences between our corporate governance practices and those followed by U.S. domestic companies under the Nasdaq Stock Market's corporate governance requirements.

ITEM 16H. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE

Not applicable.

ITEM 16I. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS

Not applicable.

ITEM 16J. INSIDER TRADING POLICIES

Our board of directors has established insider trading policies and procedures to provide guidance on the purchases, sales, and other dispositions of our securities by our directors, officers, employees, and consultants, with the goal of promoting compliance with applicable laws, listing rules, and regulations relating to insider trading.

The Insider Trading Policy is filed as Exhibit 11.2 to this annual report on Form 20-F.

ITEM 16K. CYBERSECURITY

Cybersecurity Risk Management and Strategy

We have implemented comprehensive cybersecurity risk assessment procedures to ensure effectiveness in cybersecurity management, strategy and governance and reporting cybersecurity risks. We have also integrated cybersecurity risk management into our overall enterprise risk management system.

We have developed a comprehensive cybersecurity threat defense system to address both internal and external threats. This system encompasses various levels, including network, host and application security and incorporates systematic security capabilities for threat defense, monitoring, analysis, response, deception and countermeasures. We strive to manage cybersecurity risks and protect sensitive information through various means, such as technical safeguards, procedural requirements, an intensive program of monitoring on our corporate network, continuous testing of aspects of our security posture internally and with outside vendors, a robust incident response program and regular cybersecurity awareness training for employees. Our IT department regularly monitors the performance of our apps, platforms and infrastructure to enable us to respond quickly to potential problems, including potential cybersecurity threats. We conduct internal due diligence of all third-party providers before engagement and continue to oversee and identify cybersecurity risks relevant to the use of third-party providers. We maintain ongoing monitoring to ensure compliance with our cybersecurity standards, including strict controls of privileged access granted to service providers. We may, from time to time, engage accessors, consultants, auditors or other third parties as needed to resolve problems arising from cybersecurity.

As of the date of this annual report, we have not experienced any material cybersecurity incidents or identified any material cybersecurity threats that have affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect us, our business strategy, results of operations or financial condition.

Cybersecurity Governance

Our board of directors is responsible for overseeing risks related to cybersecurity. Our board of directors shall (i) maintain oversight of the disclosure related to cybersecurity matters in current reports or periodic reports of our company, (ii) review updates to the status of any material cybersecurity incidents or material risks from cybersecurity threats to our company, and the disclosure issues, if any, presented by our management, and (iii) review disclosure concerning cybersecurity matters in our annual report on Form 20-F presented by our management.

At the management level, our head of the IT department, Pengwei Xie, who is an expert in cybersecurity with over 10 years of experience in information security operation and management, and catering operations, is responsible for assessing, identifying and managing cybersecurity risks and monitoring the prevention, detection, mitigation, and remediation of cybersecurity incidents. If a cybersecurity incident occurs, Mr. Xie will promptly organize personnel for an internal assessment. If it is further determined that the incident could potentially be a material cybersecurity event, Mr. Xie will promptly report the incident and assessment results to our chief executive officer, and, to the extent appropriate, involve external experts to provide advice. Our chief executive officer reports to our board of directors (i) on updates to the status of any material cybersecurity incidents or material risks from cybersecurity threats to our company, and the disclosure issues, if any, and (ii) in connection with disclosure concerning cybersecurity matters in our annual report on Form 20-F. Our management shall prepare disclosure material on the cybersecurity incident for review and approval by our board of directors before it is disseminated to the public.

PART III.

ITEM 17. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have elected to provide financial statements pursuant to “Item 18. Financial Statements.”

ITEM 18. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated financial statements of SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. and its subsidiaries and the related notes are included at the end of this annual report.

ITEM 19. EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Document</u>
1.1	Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Registrant, as currently in effect (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 24, 2025 (File No. 001-42101))
2.1	Registrant’s Specimen American Depositary Receipt (included in Exhibit 2.3)
2.2	Registrant’s Specimen Certificate for Ordinary Shares (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
2.3	Form of Deposit Agreement among the Registrant, the depository and the holders and beneficial owners of the American Depositary Shares issued thereunder (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
2.4	Description of Securities of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.4 to the Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 24, 2025 (File No. 001-42101))
4.1	Share Award Scheme of SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
4.2	Form of Indemnification Agreement, between the Registrant and its directors and executive officers (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
4.3	Form of Employment Agreement, between the Registrant and its executive officers (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
4.4	Share Sale Agreement, dated February 9, 2022, between Hai Di Lao Holdings Pte. Ltd. and Singapore Super Hi Dining Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of our company, pursuant to which all the businesses in Malaysia held by Haidilao International Holding Ltd. were transferred to our company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
4.5	Share Purchase Agreement, dated June 2, 2022, by and between Hai Di Lao Holdings Pte. Ltd. and Singapore Super Hi Dining Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of our company, pursuant to which pursuant to which all the businesses in Japan held by Haidilao International Holding Ltd. were transferred to our company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
4.6	Contribution Agreement, dated February 28, 2022, by and between Hai Di Lao Holdings Pte. Ltd. and HDL Management USA Corporation, pursuant to which Hai Di Lao Holdings Pte. Ltd. contributed 100% of its ownership interest in 17 operating companies across the United States to HDL Management USA Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
4.7	Share Transfer Agreement, dated February 28, 2022, by and among Hai Di Lao Holdings Pte. Ltd., Newpai Ltd. and Singapore Super Hi Dining Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of our company, pursuant to which HDL Management USA Corporation became a wholly-owned subsidiary of our company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Document</u>
4.8	English translation of Trademark License Agreement, dated as of December 12, 2022, by and between the Registrant and Sichuan Haidilao Catering Co., Ltd. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
4.9	English translation of Master Decoration Project Management Service Agreement, dated as of December 12, 2022, by and between the Registrant and Beijing Shuyun Dongfang Decoration Project Co., Ltd. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
4.10	English translation of Master Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 12, 2022, by and between the Registrant and Yihai International Holding Ltd. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
4.11	English translation of Master Decoration Project Management Service Agreement, dated as of October 17, 2023, by and between the Registrant and YIZHIHUA (SINGAPORE) CO. PTE. LTD (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
4.12	English translation of Framework Agreement for Engineering, Procurement and Construction Services for Renovation Work, dated as of October 17, 2023, by and between the Registrant and YIZHIHUA (SINGAPORE) CO. PTE. LTD (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
4.13	Amended and Restated Trust Deed, dated December 12, 2022, between the Registrant and Futu Trustee Limited, as trustee for SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. SHARE AWARD SCHEME Trust I (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
4.14	Trust Deed, dated December 8, 2022, between the Registrant and Futu Trustee Limited, as trustee for SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. SHARE AWARD SCHEME Trust II (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
8.1*	List of Principal Subsidiaries
11.1	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2024 (File No. 333-278940))
11.2*	Insider Trading Policy of the Registrant
12.1*	Principal Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
12.2*	Principal Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
13.1**	Principal Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
13.2**	Principal Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
15.1*	Consent of Conyers Dill & Pearman
97.1	Clawback Policy of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 97.1 to the Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 24, 2024 (File No. 001-42101))
101.INS*	Inline XBRL Instance Document—this instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document
101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104*	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

* Filed herewith.

** Furnished herewith.

SIGNATURES

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing its annual report on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD.

By: /s/ Ping Shu

Name: Ping Shu

Title: Chairperson of the Board of Directors

Date: April 13, 2026

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Super Hi International Holding Ltd.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of Super Hi International Holding Ltd. and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) as of December 31, 2024 and 2025, the related consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Group as of December 31, 2024 and 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2025, in conformity with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”).

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Group’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Group’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Group in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Group is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP
Singapore

March 31, 2026

We have served as the Group’s auditor since 2022.

SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025

	Notes	2023 USD'000	2024 USD'000	2025 USD'000
Revenue	5	686,362	778,308	840,755
Other income	6	6,695	7,523	9,495
Raw materials and consumables used		(234,715)	(257,723)	(282,818)
Staff costs	11	(226,033)	(259,293)	(285,355)
Rentals and related expenses	11	(17,161)	(20,136)	(24,235)
Utilities expenses		(26,054)	(28,358)	(28,986)
Depreciation and amortization	11	(78,557)	(80,972)	(82,651)
Traveling and communication expenses		(5,756)	(6,449)	(7,996)
Listing expenses		(1,745)	(2,460)	-
Other expenses	7	(62,682)	(70,735)	(87,095)
Other gains (losses) – net	8	1,177	(17,924)	9,840
Finance costs	9	(8,424)	(8,538)	(11,447)
Profit before tax		33,107	33,243	49,507
Income tax expense	10.1	(7,850)	(11,844)	(13,169)
Profit for the year	11	25,257	21,399	36,338
Other comprehensive income				
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>				
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		4,627	12,028	(6,355)
Total comprehensive income for the year		29,884	33,427	29,983
Profit (Loss) for the year attributable to:				
Owners of the Company		25,653	21,801	36,429
Non-controlling interests		(396)	(402)	(91)
		25,257	21,399	36,338
Total comprehensive income (expense) attributable to:				
Owners of the Company		30,280	33,829	30,074
Non-controlling interests		(396)	(402)	(91)
		29,884	33,427	29,983
Earnings per share				
Basic and diluted (USD)	12	0.05	0.04	0.06

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at December 31, 2024 and 2025

	Notes	2024 USD'000	2025 USD'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	13	151,901	160,301
Right-of-use assets	14	185,514	204,180
Intangible assets	15	278	311
Deferred tax assets	10.2	3,799	4,725
Other receivables	17	1,961	1,961
Prepayment	17	373	325
Rental and other deposits		17,372	20,709
		<u>361,198</u>	<u>392,512</u>
Current assets			
Inventories	16	31,521	37,519
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	17	30,754	35,652
Rental and other deposits		3,378	5,417
Pledged bank deposits	19	2,855	2,793
Bank balances and cash	19	254,719	271,990
		<u>323,227</u>	<u>353,371</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	20	30,711	36,337
Other payables	21	38,100	42,980
Amounts due to related parties	18	1,329	2,177
Tax payables		5,411	7,031
Lease liabilities	22	41,407	45,662
Contract liabilities	23	9,669	10,658
Provisions	24	1,941	1,987
		<u>128,568</u>	<u>146,832</u>
Net current assets		<u>194,659</u>	<u>206,539</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities	10.2	7,504	6,184
Lease liabilities	22	171,219	183,139
Contract liabilities	23	2,980	2,905
Provisions	24	12,493	15,179
		<u>194,196</u>	<u>207,407</u>
Net assets		<u>361,661</u>	<u>391,644</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital of the Company	26	3	3
Share premium	26	550,593	550,593
Shares held under share award scheme	26	*	*
Reserves		(190,568)	(160,494)
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		<u>360,028</u>	<u>390,102</u>
Non-controlling interests		1,633	1,542
Total equity		<u>361,661</u>	<u>391,644</u>

* Less than USD1,000

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025

	Share capital of the Company	Share premium	Shares held under share award scheme	Reserves			Subtotal	Non-controlling interests	Total
				Translation reserve	Merger reserve	Accumulated losses			
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
As at January 1, 2023	3	494,480	*	7,701	23,024	(285,402)	239,806	2,231	242,037
Profit (Loss) for the year	—	—	—	—	—	25,653	25,653	(396)	25,257
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	4,627	—	—	4,627	—	4,627
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the year	—	—	—	4,627	—	25,653	30,280	(396)	29,884
Non-controlling interest arising from incorporation of a subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	200	200
As at December 31, 2023	<u>3</u>	<u>494,480</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>12,328</u>	<u>23,024</u>	<u>(259,749)</u>	<u>270,086</u>	<u>2,035</u>	<u>272,121</u>
	Share capital of the Company	Share premium	Shares held under share award scheme	Reserves			Subtotal	Non-controlling interests	Total
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	Translation reserve	Merger reserve	Accumulated losses			
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
As at January 1, 2024	3	494,480	*	12,328	23,024	(259,749)	270,086	2,035	272,121
Profit (Loss) for the year	—	—	—	—	—	21,801	21,801	(402)	21,399
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	12,028	—	—	12,028	—	12,028
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the year	—	—	—	12,028	—	21,801	33,829	(402)	33,427
Issue of shares of the Company (Note 26)	*	56,113	—	—	—	—	56,113	—	56,113
As at December 31, 2024	<u>3</u>	<u>550,593</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>24,356</u>	<u>23,024</u>	<u>(237,948)</u>	<u>360,028</u>	<u>1,633</u>	<u>361,661</u>

* Less than USD1,000

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	Share capital	Share	Shares held	Reserves			Subtotal	Non-controlling interests	Total
	of the Company	premium	under share award scheme	Translation reserve	Merger reserve	Accumulated losses			
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
As at January 1, 2025	3	550,593	*	24,356	23,024	(237,948)	360,028	1,633	361,661
Profit (Loss) for the year	—	—	—	—	—	36,429	36,429	(91)	36,338
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	(6,355)	—	—	(6,355)	—	(6,355)
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the year	—	—	—	(6,355)	—	36,429	30,074	(91)	29,983
As at December 31, 2025	3	550,593	*	18,001	23,024	(201,519)	390,102	1,542	391,644

* Less than USD1,000

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
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	2023 USD'000	2024 USD'000	2025 USD'000
Operating activities			
Profit before tax	33,107	33,243	49,507
Adjustments for:			
Finance costs	8,424	8,538	11,447
Interest income	(1,846)	(5,074)	(7,665)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	42,742	43,939	43,642
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	35,709	36,910	38,902
Amortization of intangible assets	106	123	107
Impairment loss, net of reversal			
– property, plant and equipment	(3,728)	2,308	1,236
– right-of-use assets	(3,916)	(2,355)	766
– goodwill	1,122	—	—
– intangible assets	1,600	—	—
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and provision for early termination of leases	2,388	2,290	3,014
Net (gain) loss on lease termination	(2,161)	(1,476)	71
Loss on lease modification	366	—	—
Net gain arising on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(1,552)	(3,100)	(1,711)
Loss on disposal of a subsidiary (Note 37)	605	—	—
Other rental concessions	(596)	—	—
Net foreign exchange loss (gain)	7,378	20,501	(13,885)
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	119,748	135,847	125,431
Increase in inventories	(3,778)	(1,759)	(4,954)
Increase in trade and other receivables and prepayments	(7,529)	(1,103)	(152)
Decrease (Increase) in rental and other deposits	19	—	(854)
Increase (Decrease) in trade payables	2,065	(3,687)	4,378
Increase in other payables	5,771	287	3,212
Increase in contract liabilities	7,187	1,245	516
Decrease in provisions	(150)	—	(688)
Increase in amounts due to related parties	66	487	779
Cash generated from operations	123,399	131,317	127,668
Income taxes paid, net of refunds	(9,354)	(11,621)	(13,020)
Net cash from operating activities	114,045	119,696	114,648
Investing activities			
Interest received from bank deposits	1,370	4,052	5,336

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	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Purchase of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(97,250)	(233,236)	(373,921)
Redemption of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	98,816	236,336	375,632
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(32,801)	(34,742)	(53,157)
Proceeds on disposals of property, plant and equipment	1,790	134	142
Purchase of intangible assets	(173)	—	(135)
Payments for rental deposits	(1,949)	(2,027)	(4,215)
Refund of rental deposits	446	1,867	209
Proceeds from disposal of a subsidiary (Note 37)	17,389	—	—
Withdrawal of pledged bank deposits	587	—	200
Placement of time deposits with original maturity over three months	—	—	(127,400)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(11,775)</u>	<u>(27,616)</u>	<u>(177,309)</u>
Financing activities			
Repayments of bank borrowings	(562)	—	—
Repayments of lease liabilities	(43,425)	(43,536)	(51,035)
Proceeds from issue of share of the Company	—	56,113	—
Capital injection from non-controlling interests	200	—	—
Net cash (used in) from financing activities	<u>(43,787)</u>	<u>12,577</u>	<u>(51,035)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	58,483	104,657	(113,696)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	93,878	152,908	254,719
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	547	(2,846)	3,567
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	<u><u>152,908</u></u>	<u><u>254,719</u></u>	<u><u>144,590</u></u>
Represented by:			
Bank balances and cash (Note 19)	152,908	254,719	271,990
Less: time deposits with original maturity over three months	—	—	(127,400)
	<u><u>152,908</u></u>	<u><u>254,719</u></u>	<u><u>144,590</u></u>

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Super Hi International Holding Ltd. (the “**Company**”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability on May 6, 2022 under the Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The principal place of business is at 1 Paya Lebar Link #09-04 PLQ 1 Paya Lebar Quarter, Singapore 408533 and registered office at Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, PO Box 2681, Grand Cayman, KY1-1111 in Cayman Islands.

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries (together, the “**Group**”) are principally engaged in the restaurants operation, delivery business and others located in overseas market outside Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. The principal activities of the subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 35 to the consolidated financial statements. The ultimate controlling parties are Mr. ZHANG Yong and his spouse namely Ms. SHU Ping together with ZY NP LTD and SP NP LTD (collectively the “**Controlling Shareholders**”).

The shares of the Company have been listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) on December 30, 2022 and on the NASDAQ on May 16, 2024 (United States Eastern Standard Time).

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group’s entities are recorded using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the “**Functional Currency**”). The Functional Currency of the Company is United States Dollar (“**USD**”), which is also the presentation currency of the consolidated financial statements.

2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED STANDARDS

Adoption of new and revised Standards – For the purpose of preparing and presenting the consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025, the Group has consistently applied the accounting policies which conform with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), which are effective for the annual period beginning on or after January 1, 2025, throughout the three years ended December 31, 2025.

The adoption of these new and amended accounting standards did not have any material effect on the financial statements.

New and revised IFRS Accounting Standards in issue but not yet effective

At December 31, 2025, the Group has not applied the following new and revised IFRS Accounting Standards that have been issued but are not yet effective:

<i>Amendments IFRS 9 and IFRS 7</i>	<i>Classification and measurement of financial instruments¹</i>
<i>Amendments IFRS 9 and IFRS 7</i>	<i>Contracts Referencing Nature-dependent Electricity¹</i>
<i>Annual Improvements to IFRS Accounting Standards</i>	<i>Annual Improvements to IFRS Accounting Standards — Volume 11¹</i>
<i>IFRS 18</i>	<i>Presentation and Disclosures in the Financial Statements²</i>
<i>Amendments to IAS 21</i>	<i>Translation to a Hyperinflationary Presentation Currency²</i>
<i>Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28</i>	<i>Sales or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture³</i>

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2026, with early application permitted.

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027, with early application permitted.

³ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.

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The directors do not expect that the adoption of the new and amendments to IFRS Accounting Standards listed above will have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group in future periods, except if indicated below.

IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosures in Financial Statements

IFRS 18 replaces IAS 1, carrying forward many of the requirements in IAS 1 unchanged and complementing them with new requirements. In addition, some IAS 1 paragraphs have been moved to IAS 8 and IFRS 7. Furthermore, IASB has made minor amendments to IAS 7 and IAS 33 *Earnings per Share*.

IFRS 18 introduces new requirements to:

- present specified categories and defined subtotals in the statement of profit or loss;
- provide disclosures on management-defined performance measures (MPMs) in the notes to the financial statements; and
- improve aggregation and disaggregation.

An entity is required to apply IFRS 18 for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027, with earlier application permitted. The amendments to IAS 7 and IAS 33, as well as the revised IAS 8 and IFRS 7, become effective when an entity applies IFRS 18. IFRS 18 requires retrospective application with specific transition provisions.

The application of the new standard is not expected to have significant impact on the financial performance and positions of the Group in terms of recognition and measurement. However, it is expected to affect the structure and presentation of the consolidated statement of profit or loss. Additional disclosures required for the Group's MPMs will be disclosed in a separate note to the consolidated financial statements.

3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES INFORMATION

Basis of accounting

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards issued by the IASB.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on historical cost basis, except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of IFRS 2 *Share-based Payment*, leasing transactions that are within the scope of IFRS 16 *Leases*, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realizable value in IAS 2 *Inventories* or value in use in IAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorized into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Group can access at the measurement date;

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- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Going concern

The directors have, at the time of approving the consolidated financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

The material accounting policies are set out below.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company and its subsidiaries. Control is achieved when the Company:

- Has the power over the investee;
- Is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- Has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, the results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income from the date the Group gains control until the date when the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring the accounting policies used into line with the Group's accounting policies.

All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between the members of the Group are eliminated on consolidation.

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries are identified separately from the Group's equity therein. Those interests of non-controlling shareholders that are present ownership interests entitling their holders to a proportionate share of net assets upon liquidation are initially measured at the non-controlling interests' proportionate share of the fair value of the acquiree's identifiable net assets.

Subsequent to acquisition, the carrying amount of non-controlling interests is the amount of those interests at initial recognition plus the non-controlling interests' share of subsequent changes in equity.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income of the subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

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When the Group loses control of a subsidiary, the gain or loss on disposal recognized in profit or loss is calculated as the difference between (i) the aggregate of the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any retained interest and (ii) the previous carrying amount of the assets (including goodwill), less liabilities of the subsidiary and any non-controlling interests. All amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income in relation to that subsidiary are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities of the subsidiary (i.e. reclassified to profit or loss or transferred to another category of equity as required/permitted by applicable IFRS Accounting Standards). The fair value of any investment retained in the former subsidiary at the date when control is lost is regarded as the fair value on initial recognition for subsequent accounting under IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* when applicable, or the cost on initial recognition of an investment in an associate or a joint venture.

Foreign currencies

In preparing the financial statements of each individual group entity, transactions in currencies other than the Functional Currency of that entity (foreign currencies) are recognized at the rates of exchanges prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of the reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date.

Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the retranslation of monetary items, are recognized in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

For the purpose of presenting the consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's operations are translated into the presentation currency of the Group (USD) using exchange rates prevailing at the end of the reporting period. Income and expenses items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuate significantly during that period, in which case the exchange rates at the date of transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are recognized in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under the heading of translation reserve (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

Upon the disposal of the entire interest in a foreign operation during the year, all of the exchange differences accumulated in the foreign exchange translation reserve in respect of that operation attributable to the owners of the Company are reclassified to profit or loss.

Revenue from contracts with customers

Information about the Group's accounting policies relating to contracts with customers is provided in Note 5.

Government grants

Government grants are not recognized until there is reasonable assurance that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them and that the grants will be received.

Government grants are recognized as other income in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Group recognizes as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

Government grants related to income that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Group with no future related costs are recognized in profit or loss in the period in which they become receivable.

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Employee benefits

Retirement benefit costs

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes, state-managed retirement benefit schemes and the mandatory provident fund scheme are recognized as an expense when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are recognized at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid as and when employees rendered the services. All short-term employee benefits are recognized as an expense.

A liability is recognized for benefits accruing to employees (such as wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave) after deducting any amount already paid.

Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the current and deferred tax. Income tax expense is recognized in profit or loss, except when it relates to items that are recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively. Where current tax or deferred tax arises from the initial accounting for a business combination, the tax effect is included in the accounting for the business combination.

Current tax payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit (loss) before tax because of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognized on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognized for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognized for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilized. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognized if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit and at the time of the transaction does not give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences. In addition, deferred tax liabilities are not recognized if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with such investments and interests are only recognized to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilize the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

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

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

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For the purposes of measuring deferred tax for leasing transactions in which the Group recognizes the right-of-use assets and the related lease liabilities, the Group first determines whether the tax deductions are attributable to the right-of-use assets or the lease liabilities.

For leasing transactions in which the tax deductions are attributable to the lease liabilities and provision for restoration in which the tax deductions are attributable to ultimate costs incurred, the Group applies IAS 12 *Income tax* requirements to the lease liabilities, the provision for restoration and the related assets separately. The Group recognizes a deferred tax asset related to lease liabilities, the provisions for decommissioning and restoration to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilized and a deferred tax liability for all taxable temporary differences.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied to the same taxable entity by the same taxation authority.

Share-based payments

Equity-settled share-based payment transactions

Shares granted to employees

Equity-settled share-based payments to employees and others providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments at the grant date.

The fair value of the equity-settled share-based payments determined at the grant date without taking into consideration all non-market vesting conditions is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of equity instruments that will eventually vest, with a corresponding increase in equity (shares held under share award scheme). At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimate of the number of equity instruments expected to vest based on assessment of all relevant non-market vesting conditions. The impact of the revision of the original estimates, if any, is recognized in profit or loss such that the cumulative expense reflects the revised estimate, with a corresponding adjustment to the share-based payments reserve. For shares that vest immediately at the date of grant, the fair value of the shares granted is expensed immediately to profit or loss.

When shares granted are vested, the amount previously recognized in share-based payment reserve will be transferred to share premium.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are tangible assets that are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes. Property, plant and equipment other than renovation in progress as described below are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Renovation in progress is carried at cost, less any recognized impairment loss. Costs include any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the management. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other property assets, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

Depreciation is recognized so as to write off the cost of assets other than renovation in progress less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method (Note 13). The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of the reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

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An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognized in profit or loss.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately.

Intangible assets with finite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at costs less accumulated amortization and any accumulated impairment losses. Amortization for intangible assets with finite useful lives is recognized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful life and amortization method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis.

Intangible assets of the Group mainly consisted of software and license and are amortized on a straight-line basis over the following periods:

Software	1 to 3 years
License	2 to 15 years

The useful lives of licenses are determined over the shorter of the relevant contractual license term (including the assessed optional periods) and the periods over which the Group expects to use those licenses.

Intangible asset acquired in a business combination

Intangible asset acquired in a business combination is recognized separately from goodwill and is initially recognized at their fair value at the acquisition date (which is regarded as their cost).

Following initial acquisition, intangible asset is carried at cost less any accumulated amortization and any accumulated impairment losses. Intangible asset acquired through business combination was related to brand name of Hao Noodle & Tea Holdings Inc. (“HN&T”) with indefinite useful lives, is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if the events and circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired either individually or at the cash-generating unit level. Such intangible asset is not amortized. The useful life of an intangible asset with an indefinite useful life is reviewed annually to determine whether the useful life assessment continues to be supportable. If not, the change in useful life from indefinite to finite is made on a prospective basis.

An intangible asset is derecognized on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset, measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, is recognized in profit or loss when the asset is derecognized.

Impairment on property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets other than goodwill

At the end of the reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, intangible assets with finite useful lives to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the relevant asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

The recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets, and intangible assets are estimated individually. When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount individually, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

In testing a cash-generating unit for impairment, corporate assets are allocated to the relevant cash-generating unit when a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be established, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash-generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be established. The recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit or group of cash-generating units to which the corporate asset belongs, and is compared with the carrying amount of the relevant cash-generating unit or group of cash-generating units.

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Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset (or a cash-generating unit) for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or a cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. For corporate assets or portion of corporate assets which cannot be allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis to a cash-generating unit, the Group compares the carrying amount of a group of cash-generating units, including the carrying amounts of the corporate assets or portion of corporate assets allocated to that group of cash-generating units, with the recoverable amount of the group of cash-generating units. In allocating the impairment loss, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill (if applicable) and then to the other assets on a pro-rata basis based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit or the group of cash-generating units. The carrying amount of an asset is not reduced below the highest of its fair value less costs of disposal (if measurable), its value in use (if determinable) and zero. The amount of the impairment loss that would otherwise have been allocated to the asset is allocated pro rata to the other assets of the unit or the group of cash-generating units. An impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit or a group of cash-generating units) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset (or a cash-generating unit or a group of cash-generating units) in prior year. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

Inventories

Inventories, representing condiment products, food ingredients and beverages, are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost of inventories are determined on a weighted average method. Net realizable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sale. Costs necessary to make the sale include incremental costs directly attributable to the sale and non-incremental costs which the Group must incur to make the sale.

Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognized as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. When a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (where the effect of the time value of money is material).

Restoration provisions

Provisions for the costs to restore leased assets to their original condition, as required by the terms and conditions of the lease, are recognized at the date of inception of the lease based on management's best estimate of the expenditure that would be required to restore the assets. Estimates are regularly reviewed and adjusted as appropriate for new circumstances.

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Leases

The Group as lessee

The Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of the contract. A right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability are recognized with respect to all lease arrangements, except for short-term leases of certain office premises and staff quarters that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option and leases of low value assets. For these leases, the Group recognizes the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

As a practical expedient, IFRS 16 *Leases* permits a lessee not to separate non-lease components, and instead account for any lease and associated non-lease components as a single arrangement. The Group has not used this practical expedient. For contracts that contain a lease component and one or more additional lease or non-lease components, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of the relative stand-alone price of the lease component and the aggregate stand-alone price of the non-lease components.

Lease liabilities

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of lease payments that are unpaid at the commencement date. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses the incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable.

The incremental borrowing rate depends on the term, currency and start date of the lease, and is determined based on a series of inputs including: the risk-free rate based on government bond rates; a country-specific risk adjustment; a credit risk adjustment based on bond yields; and an entity-specific adjustment when the risk profile of the entity that enters into the lease is different to that of the Group and the lease does not benefit from a guarantee from the Group.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable and payments of penalties for terminating a lease if the lease term reflects the Group exercising an option to terminate the lease.

The Group remeasures lease liabilities (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use assets) whenever:

- the lease term has changed or there is a change in the assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the related lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the date of reassessment.
- the lease payments change due to changes in market rental rates following a market rent review, in which cases the related lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using the initial discount rate.

Lease modifications

The Group accounts for a lease modification as a separate lease if:

- the modification increases the scope of the lease by adding the right to use one or more underlying assets; and
- the consideration for the leases increases by an amount commensurate with the stand-alone price for the increase in scope and any appropriate adjustments to that stand-alone price to reflect the circumstances of the particular contract.

For a lease modification that is not accounted for as a separate lease, the Group remeasures the lease liability, less any lease incentives receivable, based on the lease term of the modified lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification.

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The Group accounts for the remeasurement of lease liabilities by making corresponding adjustments to the relevant right-of-use asset.

Right-of-use assets

A right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost comprising the initial lease liability, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received and any initial direct costs; and any restoration costs. The right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term, and are tested for impairment in accordance with the policy similar to that adopted for property, plant and equipment in Note 13.

Refundable rental deposits

Refundable rental deposits paid are accounted under IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* and initially measured at fair value. Adjustments to fair value at initial recognition are considered as additional lease payments and included in the cost of right-of-use assets.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized when a group entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value except for trade receivables arising from contracts with customers which are initially measured in accordance with IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognized immediately in profit or loss.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or financial liability and of allocating interest income and interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts and payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial asset or financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the amortized cost on initial recognition.

Financial assets

All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognized and derecognized on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place.

All recognized financial assets are measured subsequently in their entirety at either amortized cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortized cost:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and

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- the contractual terms give rise to specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A financial asset is held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near term; or
- on initial recognition it is a part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative, except for a derivative that is a designated and effective hedging instrument.

(i) Amortized cost and interest income

Interest income is recognized using the effective interest method for financial assets measured subsequently at amortized cost. Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired (see below). For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognized by applying the effective interest rate to the amortized cost of the financial asset from the next reporting period. If the credit risk on the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognized by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset from the beginning of the reporting period following the determination that the asset is no longer credit-impaired.

(ii) Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for being measured at amortized cost or designated as FVTOCI are measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses recognized in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognized in profit or loss includes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the “other gains (losses) — net” line item.

Impairment of financial assets

The Group performs impairment assessment under expected credit loss (“ECL”) model on financial assets (including deposits, trade and other receivables, pledged bank deposits and bank balances) which are subject to impairment assessment under IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*. The amount of ECL is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition.

Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of the relevant financial instrument. In contrast, 12 months ECL (“12m ECL”) represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date. Assessments are done based on the Group’s historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current conditions at the reporting date as well as the forecast of future conditions.

The Group always recognizes lifetime ECL for trade receivables. The ECL on these assets are assessed on a collective basis for portfolios of financial instruments that share similar economic risk characteristics.

For all other instruments, the Group measures the loss allowance equal to 12m ECL, unless when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, in which case the Group recognizes lifetime ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognized is based on significant increases in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition.

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(i) Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort. Forward-looking information considered includes the future prospects of the industries in which the Group's debtors operate, obtained from economic expert reports, financial analysts, governmental bodies, relevant think-tanks and other similar organizations, as well as consideration of various external sources of actual and forecast economic information that relate to the Group's core operations.

In particular, the following information is taken into account when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly:

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk, e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, or the credit default swap prices for the debtor;
- existing or forecast adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor; and
- an actual or expected significant adverse change in the regulatory, economic, or technological environment of the debtor that results in a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations.

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Group presumes that the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

Despite the foregoing, the Group assumes that the credit risk on a debt instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the debt instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date. A debt instrument is determined to have low credit risk if (i) it has a low risk of default, (ii) the borrower has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term and (iii) adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations. The Group considers a debt instrument to have low credit risk when it has an internal or external credit rating of "investment grade" as per globally understood definition.

The Group regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria are capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.

(ii) Definition of default

For internal credit risk management, the Group considers an event of default occurs when information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Group, in full (without taking into account any collateral held by the Group).

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Irrespective of the above, the Group considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

(iii) Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data about the following events:

- (a) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- (b) a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event;
- (c) the lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider;
- (d) it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization; or
- (e) the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.

(iv) Write-off policy

The Group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, for example, when the counterparty has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or in the case of trade receivables, when the amounts are over two years past due, whichever occurs sooner. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Group's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. A write-off constitutes a derecognition event. Any subsequent recoveries are recognized in profit or loss.

(v) Measurement and recognition of ECL

The measurement of ECL is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data and forward-looking information. Estimation of ECL reflects an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined with the respective risks of default occurring as the weights. The Group uses a practical expedient in estimating ECL on trade receivables using a provision matrix taking into consideration historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and forward-looking information, including time value of money where appropriate, that is available without undue cost or effort.

Generally, the ECL is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at the effective interest rate determined at initial recognition.

The Group measures ECL on an individual basis for certain deposits, or on a collective basis for portfolios of financial instruments that share similar economic risk characteristics. Lifetime ECL for certain trade receivables are considered on a collective basis taking into consideration past due information and relevant credit information such as forward-looking macroeconomic information. For collective assessment, the Group takes into consideration past-due status when formulating the grouping. The grouping is regularly reviewed by the management to ensure the constituents of each group continue to share similar credit risk characteristics.

Interest income is calculated based on the gross carrying amount of the financial asset unless the financial asset is credit-impaired, in which case interest income is calculated based on amortized cost of the financial asset.

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The Group recognizes an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account.

Derecognition of financial assets

The Group derecognizes a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity.

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortized cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognized in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities and equity

Classification as debt or equity

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Group after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Group are recognized at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities including bank borrowings, amounts due to related parties, trade payables and other payables are subsequently measured at amortized cost, using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Group derecognizes financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognized and the consideration paid and payable is recognized in profit or loss.

4. KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The following are the key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are related to the following areas, and further explained in the respective notes:

Note 13 'Property, plant and equipment': *Impairment of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets*

Note 22 'Lease liabilities': *Determination on discount rates of lease contracts*

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5. REVENUE

During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025, the Group's revenue which represents the amount received and receivable, net of discounts and sales related taxes, from Haidilao restaurant operations, delivery business and others, which is generated from sales of hot pot condiment products and food under secondary brands to local guests and retailers, are as follows:

	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
<u>Types of services or goods</u>			
Haidilao restaurant operations	661,162	747,296	790,032
Delivery business	9,807	11,293	18,954
Others	15,393	19,719	31,769
Total	<u>686,362</u>	<u>778,308</u>	<u>840,755</u>
<u>Timing of revenue recognition</u>			
At a point in time	<u>686,362</u>	<u>778,308</u>	<u>840,755</u>

Material accounting policy information

Revenues are derived principally from restaurant operations, delivery business and others.

Restaurant operations

Revenue from restaurants owned by the Group are recognized when a customer takes possession of the food and tenders payment, which is when the obligation performance is satisfied. Sales from restaurant operations are presented net of sales taxes and discounts.

The Group operates a customer loyalty scheme through which loyalty points are granted to the customers on consuming in the restaurants that entitle them to consume by offsetting the loyalty points on future purchases and consumptions in the restaurants. These loyalty points provide a right to consume by offsetting the loyalty points to customers that they would not receive without past purchases and consumptions in the restaurants. The promise to provide the right to the customer is therefore a separate performance obligation. The transaction price is allocated between the restaurant operation service provided and the loyalty points on a pro-rata stand-alone selling price basis, as determined by menu pricing and loyalty points terms. The stand-alone selling price of each loyalty point is estimated based on the right to be given when the loyalty points are redeemed by the customer and the likelihood of redemption, as evidenced by the Group's historical experience. The performance obligation related to loyalty points is deemed to have been satisfied, and the amount deferred in the statement of financial position is recognized as revenue, when the points are converted to a reward and redeemed, or the likelihood of redemption is remote.

Proceeds from the sales of prepaid cards and vouchers are recognized as contract liabilities and recognized as revenues when redeemed by the customer. These prepaid cards and vouchers have no expiration and can be utilized in the future consumption in restaurants at customers' discretion.

Delivery business

The Group also offers food delivery service to the customers who can order the takeaway food through third-party aggregators' platforms or from certain of the Group's restaurants.

When control of the takeaway food has transferred, being at the point the customers receive the takeaway food delivered by the delivery staff of third-party aggregators or the Group's own riders, the Group recognizes revenue, excluding delivery fees and platform charges if the food is delivered by the third-party aggregators.

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Others

Other revenues include sales of hot pot condiment products and food under secondary brands to local guests and retailers. Other revenues are recognized at point in time upon transfer of control of products to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the Group expects to receive in exchange for those products.

6. OTHER INCOME

	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Interest income on:			
– bank deposits	1,370	4,438	7,014
– rental deposits	476	636	651
	1,846	5,074	7,665
Government grants (Note)	3,164	1,322	1,210
Others	1,685	1,127	620
	<u>6,695</u>	<u>7,523</u>	<u>9,495</u>

Note: The amounts mainly represent the subsidies received from the local governments for the Group's business development. The Group recognized government grants of USD1,995,000 for the year ended December 31, 2023 in respect of Covid-19-related subsidies, of which USD1,993,000 was related to employment support scheme provided by the local government. No Covid-19-related subsidies were recognized in 2024 and 2025. There were no unfulfilled conditions for all the government grants in the years in which they were recognized as other income.

7. OTHER EXPENSES

	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Administrative expenses (Note)	19,505	17,850	19,915
Consulting services expenses	8,615	7,134	10,241
Bank charges	10,893	12,505	14,066
Daily maintenance expenses	5,756	7,439	8,130
Outsourcing service fee	12,714	19,507	24,638
Business development expenses	2,747	3,945	7,269
Storage expenses	2,452	2,355	2,836
	<u>62,682</u>	<u>70,735</u>	<u>87,095</u>

Note: Administrative expenses mainly include expenses incurred on employee activities, commercial insurance, conference and other miscellaneous expenses, which individually are not material to the Group.

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8. OTHER GAINS (LOSSES) — NET

	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Net (impairment loss) reversal of impairment recognized, in respect of			
– property, plant and equipment (Note 13)	3,728	(2,308)	(1,236)
– right-of-use assets (Note 14)	3,916	2,355	(766)
– goodwill (Note i)	(1,122)	—	—
– intangible assets (Note i and 15)	(1,600)	—	—
	4,922	47	(2,002)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and provision for early termination of leases	(2,388)	(2,290)	(3,014)
Net gain (loss) on lease termination	2,161	829	(71)
Loss on lease modification	(366)	—	—
Net foreign exchange (loss) gain	(4,988)	(19,704)	14,144
Net gain arising on financial assets at FVTPL (Note ii)	1,552	3,100	1,711
Others	284	94	(928)
Total	1,177	(17,924)	9,840

Notes:

- i. During the year ended December 31, 2023, management observed continuing weak performance of HN&T against the forecasts due to competition which has caused management to reconsider its assumptions on the future plan. Based on the recoverable amount, the weak performance resulted in an impairment loss of USD1.1 million and USD1.6 million on the goodwill and intangible assets (brand name) respectively.
- ii. Financial assets at FVTPL relates to investments in short-term money market funds. The funds are measured at fair value using quoted prices from liquid markets, which are Level 1 and 2 financial instruments in terms of IFRS 13: *Fair Value Measurement*.

9. FINANCE COSTS

	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Interests on lease liabilities	8,088	8,047	10,728
Interests charge on unwinding of provisions	336	491	719
	8,424	8,538	11,447

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10. INCOME TAX

10.1 INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Current tax:			
– current year	11,926	7,866	15,161
– (over) under provision of tax in prior years	(893)	(390)	103
Deferred tax (Note 10.2)	(3,183)	4,368	(2,095)
	<u>7,850</u>	<u>11,844</u>	<u>13,169</u>

The Company is incorporated as an exempted company and as such is not subject to Cayman Islands taxation.

The taxation of the Group is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions at 9% to 33% on the estimated assessable profits for the year ended December 31, 2025 (2023 and 2024: 9% to 33%).

The income tax expense for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025 can be reconciled to the profit before tax per the consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as follows:

	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Profit before tax	33,107	33,243	49,507
Tax at 17% (Note)	5,628	5,651	8,416
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes	4,438	4,762	4,911
Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purposes	(197)	(129)	(196)
Tax effect of tax losses not recognized	4,029	2,840	3,274
Tax effect of deductible temporary differences not recognized and utilization of temporary differences not recognized previously	(270)	(847)	(4,350)
Utilization of tax losses previously not recognized	(5,376)	(4,752)	(1,232)
Tax exemption and rebates	(899)	(65)	(104)
Withholding tax	1,906	2,810	2,488
(Over) Under provision of tax in prior years	(893)	(390)	103
Effect of different tax rates of subsidiaries operating in other jurisdictions	(481)	1,561	477
Others	(35)	403	(618)
Income tax expense for the year	<u>7,850</u>	<u>11,844</u>	<u>13,169</u>

Note: 17% represents the domestic tax rate of Singapore, the largest region where the Group's business was located for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

10.2 DEFERRED TAX ASSETS (LIABILITIES)

For the purpose of presentation in the consolidated statements of financial position, certain deferred tax assets and liabilities have been offset. The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances for the financial reporting purpose:

	As at December 31, 2023	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Deferred tax assets	43,787	51,916	57,903
Deferred tax liabilities	(43,139)	(55,621)	(59,362)
	<u>648</u>	<u>(3,705)</u>	<u>(1,459)</u>

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The followings are the major deferred tax assets and liabilities recognized and movements thereon during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025:

	Accelerated tax depreciation	Right-of- use assets	Lease liabilities	Tax losses	Others	Total
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
At January 1, 2023	(2,360)	(50,978)	49,406	1,063	277	(2,592)
Credit (charge) to profit or loss (Note 10.1)	550	8,396	(7,555)	1,098	694	3,183
Exchange adjustments	2	155	(99)	(3)	2	57
At December 31, 2023	(1,808)	(42,427)	41,752	2,158	973	648
Credit (charge) to profit or loss (Note 10.1)	313	(7,706)	8,385	(783)	(4,577)	(4,368)
Exchange adjustments	(9)	2,281	(2,020)	(202)	(35)	15
At December 31, 2024	(1,504)	(47,852)	48,117	1,173	(3,639)	(3,705)
Credit (charge) to profit or loss (Note 10.1)	1,292	(3,245)	3,780	242	26	2,095
Exchange adjustments	(362)	(1,267)	1,281	63	436	151
At December 31, 2025	(574)	(52,364)	53,178	1,478	(3,177)	(1,459)

Deferred tax assets have not been recognized in respect of the following items:

	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD'000	USD'000
Tax losses (Note i)	127,280	114,405
Other deductible temporary differences (Note ii)	81,177	44,162
	208,457	158,567

Notes:

- i. Included in unrecognized tax losses are losses of USD46,827,000 that will expire in 2026 to 2035 (2024: USD60,558,000 that will expire in 2026 to 2034) and tax losses of USD67,578,000 (2024: USD66,722,000) may be carried forward indefinitely.

No deferred tax asset has been recognized in relation to the above tax losses due to the unpredictability of future profit streams of those loss-making subsidiaries and it is not probable that taxable profit will be available against which the tax losses can be utilized.

- ii. As at December 31, 2025, the Group has other deductible temporary differences of USD44,162,000 (2024: USD81,177,000) mainly arising from temporary differences of impairment loss and leasing transactions that may be carried forward indefinitely. No deferred tax asset has been recognized in relation to such deductible temporary difference as it is not probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized.

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11. PROFIT FOR THE YEAR

The Group's profit for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025 have been arrived at after charging (crediting):

	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	42,742	43,939	43,642
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	35,709	36,910	38,902
Amortization of intangible assets	106	123	107
Total depreciation and amortization	<u>78,557</u>	<u>80,972</u>	<u>82,651</u>
Property and equipment rentals:			
– Premises and equipment (short-term leases)	448	2,307	2,928
– Restaurants			
– Variable lease payments (Note 14)	3,420	4,005	4,070
Subtotal	<u>3,868</u>	<u>6,312</u>	<u>6,998</u>
Other rental related expenses	13,293	13,824	17,237
Total rentals and related expenses	<u>17,161</u>	<u>20,136</u>	<u>24,235</u>
Directors' emoluments	2,155	1,572	1,821
Other staff costs:			
Salaries and other allowances	205,633	236,923	259,579
Employee welfare	7,240	8,459	10,750
Retirement benefit contributions	11,005	12,339	13,205
Total staff costs	<u>226,033</u>	<u>259,293</u>	<u>285,355</u>

Note: The variable lease payments refers to the property rentals based on pre-determined percentages of revenue less minimum rentals of the respective leases.

12. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Profit for the year attributable to the owners of the Company for the purpose of calculating earnings per share	<u>25,653</u>	<u>21,801</u>	<u>36,429</u>
	<u>557,400</u>	<u>576,727</u>	<u>588,366</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary for the purpose of calculating earnings per share (Note)	<u>'000</u>	<u>'000</u>	<u>'000</u>

Note: The weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share has been determined on the basis of the shares issued by the Company excluding the 61,933,000 shares held under share award scheme.

No diluted earnings per share for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025 was presented as there were no potential ordinary shares in issue for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

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13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	<u>Leasehold improvement</u> USD'000	<u>Machinery</u> USD'000	<u>Transportation equipment</u> USD'000	<u>Furniture and fixture</u> USD'000	<u>Renovation in progress</u> USD'000	<u>Total</u> USD'000
COST						
At January 1, 2024	301,500	15,712	1,505	32,938	14,475	366,130
Additions (Note i)	5,520	1,589	274	3,352	26,679	37,414
Transfer from renovation in progress	30,251	—	—	—	(30,251)	—
Disposals	(9,564)	(1,204)	(167)	(1,216)	(1,183)	(13,334)
Exchange adjustments	(6,502)	(490)	(134)	(847)	(672)	(8,645)
At December 31, 2024	<u>321,205</u>	<u>15,607</u>	<u>1,478</u>	<u>34,227</u>	<u>9,048</u>	<u>381,565</u>
Additions (Note i)	2,188	1,722	241	4,087	43,193	51,431
Transfer from renovation in progress	39,586	17	—	5	(39,608)	—
Disposals	(14,604)	(3,705)	(29)	(2,858)	(86)	(21,282)
Exchange adjustments	14,071	696	56	1,037	213	16,073
At December 31, 2025	<u>362,446</u>	<u>14,337</u>	<u>1,746</u>	<u>36,498</u>	<u>12,760</u>	<u>427,787</u>
DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT						
At January 1, 2024	175,377	6,899	922	14,134	74	197,406
Charge for the year	37,564	2,741	163	3,471	—	43,939
Net impairment recognized in profit or loss	1,209	24	—	1,075	—	2,308
Eliminated on disposals	(8,852)	(867)	(129)	(1,201)	(75)	(11,124)
Exchange adjustments	(2,056)	(254)	(107)	(449)	1	(2,865)
At December 31, 2024	<u>203,242</u>	<u>8,543</u>	<u>849</u>	<u>17,030</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>229,664</u>

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	Leasehold improvement USD'000	Machinery USD'000	Transportation equipment USD'000	Furniture and fixture USD'000	Renovation in progress USD'000	Total USD'000
DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT (cont'd)						
At January 1, 2025	203,242	8,543	849	17,030	—	229,664
Charge for the year	36,796	2,312	173	4,361	—	43,642
Net impairment recognized in profit or loss	1,046	(33)	—	223	—	1,236
Eliminated on disposals	(12,431)	(3,391)	(16)	(2,288)	—	(18,126)
Exchange adjustments	10,015	346	39	670	—	11,070
At December 31, 2025	<u>238,668</u>	<u>7,777</u>	<u>1,045</u>	<u>19,996</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>267,486</u>
CARRYING AMOUNT						
At December 31, 2024	<u>117,963</u>	<u>7,064</u>	<u>629</u>	<u>17,197</u>	<u>9,048</u>	<u>151,901</u>
At December 31, 2025	<u>123,778</u>	<u>6,560</u>	<u>701</u>	<u>16,502</u>	<u>12,760</u>	<u>160,301</u>

Note i:

In 2025, the Group purchased for new additions of USD51,431,000 and renovation fee payables carried forward from prior year of USD4,144,000 (Note 21). There is USD4,512,000 that remains unpaid and is included in renovation fee payables (Note 21). The Group also made prepayments to suppliers for renovation works of USD3,169,000 (2024: USD1,075,000) (Note 17).

In 2024, the Group purchased for new additions of USD37,414,000 and renovation fee payables carried forward from prior year of USD1,472,000 (Note 21). There is USD4,144,000 that remains unpaid and is included in renovation fee payables (Note 21).

Note ii:

The above items of property, plant and equipment, except for renovation in progress, after taking into account the residual value, are depreciated on a straight-line basis at the following rates per annum:

Leasehold improvement	5.56% – 33.00% or lease term
Machinery	12.50% – 33.00%
Transportation equipment	10.00% – 25.00%
Furniture and fixture	5.26% – 33.00%

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Impairment assessment of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets

Property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. At the end of each reporting date, management also assessed if there were indications for reversal of impairment on certain property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets. For restaurant assets, impairment is tested at the individual restaurant level as a cash generating unit (CGU).

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The recoverable amounts of CGUs are determined based on value in use calculation. That calculation used discounted cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by the management of the Group covering the remaining lease periods which are between 1 to 5 years with pre-tax discount rates ranging from 8.1% to 19.6% and 7.7% to 18.8% per annum as at December 31, 2024 and 2025 which varies in restaurants operated in different countries. Cash flows beyond the 5-year period for those CGUs with remaining lease terms more than 5 years are extrapolated using a steady 0% to 3% growth rate per annum. Other key assumptions for the value in use calculations related to the estimation of cash inflows/outflows included revenue growth rate and average percentage of costs and operating expenses of revenue for the forecast periods, which are based on the CGUs' past performance and the management's expectations for the market development.

Based on the results of the assessments, management of the Group determined that the recoverable amounts of certain CGUs are lower than the carrying amounts because of continuing weak performance due to competition and market conditions. The impairment loss has been allocated to each category of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets such that the carrying amount of each category of asset is not reduced below the highest of its fair value less cost of disposal, its value in use and zero. During the year, some restaurants have achieved significant improvement in their operations because of the optimization of internal management and general improvement of market conditions. Accordingly, management of the Group determined that the recoverable amounts of certain CGUs are higher than the carrying amounts. The reversal of impairment loss for the CGUs have been allocated to each category of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets such that the carrying amount of each category of asset is not increased above its recoverable amount and the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior periods.

Based on the value in use calculation and the allocation, gross impairment loss of USD5,299,000, USD5,332,000 and USD2,530,000, and gross reversal of USD9,027,000, USD3,024,000 and USD1,294,000 has been recognized against the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively. As at December 31, 2024 and 2025, the accumulated impairment losses of USD36,008,000 and USD31,158,000 in respect of property, plant and equipment that have been recognized.

Based on the value in use calculation and the allocation, gross impairment loss of USD3,523,000, USD776,000 and USD1,632,000 and gross reversal of USD7,439,000, USD3,131,000 and USD866,000 has been recognized against the carrying amount of right-of-use assets for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively. As at December 31, 2024 and 2025, the accumulated impairment losses of USD22,159,000 and USD21,613,000 in respect of right-of-use assets that have been recognized.

14. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Leased properties USD'000
At December 31, 2024	
Carrying amount	185,514
At December 31, 2025	
Carrying amount	204,180
For the year ended December 31, 2023	
Depreciation charge	35,709
Reversal of impairment loss recognized in profit or loss	(3,916)
For the year ended December 31, 2024	
Depreciation charge	36,910
Reversal of impairment loss recognized in profit or loss	(2,355)
For the year ended December 31, 2025	
Depreciation charge	38,902
Impairment loss recognized in profit or loss	766

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Details of impairment assessment of right-of-use assets are set out in Note 13.

	2023 USD'000	2024 USD'000	2025 USD'000
Amount recognized in profit or loss:			
Expense relating to short-term leases	448	2,307	2,928
Variable lease payments not included in the measurement of lease liabilities	3,420	4,005	4,070
Other movements:			
Total cash outflow for leases (Note)	47,293	49,848	58,033
Additions to right-of-use assets	23,420	56,896	43,740
Derecognition of right-of-use assets arising from lease termination	(24,076)	(7,272)	(903)
Remeasurement of provision for restoration	—	3,850	467
(Decrease) Increase due to the modification of leases	(1,310)	6,781	10,184

Note:

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2025, the amount includes payments of principal and interest portion of lease liabilities of USD43,536,000 and USD51,035,000 respectively which are presented in financing cash flows and payment of variable lease payments and short-term leases of USD6,312,000 and USD6,998,000 respectively which are presented in operating cash flows.

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2025, the Group leases various premises for its operations. Lease contracts are entered into for fixed terms of 12 months to 20 years, but may have termination options as described below. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. In determining the lease term and assessing the length of the non-cancellable period, the Group applies the definition of a contract and determines the period for which the contract is enforceable.

Variable lease payments

Leases of restaurants are either with only fixed lease payments or contain variable lease payment that are based on 0.25% to 8.0%, 0.3% to 10.0% and 0.3% to 10.0% of sales with minimum annual lease payments that are fixed over the lease term for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively. The payment terms are common in restaurants in the countries and areas where the Group operates. The amounts of fixed and variable lease payments paid to relevant lessors for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025 are as follows:

For the year ended December 31, 2023

	Number of leases	Fixed payments USD'000	Variable payments USD'000	Total payments USD'000
Office premises without variable lease payments	6	352	—	352
Leases without variable lease payments	193	21,135	—	21,135
Leases with variable lease payments	61	22,386	3,420	25,806
Total	260	43,873	3,420	47,293

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For the year ended December 31, 2024

	Number of leases	Fixed payments USD'000	Variable payments USD'000	Total payments USD'000
Office premises without variable lease payments	10	457	—	457
Leases without variable lease payments	225	25,298	—	25,298
Leases with variable lease payments	72	20,088	4,005	24,093
Total	<u>307</u>	<u>45,843</u>	<u>4,005</u>	<u>49,848</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	Number of leases	Fixed payments USD'000	Variable payments USD'000	Total payments USD'000
Office premises without variable lease payments	11	514	—	514
Leases without variable lease payments	284	27,850	—	27,850
Leases with variable lease payments	79	25,599	4,070	29,669
Total	<u>374</u>	<u>53,963</u>	<u>4,070</u>	<u>58,033</u>

The overall financial effect of using variable payment terms is that higher rental costs are incurred by stores with higher sales. Variable rental expenses are expected to continue to represent a similar proportion of store sales in future years.

Termination options

The Group has termination options in a number of leases for restaurants. These are used to maximize operational flexibility in terms of managing the assets used in the Group's operations. The majority of termination options held are exercisable only by the Group and not by the respective lessors.

The Group assessed at the lease commencement date and concluded it is reasonably certain not to exercise the termination options. In addition, the Group reassesses whether it is reasonably certain not to exercise a termination option, upon the occurrence of either a significant event or a significant change in circumstances that is within the control of the lessee.

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2025, the Group decided to discontinue the operations of certain restaurants before the expiry of original lease terms of those restaurants. As a result, the Group is reasonably certain to exercise the termination option stipulated in the lease agreements for the relevant restaurants, and lease liabilities and right-of-use assets have been adjusted to reflect the shorter lease term. Any differences will be recognized in profit and loss as provision for early termination.

Restrictions or covenants on leases

Lease liabilities of USD228,801,000 (2024: USD212,626,000) are recognized with related right-of-use assets of USD204,180,000 (2024: USD185,514,000) as at year end. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security deposits that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

Leases committed

As at December 31, 2024 and 2025, the Group has entered into new leases for several restaurants that have yet to commence, with average non-cancellable period ranging from 3 to 16 years (2024: 3 to 5 years), the total future undiscounted cash flows over the non-cancellable period amounted to USD1,192,000 and USD45,464,000 as at December 31, 2024 and 2025, respectively.

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15. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Software USD'000	License USD'000	Brand name (Note) USD'000	Total USD'000
COST				
At January 1, 2024	169	486	1,600	2,255
Additions	7	—	—	7
Disposals	(10)	—	—	(10)
Exchange adjustments	1	(2)	—	(1)
At December 31, 2024	167	484	1,600	2,251
Additions	126	9	—	135
Disposals	(68)	(59)	—	(127)
Exchange adjustments	22	1	—	23
At December 31, 2025	247	435	1,600	2,282
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
At January 1, 2024	87	166	—	253
Charge for the year	58	65	—	123
Exchange adjustments	—	(3)	—	(3)
At December 31, 2024	145	228	—	373
Charge for the year	79	28	—	107
Disposals	(68)	(59)	—	(127)
Exchange adjustments	18	—	—	18
At December 31, 2025	174	197	—	371
ACCUMULATED IMPAIRMENT				
At January 1, 2024, December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2025	—	—	1,600	1,600
CARRYING AMOUNT				
At December 31, 2024	22	256	—	278
At December 31, 2025	73	238	—	311

Note: The brand name was founded in New York in 2016 and played a crucial role in the retention of customer and overall operation of HN&T. Being a Michelin awarded brand, HN&T had garnered wide range of positive reviews from the local media which the management of the Group expected the brand to bring in economic benefits and attract more local customers to generate net cash flows for the Group.

As a result, the brand name was considered by the management of the Group as having an indefinite useful life because it was expected to contribute to net cash inflows indefinitely. The brand name will not be amortized until its useful life is determined to be finite. Instead it will be tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that it may be impaired. The brand name was fully impaired in prior years, and accordingly its carrying amount remains nil.

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16. INVENTORIES

	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD'000	USD'000
Condiment products	7,451	7,779
Food ingredients	14,293	17,065
Beverage	1,634	2,071
Other materials	8,143	10,604
	<u>31,521</u>	<u>37,519</u>

17. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS

	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD'000	USD'000
Trade receivables (Note i)	14,952	18,042
<i>Other receivables and prepayments:</i>		
Prepayment to suppliers (Note ii)	14,584	12,923
Others (Note iii)	3,552	6,973
	<u>18,136</u>	<u>19,896</u>
Total	<u>33,088</u>	<u>37,938</u>
Current	30,754	35,652
Non-current (Note iii)	2,334	2,286
	<u>33,088</u>	<u>37,938</u>

As at January 1, 2024, trade receivables from contracts with customers amounted to USD18,430,000.

Notes:

- i. Majority of trade receivables were from payment platforms which are normally settled within 30 days. Trade receivables are aged within 30 days based on the date of rendering of services. There were no past due trade receivables at end of each reporting period.
- ii. Included in the prepayment to suppliers was the prepayment of renovation fees amounting to USD3,169,000 (2024: USD1,075,000).
- iii. Included in others are mainly long-term loans to non-controlling interest holders amounting to USD1,961,000 (2024: USD1,961,000). The loans are unsecured, interest-free and repayable in 5 years.

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18. AMOUNTS DUE TO RELATED PARTIES

Amounts due to related parties:

	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD'000	USD'000
<i>Trade nature (Note):</i>		
Related companies controlled by the Controlling Shareholders	1,329	2,177

Note: Amounts due to related parties arising from the purchase of food ingredients and condiment products have a credit terms of 30 to 60 days.

19. PLEDGED BANK DEPOSITS/BANK BALANCES AND CASH

	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD'000	USD'000
Bank balances and cash		
– Cash on hand	811	705
– Bank balances (Note i)	253,908	271,285
	254,719	271,990
Pledged bank deposits (Note ii)	2,855	2,793
	257,574	274,783

Notes:

- i. As at December 31, 2025, the Group's bank balances carried interest at market rates ranging from Nil to 5.30% (2024: Nil to 3.70%) per annum, including time deposits of USD127,400,000 (2024: Nil) with original maturity of four to six months and carried fixed interest rate at 4.12% to 5.30% (2024: Nil) per annum.
- ii. As at December 31, 2025, bank deposits of USD2,793,000 (2024: USD2,855,000) carrying interest rate at 0.25% to 3.92% (2024: Nil to 5.00%) per annum, are pledged to banks to secure the rental payments to the lessors.

20. TRADE PAYABLES

Trade payables are non-interest bearing and the majority are with a credit term of 30-60 days. An aged analysis of the Group's trade payables, as at the end of each reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD'000	USD'000
Within 60 days	30,711	36,337

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21. OTHER PAYABLES

	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD'000	USD'000
Staff cost payable	24,249	25,886
Other taxes payables	8,399	10,846
Renovation fee payables (Note 13)	4,144	4,512
Others	1,308	1,736
	<u>38,100</u>	<u>42,980</u>

22. LEASE LIABILITIES

	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD'000	USD'000
Lease liabilities payable:		
Within one year	41,407	45,662
Within a period of more than one year but not exceeding two years	34,843	39,795
Within a period of more than two years but not exceeding five years	73,725	78,569
Within a period of more than five years	62,651	64,775
	<u>212,626</u>	<u>228,801</u>
Less: Amounts due for settlement within one year shown under current liabilities	41,407	45,662
Amounts due for settlement after one year shown under non-current liabilities	<u>171,219</u>	<u>183,139</u>

The incremental borrowing rates applied to lease liabilities range from 0.77% to 9.75% (2024: 0.77% to 9.50%) per annum as at December 31, 2025.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Determination on discount rates of lease contracts

The Group applies incremental borrowing rates as the discount rates of lease liabilities, which require financing spread adjustments and lease specific adjustments based on the relevant market rates. The assessments of the adjustments in determining the discount rates involved management judgment, which may significantly affect the amount of lease liabilities and right-of-use assets. As at December 31, 2024 and 2025, the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets are USD185,514,000 and USD204,180,000 respectively and the carrying amounts of lease liabilities are USD212,626,000 and USD228,801,000 respectively.

23. CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD'000	USD'000
Customer loyalty scheme	11,642	12,224
Prepaid cards and issued vouchers	1,007	1,339
	<u>12,649</u>	<u>13,563</u>

As at January 1, 2024, contract liabilities amounted to USD11,404,000.

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The following table shows the revenue recognized during the year that was in relation to contract liabilities carried forward from the prior year.

	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Customer loyalty scheme	3,366	7,583	9,451
Prepaid cards and issued vouchers	350	483	1,007
	<u>3,716</u>	<u>8,066</u>	<u>10,458</u>

The transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligation (unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied) as at year end and the expected timing of recognizing revenue are as follows:

	As at December 31, 2024		
	Customer loyalty scheme	Prepaid cards and issued vouchers	Total
	USD'000 (Note i)	USD'000 (Note ii)	USD'000
Within one year	8,662	1,007	9,669
More than one year but within two years	2,898	—	2,898
More than two years	82	—	82
	<u>11,642</u>	<u>1,007</u>	<u>12,649</u>
	As at December 31, 2025		
	Customer loyalty scheme	Prepaid cards and issued vouchers	Total
	USD'000 (Note i)	USD'000 (Note ii)	USD'000
Within one year	9,319	1,339	10,658
More than one year but within two years	2,817	—	2,817
More than two years	88	—	88
	<u>12,224</u>	<u>1,339</u>	<u>13,563</u>

Notes:

- i. The customer loyalty points have a validity period between 2 to 5 years from the date the loyalty points were granted to customers and may be redeemed at any time within the validity period at the customers' discretion. The amounts disclosed above represent the Group's expectation on the timing of redemption by customers.
- ii. The Group issued prepaid cards and vouchers that have no expiration and can be utilized for future consumption in restaurants at the customers' discretion. The amounts disclosed above represent the Group's expectation on the timing of utilization by customers.

Material accounting policy information

Refer to Note 5 for the material accounting policy information relating to recognition of revenue and contract liabilities in relation to the above items.

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24. PROVISIONS

	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD'000	USD'000
Provision for restoration (Note)	14,434	17,166
Less: Amounts expected to be paid within one year	1,941	1,987
Amounts shown under non-current liabilities	12,493	15,179

Note: The provision is related to costs expected to be incurred to restore the leasehold properties according to lease agreements.

The movements in provisions during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2025 are as follows:

	Provision for restoration	Provision for early termination of leases	Total
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
At January 1, 2024	9,406	—	9,406
Provision in the year	1,178	675	1,853
Remeasurement in the year	4,015	—	4,015
Utilized in the year	(283)	(675)	(958)
Interests accrued	491	—	491
Exchange adjustments	(373)	—	(373)
At December 31, 2024	14,434	—	14,434
Provision in the year	1,630	—	1,630
Remeasurement in the year	632	—	632
Termination	(127)	—	(127)
Utilized in the year	(775)	—	(775)
Interests accrued	719	—	719
Exchange adjustments	653	—	653
At December 31, 2025	17,166	—	17,166

25. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

Pursuant to the board resolution dated on December 12, 2022, the board of the Company had approved, subject to acceptance by the grantees, the grant of an aggregate of 61,933,000 shares to selected participants, including employees, several directors and chief executives of the Company mainly to recognize their contributions in order to incentivize them to remain with the Group, and to motivate them to strive for the future development of the Group (the "Share Award Scheme").

As at December 31, 2024 and 2025, the vesting conditions (including both of service conditions and performance conditions) of the Share Award Scheme have not yet been agreed and no shared understanding of the terms and conditions of the share-based payment arrangement between the Company and the grantees have been reached, accordingly, no share-based payment transaction was accounted for during the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2025.

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26. SHARE CAPITAL & SHARE PREMIUM

Share Capital of the Company

	<u>Number of shares</u>	<u>Shown in the consolidated financial statements USD'000</u>
Ordinary shares at par value of USD0.000005 each		
Authorized:		
As at January 1, 2024, December 31, 2024 and 2025	10,000,000,000	—
Issued and fully paid:		
As at January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023	619,333,000	3
Issue of shares (Note)	30,966,000	*
As at December 31, 2024 and 2025	<u>650,299,000</u>	<u>3</u>

Share Premium of the Company

	<u>2024 USD'000</u>	<u>2025 USD'000</u>
As at beginning of year	494,480	550,593
Premium arising on issue of equity shares, net off issuance costs	56,113	—
As at end of year	<u>550,593</u>	<u>550,593</u>

* : Less than USD1,000.

Note: In May 2024, the Company issued 3,096,600 American Depositary Shares (“ADSs”), with each ADS representing 10 ordinary shares. The issue price was USD1.956 per share and each share has a par value of USD0.000005. Amounts received above the par value, net off issuance costs, are recorded as share premium.

27. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEMES

The Group participates in defined contribution retirement schemes organized by the relevant local government authorities where the Group operates. Certain employees of the Group eligible for participating in the retirement schemes are entitled to retirement benefits from the schemes. The Group is required to make contributions to the retirement schemes up to the time of retirement of the eligible employees, excluding those employees who resign before their retirement, at a percentage that is specified by the local government authorities.

The total expense recognized in profit or loss of approximately USD11,005,000, USD12,389,000 and USD13,249,000 for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025, represents contributions paid/payable to these plans by the Group at rates specified in the rules of the plans. During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025, the Group had no forfeited contributions (by employers on behalf of employees who leave the scheme prior to vesting fully in such contributions) in the defined social security contribution schemes which may be used by the Group to reduce the existing level of contributions. There were also no forfeited contributions available to be utilized for such use.

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28. RECONCILIATION OF LIABILITIES ARISING FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities arising from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash changes. Liabilities arising from financing activities are those for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be, classified in the Group's consolidated statement of cash flows from financing activities:

	At January 1, 2023 USD'000	Financing cash flows USD'000	Non-cash changes				Exchange difference USD'000	At December 31, 2023 USD'000
			Interest accruals USD'000	Lease liabilities recognized USD'000	Disposal of lease liabilities USD'000	Other rental concessions USD'000		
Bank borrowings	596	(562)	—	—	—	—	(34)	—
Lease liabilities (Note 22)	241,703	(43,425)	8,088	22,687	(27,181)	(596)	1,669	202,945
	<u>242,299</u>	<u>(43,987)</u>	<u>8,088</u>	<u>22,687</u>	<u>(27,181)</u>	<u>(596)</u>	<u>1,635</u>	<u>202,945</u>

	At January 1, 2024 USD'000	Financing cash flows USD'000	Non-cash changes				Exchange difference USD'000	At December 31, 2024 USD'000
			Interest accruals USD'000	Lease liabilities recognized USD'000	Lease modifications USD'000	Disposal of lease liabilities USD'000		
Lease liabilities (Note 22)	202,945	(43,536)	8,047	55,275	6,781	(8,605)	(8,281)	212,626

	At January 1, 2025 USD'000	Financing cash flows USD'000	Non-cash changes				Exchange difference USD'000	At December 31, 2025 USD'000
			Interest accruals USD'000	Lease liabilities recognized USD'000	Lease modifications USD'000	Disposal of lease liabilities USD'000		
Lease liabilities (Note 22)	212,626	(51,035)	10,728	40,928	11,027	(938)	5,465	228,801

29. DIVIDEND

No dividend was paid or proposed for ordinary shareholders of the Company during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025, nor has any dividend been proposed since its incorporation.

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30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Categories of the financial instruments

	As at December 31, 2024 USD'000	As at December 31, 2025 USD'000
Financial assets		
Financial assets at amortized cost	296,828	325,924
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortized cost	61,741	70,648
Lease liabilities	212,626	228,801

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's major financial instruments include rental and other deposits, trade and other receivables, pledged bank deposits, bank balances and cash, trade payables, amounts due to related parties and other payables. Details of these financial instruments are disclosed in respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments include market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. The management of the Group manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

(a) Market risk

(a)(i) Foreign currency risk

The Group undertakes certain transactions in foreign currencies, which expose the Group to foreign currency risk. In addition, the Company has intra - group balances with several subsidiaries denominated in foreign currency which also expose the Group to foreign currency risk. The Group does not use any derivative contracts to hedge against its exposure to currency risk. The management manages its currency risk by closely monitoring the movement of the foreign currency rates and considers hedging significant foreign currency exposure should such need arise.

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The carrying amounts of the Group’s foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities included the intra-group balances denominated in foreign currencies, as at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	Assets	
	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD’000	USD’000
Monetary assets:		
– denominated in Chinese Yuan (“CNY”)	13	2,156
– denominated in SGD	6,143	5,894
– denominated in USD	19,389	21,667
– denominated in Hong Kong Dollar (“HKD”)	252	115
– denominated in Euro (“EUR”)	14	39
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Liabilities	
	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD’000	USD’000
Monetary liabilities:		
– denominated in CNY	4,690	6,598
– denominated in SGD	291	943
– denominated in USD	493,713	509,819
– denominated in HKD	55	63
– denominated in EUR	2,033	1,607
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Sensitivity analysis

The following table details the Group’s sensitivity to a 10% weaken in the functional currency of the relevant group entities against the relevant foreign currencies. 10% is the sensitivity rate used in the management’s assessment of the reasonably possible change in the foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items, and adjusts their translation at the end of each reporting period for a 10% change in foreign currency rates. A positive (negative) number below indicates an increase (decrease) in pre-tax profit during the years. For a 10% strengthen of the functional currency of relevant group entities, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the profit after loss.

The Group

	2024	2025
	USD’000	USD’000
Profit or loss		
– CNY impact	(468)	(444)
– SGD impact	585	495
– USD impact	(47,432)	(48,815)
– HKD impact	20	5
– EUR impact	(202)	(157)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The above sensitivity analysis is prepared assuming the financial instruments outstanding at the end of the reporting period were outstanding for the whole year.

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(a)(ii) Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to fair value interest rate risk in relation to pledged bank deposits (Note 19), and lease liabilities (Note 22). The Group is also exposed to cash flow interest risk in relation to variable-rate bank balances (Note 19) which carry prevailing market interests. The management of the Group manage the interest rate risk by maintaining a balanced portfolio of fixed rate and floating rate bank borrowings and bank balances. The Group manage its interest rate exposures by assessing the potential impact arising from any interest rate movements based on interest rate level and outlook. The management will review the proportion of borrowings in fixed and floating rates and ensure they are within reasonable range.

No sensitivity analysis on interest rate risk is presented as the management consider the sensitivity on interest rate risk on bank balances is insignificant.

(b) Credit risk

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk which will cause a financial loss to the Group due to failure to discharge an obligation by the counterparties is arising from the carrying amount of the respective recognized financial assets as stated in the consolidated statements of financial position (including deposits, trade receivables, other receivables, financial assets at FVTPL, pledged bank deposits and bank balances).

The management of the Group considers pledged bank deposits and bank balances that are deposited with financial institutions with high credit rating to be low credit risk financial assets. In addition, trade receivables in connection with bills settled through payment platforms and the issuer of other financial assets are also with high credit rating and no past due history. The management of the Group considers these assets are short-term in nature and the estimated loss rate are low as the probability of default is negligible on the basis of high-credit-rating issuers, and accordingly, no expected credit loss was recognized.

In determining the ECL for deposits and other receivables, the management of the Group has taken into account the historical default experience and forward-looking information, as appropriate, for example the Group has considered the consistently low historical default rate in connection with deposits and the strong financial capability of the lessors, and concluded that credit risk inherent in the Group's outstanding deposits and other receivables is insignificant. The management of the Group has assessed those deposits and other receivable have not had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and risk of default is insignificant, therefore the estimated loss rates of these assets are low, and accordingly, no expected credit loss has been recognized.

There has been no material change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made throughout the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

(c) Liquidity risk

In the management of the liquidity risk, the management of the Group monitors and maintains a reasonable level of cash and cash equivalents which is deemed adequate by the management to finance the Group's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. The Group relies on the cash generated from operating activities as the main source of liquidity. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Group had net cash generating from operating activities of USD114,648,000 (2023: USD114,045,000, 2024: USD119,696,000).

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The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay. Specifically, amount due to related parties with a repayment on demand clause are included in the earliest time band regardless of the probability of the counterparties choosing to exercise their rights.

The table includes both interests and principal cash flows. To the extent that interest flows are floating rate, the undiscounted amount is derived from interest rate at the end of the reporting period.

	Weighted average interest rate	On demand or within 2 months USD'000	Over 2 months but within 1 year USD'000	Over 1 year but within 2 years USD'000	Over 2 years USD'000	Total undiscounted cash flows USD'000	Carrying amount USD'000
As at December 31, 2024							
Financial liabilities							
Trade payables	—	30,711	—	—	—	30,711	30,711
Other payables	—	29,701	—	—	—	29,701	29,701
Amounts due to related parties	—	1,329	—	—	—	1,329	1,329
Total	—	61,741	—	—	—	61,741	61,741
Lease liabilities	5.14 %	9,377	34,214	38,365	192,746	274,702	212,626
As at December 31, 2025							
Financial liabilities							
Trade payables	—	36,337	—	—	—	36,337	36,337
Other payables	—	32,134	—	—	—	32,134	32,134
Amounts due to related parties	—	2,177	—	—	—	2,177	2,177
Total	—	70,648	—	—	—	70,648	70,648
Lease liabilities	7.52 %	8,191	40,906	44,567	209,727	303,391	228,801

31. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Some of the Group's financial assets are measured at fair for financial reporting. In estimating the fair value, the Group uses market-observable data to the extent it is available. Where Level 1 inputs are not available, the Group determines the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs for fair value measurements and works closely with the qualified valuer to establish the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs to the model.

The management of the Group considers that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortized cost in the consolidated financial statements approximate their respective fair values at the end of each reporting period.

32. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximizing the return to shareholders through the optimization of debt and equity balances. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

The capital structure of the Group consists of net debt, which includes the lease liabilities disclosed in Note 22, net of cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising issued share capital of the Company, accumulated losses and other reserves.

The management of the Group reviews the capital structure regularly. As part of this review, the management of the Group considers the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. Based on recommendations of the management, the Group will balance its overall capital structure through new shares issues as well as raising of borrowings.

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33. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Save as the amounts due to related parties disclosed in Note 18, the related party transactions are detailed as below:

(A) Related party transactions

During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025, the Group has entered into the following transactions with related parties:

Purchase of goods/services from related parties

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Nature of transaction</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
		<u>USD'000</u>	<u>USD'000</u>	<u>USD'000</u>
Related companies controlled by the Controlling Shareholders	Purchase of condiment products and instant hot pot products	<u>13,712</u>	<u>16,576</u>	<u>19,052</u>

The Group is licensed by Sichuan Haidilao Catering Co., Ltd., a company controlled by the Controlling Shareholders, to use the trademark on a royalty-free basis.

The Group owns the proprietary rights to the formulas of Super Hi Customized Products (the "Condiments Formulae") in regions other than Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan regions and licenses the Condiments Formulae to Yihai International Holding Ltd. and its subsidiaries (companies controlled by the Controlling Shareholders) and its contracted manufacturers to use for production on a royalty-free basis.

Disposal of a subsidiary

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Nature of transaction</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
		<u>USD'000</u>	<u>USD'000</u>	<u>USD'000</u>
Related companies controlled by the Controlling Shareholders	Disposal of a subsidiary	<u>605</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

On October 31, 2023, the Group disposed all its equity interest in a wholly owned subsidiary, JAPAN HAI Co., Ltd to Newpai for a cash consideration of JPY2.6 billion (equivalent to USD17.4 million). Details of assets and liabilities disposed of, and the calculation of the loss on disposal are disclosed in Note 37.

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(B) Remuneration of key management personnel of the Group

	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Directors' fee	180	215	253
Short-term employee benefits	1,324	1,554	2,295
Performance related bonuses	1,464	1,616	1,310
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	74	96	80
	<u>3,042</u>	<u>3,481</u>	<u>3,938</u>

34. MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025, the Group did not have any major non-cash transactions.

35. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY

Details of the major subsidiaries directly and indirectly held by the Company are set out below:

Name of subsidiaries	Place of incorporation/ establishment and principal place of business	Issued and fully paid ordinary share capital/ registered capital	Proportion ownership interest and voting power held by the Company as at			Principal activities
			December 31, 2023	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2025	
			%	%	%	
Singapore Super Hi Dining Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	Ordinary share capital SGD10,117,416	100%	100%	100%	Wholesale and Food Manufacturing
Haidilao International Treasury Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	Ordinary share capital SGD1,000,000	100%	100%	100%	Financial management
Singapore Hiseries Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	Ordinary share capital SGD3,000,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Singapore Hai Di Lao Dining Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	Ordinary share capital SGD3,000,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
HDL Management USA Corporation	USA	Ordinary share capital USD5,970,005	100%	100%	100%	Management consultation
Haidilao Catering (U.S.A.) Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD10,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Restaurant California Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD2,000,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Restaurant Group, Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD10,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hot Pot Industry Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haute Hotpots Corporation	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation

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Name of subsidiaries	Place of incorporation/ establishment and principal place of business	Issued and fully paid ordinary share capital/ registered capital	Proportion ownership interest and voting power held by the Company as at			Principal activities
			December 31, 2023	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2025	
			%	%	%	
Haidilao Hot Pot Century City Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hot Pot Fremont Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hot Pot Seattle, Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hot Pot Bellevue Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hot Pot Houston Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD150,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hot Pot Chicago Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD150,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hot Pot Dallas Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hot Pot Jersey City Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hot Pot Daly City Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hot Pot San Diego Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hot Pot Las Vegas, Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hotpot Arizona Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Japan Co., Ltd.	Japan	Ordinary share capital JPY50,000,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Korea Co., Ltd.	South Korea	Ordinary share capital KRW6,285,740,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Hai Di Lao Sydney Proprietary Limited	Australia	Ordinary share capital Australian Dollar (“AUD”) 3,500,001	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Hai Di Lao Melbourne Proprietary Limited	Australia	Ordinary share capital AUD1	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
U.K. Haidilao Pte. Ltd.	UK	Ordinary share capital Great British Pound 500,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Hai Di Lao Canada Restaurants Group Ltd.	Canada	Registered capital Canadian Dollar (“CAD”) 17,000,100	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation

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Name of subsidiaries	Place of incorporation/ establishment and principal place of business	Issued and fully paid ordinary share capital/ registered capital	Proportion ownership interest and voting power held by the Company as at			Principal activities
			December 31, 2023 %	December 31, 2024 %	December 31, 2025 %	
Hai Di Lao Malaysia Sdn.Bhd.	Malaysia	Ordinary share capital Malaysian Ringgit (“MYR”) 6,000,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao International Food Services Malaysia Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	Ordinary share capital MYR6,000,000	100%	100%	100%	Wholesale and Food Manufacturing
Hai Di Lao Vietnam Holdings Company Limited	Vietnam	Ordinary share capital USD1,000,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
PT Haidilao Indonesia Restaurants	Indonesia	Ordinary share capital Indonesian Rupiah (“IDR”) 35,000,000,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Hai Di Lao Proprietary (Thailand) Limited	Thailand	Ordinary share capital Thai Baht 122,448,980	98.97%	98.97%	98.97%	Restaurant operation
New Super Hi (Xi’an) Management Consulting Co., Ltd. (Note i)	The PRC	Ordinary share capital USD7,000,000	100%	100%	100%	Management consultation
Hai Di Lao UAE Restaurant L.L.C	United Arab Emirates	Ordinary share capital United Arab Emirates Dirham 300,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
HAIDILAO Philippines Restaurant Corporation	Philippines	Ordinary share capital Philippine Peso 25,000,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
HN&T	USA	Registered capital N/A	80%	80%	80%	Restaurant operation
Hai Di Lao Huo Guo (Cambodia) Co., Ltd	Cambodia	Ordinary share capital Cambodian Riel 200,000,000	100%	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hot Pot MA Inc.	USA	Ordinary share capital USD500,000	N/A	100%	100%	Restaurant operation
Haidilao Hotpot GA Inc.	USA	Registered capital USD500,000	N/A	100%	100%	Restaurant operation

At the end of the reporting period, the Company has other subsidiaries that are not material to the Group. All subsidiaries in the Group are limited liability companies and have adopted December 31 as their financial year end date.

Notes:

- i. This subsidiary is a wholly foreign owned enterprise with limited liability established in the PRC.
- ii. None of the subsidiaries had issued any debt securities at the end of each year.

36. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At the end of each reporting period, the Group had the following capital commitments:

	As at December 31, 2024 USD’000	As at December 31, 2025 USD’000
Capital expenditure in respect of acquisition of property, plant and equipment contracted for but not provided in the consolidated financial statements	13,140	28,843

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37. DISPOSAL OF A SUBSIDIARY

On October 31, 2023, the Group entered into a sale agreement to dispose of JAPAN HAI Co., Ltd, which was incorporated on September 15, 2023 and primarily engages in hotel management and operation and holds the license for developing hot springs in Japan. Prior to the incorporation of JAPAN HAI Co., Ltd, such hotel business and license were directly held by the Group's subsidiary Haidilao Japan Co., Ltd. The disposal was completed on October 31, 2023, on which date control of JAPAN HAI Co., Ltd passed to the acquirer.

The net assets of JAPAN HAI Co., Ltd, at the date of disposal were as follows:

	<u>2023</u> <u>USD'000</u>
Non-current assets	
Property, plant and equipment	13,840
Intangible assets	9
Deposit	29
Current assets	
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	4,681
Current liabilities	
Trade payables	(3)
Other payables	(562)
Net assets disposed off	<u>17,994</u>
Consideration received and net cash inflow arising on disposal	
Cash	<u>17,389</u>
Loss on disposal	
Consideration received	17,389
Net assets derecognized	(17,994)
Loss on disposal	<u>605</u>

The loss on disposal is included in the profit for the year recorded under "Other gains (losses) — net".

Impact of disposal on the results of the Group

The hotel business of JAPAN HAI Co., Ltd, which was held under Haidilao Japan Co., Ltd before September 15, 2023, contributed loss of USD1,319,000 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The impact to the Group's profit (loss) for the year is not material.

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38. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the Chief Executive Officer, who is identified as the chief operating decision maker of the Company, in order to allocate resources and to assess performance, focuses on the operating results of the Group as a whole as the Group's resources are integrated. Accordingly, no operating segment information is presented.

No individual customer contributes to over 10% of total revenue of the Group during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

The Group operates mainly in Southeast Asia, North America and others.

The Group's revenue from external customers by geographic area, based on location of operation, is detailed as below:

	2023	2024	2025
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Singapore	158,887	162,582	148,218
United States of America	103,524	109,890	113,374
Malaysia	81,163	98,532	108,242
Vietnam	77,951	87,827	93,972
Others	264,837	319,477	376,949
Total	<u>686,362</u>	<u>778,308</u>	<u>840,755</u>

The Group's non-current assets presented below by geographic area excluded other receivables, rental and other deposits, prepayment and deferred tax assets:

	As at December 31, 2024	As at December 31, 2025
	USD'000	USD'000
Singapore	41,741	29,875
United States of America	84,740	94,503
Australia	41,896	42,598
Others	169,316	197,816
Total	<u>337,693</u>	<u>364,792</u>

List of Principal Subsidiaries of the Registrant

Subsidiaries

Singapore Super Hi Dining Pte. Ltd.
Hai Di Lao Vietnam Holdings Company Limited
Singapore Hai Di Lao Dining Pte. Ltd.
Haidilao International Treasury Pte. Ltd.
HAI DI LAO MALAYSIA SDN. BHD.
HDL Management USA Corporation
Haidilao Korea Co., Ltd.

Place of Incorporation

Singapore
Vietnam
Singapore
Singapore
Malaysia
USA
South Korea

SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD.

STATEMENT OF POLICIES
GOVERNING MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION AND
THE PREVENTION OF INSIDER TRADING

**(Amended by the Board of Directors of SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD.
and became effective on March 31, 2026)**

This Statement of Policies Governing Material Non-Public Information and the Prevention of Insider Trading (this “Statement”) applies to all directors, officers, employees and consultants of SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. and its subsidiaries and affiliated entities (collectively, the “Company”) and extends to all activities within and outside an individual’s duties at the Company.

Every director, officer, employee and consultant of the Company must review this Statement, and when requested by the Company, must execute and return the Certificate of Compliance attached hereto within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the request.

This Statement consists of four sections: Section I provides an overview; Section II sets forth the Company’s policies prohibiting insider trading; Section III explains insider trading; and Section IV explains the prohibition of market misconduct in Hong Kong.

I.
SUMMARY

Preventing insider trading is necessary to comply with U.S. and Hong Kong securities laws, including Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Hong Kong Listing Rules”) and to preserve the reputation and integrity of the Company as well as that of all persons affiliated with it. “Insider trading” occurs when any person purchases or sells a security while in possession of inside information relating to the security. As explained in Section III below, “inside information” is information which is considered to be both “material” and “non-public.”

The Company considers strict compliance with the policies set forth in this Statement (collectively, the “Policy”) to be a matter of utmost importance. Violation of the Policy could cause extreme reputational damage and possible legal liability to you and the Company. Knowing or willful violations of the letter or spirit of the Policy will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the Company. Violation of the Policy might expose the violator to severe criminal penalties as well as civil liability to any person harmed by the violation. The monetary damages flowing from a violation could be multiple times the profit realized by the violator, not to mention the attorney’s fees of the persons harmed.

The board of directors of SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. has appointed the Financial Director and Board Secretary of SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD., Ms. Cong Qu, as the Compliance Officer for the Company (the “Compliance Officer”). Questions regarding this Statement should be directed to the Compliance Officer by e-mail at superhidmb@superhi-inc.com.

II. POLICIES PROHIBITING INSIDER TRADING

For purposes of this Statement, the terms “dealing” and “purchase” and “sell” of securities include any acquisition, disposal or transfer of, or offer to acquire, dispose of or transfer, or creation of pledge, charge or any other security interest in, any securities of the Company or any entity whose assets solely or substantially comprise securities of the Company, and the grant, acceptance, acquisition, disposal, transfer, exercise or discharge of options (whether call, put or both) or other right or obligation, present or future, conditional or unconditional, to acquire, dispose of or transfer securities, or any interest in securities, of the Company. The Policy does not apply to the exercise of a tax withholding right pursuant to which you elect to have the Company withhold ordinary shares or American Depositary Shares (“ADSs”) subject to an option or other award to satisfy tax withholding requirements.

Notwithstanding the definition in the paragraph above, the following dealings are not subject to the provisions of this section:

(i) taking up of entitlements under a rights issue, bonus issue, capitalization issue or other offer made by the Company to holders of its securities (including an offer of shares in lieu of a cash dividend) but, for the avoidance of doubt, applying for excess shares in a rights issue or applying for shares in excess of an assured allotment in an open offer is a “dealing”;

(ii) allowing entitlements to lapse under a rights issue or other offer made by the Company to holders of its securities (including an offer of shares in lieu of a cash dividend);

(iii) undertakings to accept, or the acceptance of, a general offer for shares in the Company made to shareholders other than those that are concert parties (as defined under The Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs) of the offeror;

(iv) exercise of share options or warrants or acceptance of an offer for shares pursuant to an agreement entered into with the Company before a period during which dealing is prohibited under the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “Model Code”) at the pre-determined exercise price, being a fixed monetary amount determined at the time of grant of the share option or warrant or acceptance of an offer for shares;

(v) an acquisition of qualification shares where, under the Company’s constitutional documents, the final date for acquiring such shares falls within a period when dealing is prohibited under the Model Code and such shares cannot be acquired at another time;

(vi) dealing where the beneficial interest or interests in the relevant security of the Company do not change;

(vii) dealing where a shareholder places out his existing shares in a “top-up” placing where the number of new shares subscribed by him pursuant to an irrevocable, binding obligation equals the number of existing shares placed out and the subscription price (after expenses) is the same as the price at which the existing shares were placed out;

(viii) dealing where the beneficial ownership is transferred from another party by operation of law; and

(ix) acceptance or vesting of shares pursuant to the terms of share awards granted by the Company before a period during which dealing is prohibited under this code at the purchase price, if any, fixed at the time of grant of the awards.

A. *No Trading* – No director, officer, employee or consultant may purchase or sell any ADSs, ordinary shares or other securities of the Company or enter into a binding security trading plan in compliance with Rule 10b5-1 under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (a “Trading Plan”) while in possession of material non-public information relating to the Company or its ADSs, ordinary shares or other securities (the “Material Information”).

In the event that the Material Information possessed by you relates to the ADSs, ordinary shares or other Company securities, the above policy will require waiting for at least forty-eight (48) hours after public disclosure of the Material Information by the Company, which forty-eight (48) hours must include in all events at least one full Trading Day on the Nasdaq Stock Market and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Hong Kong Stock Exchange”) following the public disclosure. The term “Trading Day” is defined, (i) in relation to the Nasdaq Stock Market, as a day on which the Nasdaq Stock Market is open for trading, and (ii) in relation to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, as a day on which the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is open for trading. Except for public holidays in the United States and Hong Kong (as the case may be), the Nasdaq Stock Market’s regular trading hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., New York City time, Monday through Friday, and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange’s regular trading hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., Hong Kong time, Monday through Friday.

In addition, **no director, officer, employee or consultant may purchase or sell any Company security or enter into a Trading Plan, without the prior clearance by the Compliance Officer, during any period designated as a “limited trading period” by the Company, regardless of whether the director, officer, employee or consultant possesses any Material Information.**

Furthermore, **all transactions in Company securities (including without limitation, acquisitions and dispositions of the ADSs, the sale of ordinary shares issued upon exercise of share options and the execution of a Trading Plan, but excluding the acceptance of options granted by the Company and the exercise of options that does not involve the sale of securities) by directors, officers and key employees designated by the Company from time to time must be pre-approved by the Compliance Officer.**

Please see Section III below for an explanation of the Material Information.

B. *Trading Window* – Assuming none of the “no trading” restrictions set forth in Section II-A above applies, no director, officer, employee or consultant may purchase or sell any security of the Company or enter into a Trading Plan other than during a Trading Window.

A “Trading Window” is the period in any fiscal quarter of the Company commencing at the close of business on the second Trading Day following the date of the Company’s public disclosure of its financial results for the prior year, half-year or quarter, as applicable, and ending on December 31, March 31, June 30 or September 30, as the case may be.

In other words,

(1) beginning on January 1 of each year, no director, officer, employee or consultant may purchase or sell any security of the Company or enter into a Trading Plan until the close of business on the second Trading Day following the date of the Company’s public disclosure of its financial results for the fiscal year ended on December 31 of the prior year;

(2) beginning on July 1 of each year, no director, officer, employee or consultant may purchase or sell any security of the Company or enter into a Trading Plan until the close of business on the second Trading Day following the date of the Company’s public disclosure of its financial results for the fiscal quarter and six months ended on June 30 of that year; and

(3) beginning on April 1 and October 1 of each year, no director, officer, employee or consultant may purchase or sell any security of the Company or enter into a Trading Plan until the close of business on the second Trading Day following the date of the Company’s public disclosure of its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended on March 31 and September 30 of that year, respectively.

If the Company’s public disclosure of its financial results for the prior period occurs on a Trading Day more than four hours before the Nasdaq Stock Market or the Hong Kong Stock Exchange closes (as appropriate), then the date of disclosure is considered to be the first Trading Day of the Nasdaq Stock Market or the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (as the case may be) following the public disclosure.

For reference, a director and any other person required by Model Code, appendix C3 to the Hong Kong Listing Rules, must not deal in any Company’s securities on any day on which the Company’s financial results are published and:

(i) during the period of 60 days immediately preceding the publication date of the annual results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant financial year up to the publication date of the results; and

(ii) during the period of 30 days immediately preceding the publication date of the quarterly results (if any) and half-year results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant quarterly or half-year period up to the publication date of the results,

unless the circumstances are exceptional, for example, where a pressing financial commitment has to be met as described in section C of the Model Code. In any event, the director must comply with the notification procedure in paragraph D below. (“**Hong Kong Blackout Period**”)

Please note that trading in Company securities during the Trading Window is not a “safe harbor,” and all directors, officers, employees and consultants must strictly comply with all the policies set forth in this Statement.

When in doubt, do not trade! Check with the Compliance Officer first.

C. Notification – A director and any other person required by Model Code must not deal in any Company’s securities without first notifying in writing the chairperson or a director (otherwise than himself) designated by the board for the specific purpose and receiving a dated written acknowledgement. In his own case, the chairperson must first notify the board at a board meeting, or alternatively notify a director (otherwise than himself) designated by the board for the purpose and receive a dated written acknowledgement before any dealing. The designated director must not deal in any Company’s securities without first notifying the chairperson and receiving a dated written acknowledgement. In each case,

(a) a response to a request for clearance to deal must be given to the relevant director within five business days of the request being made; and

(b) the clearance to deal in accordance with (a) above must be valid for no longer than five business days of clearance being received.

Note: For the avoidance of doubt, the restriction under section A of this Statement applies if inside information develops following the grant of clearance.

A written record should be maintained by the Company that the appropriate notification was given and acknowledged pursuant to this section D, and for the director concerned to have received written confirmation to that effect.

D. No Tipping – No director, officer, employee or consultant may directly or indirectly disclose any Material Information to anyone who trades in securities (so-called “tipping”), regardless of whether the person or entity who receives the information, the “tippee,” is related to you and regardless of whether you receive any monetary benefit from the tippee.

E. Confidentiality – No director, officer, employee or consultant may communicate any Material Information to anyone outside the Company under any circumstances unless approved by the Compliance Officer in advance, or to anyone within the Company other than on a need-to-know basis.

F. No Comment – No director, officer, employee or consultant may discuss any internal matters or developments of the Company with anyone outside of the Company, except as required in the performance of regular corporate duties. Unless you are expressly authorized to the contrary, if you receive any inquiries about the Company or its securities by the financial press, investment analysts or others, or any requests for comments or interviews, you are required to decline comment and direct the inquiry or request to the Company’s Financial Director, who is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the release of Company information to the investing public, analysts and others in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

G. Corrective Action – If you become aware that any potential Material Information has been or may have been inadvertently disclosed, you must notify the Compliance Officer immediately so that the Company can determine whether or not corrective action, such as general disclosure to the public, is warranted.

H. Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plans – Rule 10b5-1 provides an affirmative defense against insider trading liability under U.S. securities laws. A person subject to this Policy can rely on this defense and trade in the Company’s securities, if the transaction occurs pursuant to a pre-arranged written Trading Plan that was entered into when the person was not in possession of material non-public information and that complies with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) a director and any other person required by the Model Code must not trade in the Company’s securities during the Hong Kong Blackout Period; and (ii) the defense under Rule 10b5-1 should not conflict with the insider dealing provisions contained in the SFO as set out in section IV below.

A person may not enter into overlapping Rule 10b5-1 Plans (subject to certain exceptions) and may only enter into one single-trade Rule 10b5-1 Plan during any 12-month period (subject to certain exceptions). Directors and officers subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act must include a representation in their Rule 10b5-1 Plan certifying that: (i) they are not aware of any material nonpublic information; and (ii) they are adopting the Rule 10b5-1 Plan in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade the prohibitions in Rule 10b-5.

Anyone subject to this Policy who wishes to enter into a Trading Plan must submit the Trading Plan to the Compliance Officer for approval at least five business days prior to the planned entry into the Trading Plan. Trading Plans may not be adopted by a person when he or she is in possession of material non-public information about the Company or its securities and must comply with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1 (including specified waiting periods and limitations on multiple overlapping plans and single trade plans).

Once a Trading Plan is adopted, you must not exercise any subsequent influence over the amount of securities to be traded, the price at which they are to be traded or the date(s) of the trade(s). You may amend or replace a Trading Plan only during periods when trading is permitted in accordance with this Policy, and you must submit any proposed amendment or replacement of a Trading Plan to the Compliance Officer for approval prior to adoption. You must provide notice to the Compliance Officer prior to terminating a Trading Plan. You should understand that a modification or termination of a Trading Plan may call into question your good faith in entering into and operating the plan (and therefore may jeopardize the availability of the affirmative defense against insider trading allegations).

III. EXPLANATION OF INSIDER TRADING

As noted above, “insider trading” refers to the purchase or sale of a security while in possession of “material” “non-public” information relating to the security. “Securities” include not only stocks, bonds, notes and debentures, but also options, warrants and similar instruments (including the ADSs trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market and the ordinary shares trading on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange). “Purchase” and “sale” are defined broadly under the U.S. federal securities law. “Purchase” includes not only the actual purchase of a security, but any contract to purchase or otherwise acquire a security. “Sale” includes not only the actual sale of a security, but any contract to sell or otherwise dispose of a security. These definitions extend to a broad range of transactions including conventional cash-for-stock transactions, the grant and exercise of stock options and acquisitions and exercises of warrants or puts, calls or other options related to a security. It is generally understood that insider trading includes the following:

- trading by insiders while in possession of material non-public information;
- trading by persons other than insiders while in possession of material non-public information where the information either was given in breach of an insider’s fiduciary duty to keep it confidential or was misappropriated; and
- communicating or tipping material non-public information to others, including recommending the purchase or sale of a security while in possession of material non-public information.

As noted above, for purposes of this Statement, the terms “purchase” and “sell” of securities exclude the acceptance of options granted by the Company and the exercise of options that does not involve the sale of securities. Among other things, the cashless exercise of options does involve the sale of securities and therefore is subject to the policies set forth in this Statement.

What Facts are Material?

The materiality of a fact depends upon the circumstances. A fact is considered “material” if there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable investor would consider it important in making a decision to buy, sell or hold a security or where the fact is likely to have a significant effect on the market price of the securities. Information may be material even if it relates to future, speculative or contingent events and even if it is significant only when considered in combination with publicly available information. Material information can be positive or negative and can relate to virtually any aspect of a company’s business or to any type of security, debt or equity. There is no bright-line standard for assessing materiality; rather, materiality is based on an assessment of all of the facts and circumstances, and is often evaluated by enforcement authorities with the benefit of hindsight.

While it is not possible to define all categories of material information, some examples of information that ordinarily would be regarded as material are:

- dividends;
- corporate earnings or earnings forecasts, or changes to previously released earnings announcements or guidance;
- changes in financial condition or asset value;
- negotiations for the mergers or acquisitions or dispositions of significant subsidiaries or assets;
- negotiations for material business alliance and collaboration arrangements;
- significant new contracts or the loss of a significant contract;
- significant new products or services;
- significant marketing plans or changes in these plans;
- capital investment plans or changes in these plans;
- material litigation, administrative action or governmental investigations or inquiries about the Company or any of its subsidiaries, officers or directors;
- significant borrowings or financings;
- defaults on borrowings;
- new equity or debt offerings;
- adoption of repurchase plans or amendment of existing repurchase plans;
- significant personnel changes;
- a cybersecurity incident or risk that may adversely impact the Company's business, reputation or share value;
- changes in accounting methods and write-offs; and
- any substantial change in industry circumstances or competitive conditions which could significantly affect the Company's earnings or prospects for expansion.

A good general rule of thumb: **when in doubt, do not trade.**

What is Non-public?

Information is "non-public" if it is not available to the general public. In order for information to be considered public, it must be widely disseminated in a manner making it generally available to investors through such media as Dow Jones, Reuters Economic Services, The Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg, Associated Press, PR Newswire or United Press International, or filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission or publications on the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Circulation of rumors, even if accurate and reported in the media, does not constitute effective public dissemination.

In addition, even after a public announcement, a reasonable period of time must lapse for the market to react to the information. Generally, one should allow approximately forty-eight (48) hours following publication as a reasonable waiting period before the information is deemed to be public.

Who is an Insider?

“Insiders” include directors, officers, employees and consultants of a company and anyone else who has material inside information about a company. Insiders have independent fiduciary duties to their company and its shareholders not to trade on material non-public information relating to the company’s securities. All directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company are considered insiders with respect to material non-public information about business, activities and securities of the Company. Directors, officers, employees and consultants may not trade the Company’s securities while in possession of material non-public information relating to the Company or tip (or communicate except on a need-to-know basis) the information to others.

It should be noted that trading by members of a director’s, officer’s, employee’s or consultant’s household can be the responsibility of the director, officer, employee or consultant under certain circumstances and could give rise to legal and Company-imposed sanctions.

Trading by Persons Other than Insiders

Insiders may be liable for communicating or tipping material non-public information to a third party (a “tippee”), and insider trading violations are not limited to trading or tipping by insiders. Persons other than insiders also can be liable for insider trading, including tippees who trade on material non-public information tipped to them or individuals who trade on material non-public information which has been misappropriated.

Tippees inherit an insider’s duties and are liable for trading on material non-public information tipped to them by an insider. Similarly, just as insiders are liable for the insider trading of their tippees, so are tippees who pass the information along to others who trade. In other words, a tippee’s liability for insider trading is no different from that of an insider. Tippees can obtain material non-public information by receiving overt tips from others or through, among other things, conversations at social, business, or other gatherings.

Penalties for Engaging in Insider Trading

Penalties for trading on or tipping material non-public information can extend significantly beyond any profits made or losses avoided, both for individuals engaging in the unlawful conduct and their employers. The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Justice in the United States have made the civil and criminal prosecution of insider trading violations a top priority. The Securities and Futures Commission (“SFC”) in Hong Kong also regularly prosecutes individuals for insider trading. Enforcement remedies available to the government or private plaintiffs under the federal securities laws include:

- administrative sanctions;
- securities industry self-regulatory organization sanctions;
- civil injunctions;
- damage awards to private plaintiffs;

- disgorgement of all profits;
- civil fines for the violator of up to three times the amount of profit gained or loss avoided;
- civil fines for the employer or other controlling person of a violator (i.e., where the violator is an employee or other controlled person) of up to the greater of approximately US\$2,500,000 or three times the amount of profit gained or loss avoided by the violator;
- criminal fines for individual violators of up to US\$5,000,000 (US\$25,000,000 for an entity); and
- jail sentences of up to 20 years.

In addition, insider trading could result in serious sanctions by the Company, including immediate dismissal. Insider trading violations are not limited to violations of the U.S. federal securities laws: other U.S. federal and state civil or criminal laws, such as the laws prohibiting mail and wire fraud and the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), also may be violated upon the occurrence of insider trading.

Material Non-public Information Regarding Other Companies

This Policy and the guidelines described herein also apply to material non-public information relating to other companies, including the Company's customers, vendors and suppliers ("**Business Partners**"), particularly when that information is obtained in the course of employment with, or other services performed by, or on behalf of, the Company. Civil and criminal penalties, and discipline, including termination of employment for cause, may result from trading on material non-public information regarding the Company's Business Partners. Each individual should treat material non-public information about the Company's Business Partners with the same care required with respect to information related directly to the Company.

Individual Responsibility

Each person subject to this Policy is individually responsible for complying with this Policy and ensuring the compliance of any family members, such as spouses, minor children, adult family members who share the same household, and any other person or entity whose securities trading decisions are influenced or controlled by the person whose transactions are subject to this Policy. Accordingly, you should make your family and household members aware of the need to confer with you before they trade in the Company's securities, and you should treat all such transactions for the purposes of this Policy and applicable securities laws concerning trading while in possession of material non-public information as if the transactions were for your own account.

IV.
SECTION 16 FILINGS FOR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Edgar Filing Requirements

All Section 16(a) reports must be filed electronically with the SEC via EDGAR. Each director and officer subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act must obtain EDGAR filing credentials, including a Central Index Key (“CIK”), EDGAR access codes, and a password, prior to filing. The Company’s Compliance Officer will assist directors and officers in obtaining the necessary EDGAR credentials.

The SEC may bring enforcement actions against individuals who fail to comply with Section 16(a) reporting requirements, which may result in civil monetary penalties.

Reporting Obligations

1. Form 3: Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership. Each director and officer must file a Form 3 with the SEC via EDGAR within ten (10) days of becoming a director or officer of the Company.
2. Form 4: Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership. Each director and officer must file a Form 4 with the SEC via EDGAR within two (2) business days following any change in beneficial ownership of the Company’s equity securities. Reportable transactions include, but are not limited to: (i) open market purchases and sales; (ii) acquisitions or dispositions pursuant to employee benefit plans; (iii) gifts; (iv) exercises of stock options; and (v) acquisitions of securities pursuant to equity compensation awards.
3. Form 5: Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership. Each director and officer must file a Form 5 with the SEC via EDGAR within forty-five (45) days after the end of the Company’s fiscal year to report all transactions that occurred during the previous fiscal year that are specifically permitted to be reported on a Form 5 or should have been reported on a Form 3 or Form 4 but were not.

Company Assistance

The Compliance Officer will assist directors and officers in complying with Section 16(a) reporting requirements, including: (i) providing reminders of filing deadlines; (ii) assisting in the preparation of Forms 3, 4, and 5; (iii) coordinating with the Company’s stock administrator or transfer agent to track transactions; and (iv) facilitating the EDGAR filing process.

To avoid any inadvertent violation of trading prohibitions and to enable directors and officers to file their Form 4 reports under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act on a timely basis, no directors and officers subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act may purchase or sell securities of the Company unless such director or officer submits a request to transact in Company Securities form which is approved in advance by the Company’s Compliance Officer.

Once the transaction is cleared, it must be completed within three (3) trading days of approval. The director or officer must confirm to the Compliance Officer that such transaction was completed no later than the close of business on the date such transaction is completed and shall provide the Compliance Officer with all of the information required to complete a Form 4 reporting such transaction (e.g. the date of the transaction, whether the transaction was an acquisition or disposition, the number of securities involved in the transaction, the price or prices at which the securities were acquired or disposed of, the amount of such securities beneficially owned after the transaction, the nature of the ownership).

V.
PROHIBITION OF MARKET MISCONDUCT IN HONG KONG

Market misconducts prohibited by the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (“SFO”) include insider dealing, false trading, price rigging, stock market manipulation, disclosure of information about prohibited transactions, and disclosure of false and misleading information. Market misconducts may result in civil action or criminal prosecution, but a party in breach will not be penalized repeatedly for the same act.

Insider dealing provisions contained in the SFO (primarily Section 270 of the SFO) prohibit any person in connection with the company who is in possession of the relevant information from dealing in or procuring other persons to deal in the securities of the company. Further, these persons are prohibited from disclosing the relevant information to other persons who may trade in the securities of the company.

The relevant principles of insider dealing and inside information are largely similar to principles of non-public information (as set out above); please note that the Company is not exempt from the market misconduct and insider dealing provisions of the SFO. For further details, please refer to the SFO and the Guidelines on Disclosure of Inside Information issued by the Securities and Futures Commission.

Section 307A(1) of the SFO defines “inside information” in relation to a listed corporation. The three key elements in the concept of inside information are:

- (a) the information about the particular corporation must be specific;
- (b) the information must not be generally known to that segment of the market which deals or which would likely deal in the corporation’s securities; and
- (c) the information would, if so known, be likely to have a material effect on the price of the corporation’s securities.

“Insider dealing” is when any person connected with the company holds the relevant information (being inside information, as described above) in relation to the company deals in the listed securities or derivatives of the company (or in the listed securities or derivatives of a related corporation of the company) or counsels or procures another person to deal in such securities or derivatives, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that such other persons will deal in them.

In particular, Sections 270 and 291 of the SFO set out certain occasions and offences of insider dealing. Insider dealing in relation to a listed corporation takes place when:

- Person with inside information deals in shares of a corporation with which he is connected – Sections 270(1)(a) and 291(1)
- Bidder of take-over offer (being inside information) deals in shares of target – Sections 270(1)(b) and 291(2)
- Person connected with a corporation discloses inside information about that corporation – Sections 270(1)(c) and 291(3)
- Bidder of take-over offer leaks take-over information – Sections 270(1)(d) and 291(4)
- Recipient of inside information from a person connected with a corporation deals in shares of that corporation – Sections 271(1)(e) and 291(5)
- Recipient of inside information about a take-over from bidder deals in shares of the target – Sections 270(1)(f) and 291(6)
- Person with inside information facilitates or discloses such information to facilitate dealing on an overseas market – Sections 270(2) and 291(7)

Section 279 of the SFO imposes a duty on all officers of a corporation to take reasonable measures to ensure that proper safeguards exist to prevent the corporation from acting in a way which would result in the corporation perpetrating any market misconduct. Under Section 258 of the SFO, where a corporation has been identified as having been engaged in market misconduct and the market misconduct is directly or indirectly attributable to a breach by any person as an officer of the corporation of the duty imposed on him under section 279, the Market Misconduct Tribunal of Hong Kong may make one or more of the orders in respect of that person even if that person has not been identified as having engaged in market misconduct himself.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

TO: Compliance Officer

FROM: _____

RE: STATEMENT OF POLICIES OF SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. GOVERNING MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THE PREVENTION OF INSIDER TRADING

I have received, reviewed, and understand the policies set forth in the above-referenced Statement of Policies (such policies, as from time to time amended, the "Policies") and hereby undertake, as a condition to my present and continued employment at or association with SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. or any of its subsidiaries or affiliated entities, to comply fully with the Policies.

I hereby certify that I have adhered to the Policies during the time period that I have been employed by or associated with SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. or any of its subsidiaries or affiliated entities.

I agree to adhere to the Policies in the future.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

ID Card Number: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Certification by the Principal Executive Officer

Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, June Lijuan Yang, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The company's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the company and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The company's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the company's auditors and the audit committee of the company's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the company's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: April 13, 2026

By: /s/ June Lijuan Yang

Name: June Lijuan Yang

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Certification by the Principal Financial Officer

Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Cong Qu, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The company's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the company and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The company's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the company's auditors and the audit committee of the company's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the company's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: April 13, 2026

By: /s/ Cong Qu

Name: Cong Qu

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Dear Sirs,

Re: **SUPER HI INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD. (the "Company")**

We refer to the annual report of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025 on Form 20-F (the "**Annual Report**") to be filed with the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") pursuant to Section 13 or 15(D) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on or about 13 April 2026 (the "**Annual Report**").

We consent to the filing of this letter as an exhibit to the Annual Report and to the inclusion therein of the reference to our name in the form and context in which it appears.

In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are experts within the meaning of Section 11 of the U.S. Securities Act, 1933 or that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act, or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Yours faithfully,

/s/ Conyers Dill & Pearman
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