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# Design Capital Limited 設計都會有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1545)

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
	For the six mo	onths ended	
	30 June 2022	30 June 2021	Change
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Revenue	44,698	48,051	-7.0%
Gross profit	13,200	13,928	-5.2%
Profit for the period	1,873	3,489	-46.3%
Earnings per share attributable to			
Shareholders of the Company			
(cents)	0.08	0.15	-46.7%

The board of directors (the "Board" or "Directors" and each a "Director") of Design Capital Limited (the "Company", "we", "us" or "our") is pleased to announce the unaudited interim condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2022, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2021, as follows:

# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2022

## Six months ended 30 June

		2022	2021	
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
	Notes	S\$'000	S\$'000	
REVENUE	6	44,698	48,051	
Cost of sales		(31,498)	(34,123)	
Gross profit		13,200	13,928	
Other income and gain, net		284	1,496	
Selling and distribution expenses		(5,805)	(5,719)	
Administrative expenses		(4,706)	(4,768)	
Finance costs		(428)	(395)	
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	7	2,545	4,542	
Income tax	8	(672)	(1,053)	
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		1,873	3,489	

## Six months ended 30 June

	Notes	2022 (unaudited) S\$'000	2021 (unaudited) \$\$'000
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Other comprehensive income that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:  Exchange differences on translation of foreign			
operations		877	346
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD, NET OF INCOME TAX		877	346
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		2,750	3,835
Profit for the period attributable to: Shareholders of the Company		1,625	2,975
Non-controlling interests		248	514
		1,873	3,489
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company		2,461	3,305
Non-controlling interests		289	530
		2,750	3,835
Earnings per share attributable to Shareholders of the Company			
Basic and diluted (cents)	10	0.08	0.15

# **INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION** *As at 30 June 2022*

		30 June	31 December
		2022	2021
		(unaudited)	(audited)
	Notes	S\$'000	S\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	11	2,511	2,800
Right-of-use assets	12	13,910	13,702
Deposits		368	352
Deferred tax assets		380	369
Total non-current assets		17,169	17,223
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories	13	45,494	32,063
Contract assets		228	233
Trade receivables	14	8,618	8,103
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		2,291	1,926
Cash and cash equivalents	15	28,479	40,662
Total current assets		85,110	82,987
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Contract liabilities		9,118	8,827
Trade payables	16	4,806	5,727
Other payables and accruals	17	16,316	13,091
Borrowings		14	21
Lease liabilities		2,682	2,406
Provision for reinstatement costs		_	70
Income tax payables		944	1,110
Total current liabilities		33,880	31,252
NET CURRENT ASSETS		51,230	51,735
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		68,399	68,958

		30 June	31 December
		2022	2021
		(unaudited)	(audited)
	Notes	S\$'000	S\$'000
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings		29	34
Provision for reinstatement costs		537	464
Lease liabilities		13,661	13,505
Deferred tax liabilities		25	25
Total non-current liabilities		14,252	14,028
NET ASSETS		54,147	54,930
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to shareholders of the			
Company	1.0	2 4 7 2	2.452
Issued capital	18	3,453	3,453
Share premium		11,283	14,816
Reserves		36,267	33,806
		51,003	52,075
Non-controlling interests		3,144	2,855
TOTAL EQUITY		54,147	54,930

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 June 2022

#### 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The Company is a limited liability company incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 29 March 2018. The registered office of the Company is located at Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, PO Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands.

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group is principally engaged in (i) interior design, (ii) furniture sales which include both furniture sales and project sales, and (iii) U.S. furniture sales.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of preparation**

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2022 have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Singapore dollars ("SGD" or "S\$") and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand ("S\$'000"), unless otherwise stated.

## New standards, interpretations and amendments adopted by the Group

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021, except for the adoption of new standards effective as of 1 January 2022. The Group has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

The amendments and interpretations apply for the first time in 2022, but do not have an impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group.

#### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the end of each of the reporting period. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future periods.

In preparing these unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements, the significant judgements made by the management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### 4. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group's activities expose it to credit risk, foreign currency risk, liquidity risk and capital risk.

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the financial risk management information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

There have been no changes in the financial risk management policies of the Group since the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

#### 5. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the executive directors that are used to make strategic decisions, allocate resources, and assess performance. For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their products and services and has four reportable operating segments as follows:

- (a) the "interior design" business, which provides interior design and fitting-out services for homes, offices and commercial projects, supplies and installs custom-made furniture;
- (b) the "furniture sales" business, which includes both furniture sales and project sales, operates furniture retail shops in Singapore and supplies furniture to individuals and corporate customers;
- (c) the "U.S. furniture sales" business, which represents online sales of furniture in the U.S. market; and
- (d) the "corporate" operations, which comprise the corporate services and investment holding activities of the Group.

The revenue from external parties reported to the executive directors is measured in a manner consistent with that in the interim condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Segment performance is evaluated based on reportable segment profit, which is measured consistently with the Group's profit before tax.

Segment assets and liabilities are measured in a manner consistent with those of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Intersegment sales and transfers are transacted at prices mutually agreed by the relevant parties.

Six months ended 30 June 2022	Interior design S\$'000	Furniture sales S\$'000	U.S. furniture sales \$\$'000	Corporate S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Segment revenue: Segment revenue Less: Inter-segment sales	3,330 (2)	10,775 (52)	30,647		44,752 (54)
Sales to external customers	3,328	10,723	30,647		44,698
Segment results	765	1,213	1,507	(940)	2,545
Segment assets	5,950	22,196	59,068	15,065	102,279
Segment liabilities	1,583	15,661	25,895	4,993	48,132
Other segment information: Interest income Finance costs** Depreciation Reversal of provision for write-down of	(7) - 19	(10) 105 226	(5) 323 128	(34)	(56) 428 394
inventories to net realisable value, net (Reversal of provision)/provision for expected credit losses of trade receivables, net Capital expenditure*	(2)	108 55	5		(22) 106 73
Six months ended 30 June 2021	Interior design S\$'000	Furniture sales S\$'000	U.S. furniture sales \$\$'000	Corporate S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Segment revenue:					
Segment revenue Less: Inter-segment sales	5,059 (63)	10,572 (129)	32,612		48,243 (192)
Sales to external customers	4,996	10,443	32,612		48,051
Segment results	1,299	1,556	2,628	(941)	4,542
Other segment information:					
Interest income	(10)	(8)	(24)	(29)	(71)
Finance costs**	_	60	335	_	395
Depreciation	25	234	131	18	408
Reversal of provision for write-down of					
inventories to net realisable value, net	_	(119)	_	_	(119)
(Reversal of provision)/provision for expected credit losses of trade receivables, net	(34)	(6)	36	_	(4)
Capital expenditure*	13	224	66	5	308
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<sup>\*</sup> Capital expenditure consists of additions of property, plant and equipment.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Finance costs include the interest for the lease liability.

The following table presents assets and liabilities information for the Group's operating segments as at 31 December 2021:

			U.S.		
	Interior	Furniture	furniture		
	design	sales	sales	Corporate	Total
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	\$\$'000
Segment assets	6,936	21,556	53,576	18,142	100,210
Segment liabilities	2,815	14,746	25,898	1,821	45,280

## **Geographical information**

The Group's operating segments operate in three main geographical areas:

- (i) Singapore The operations in this area are principally interior design and furniture sales which include both furniture sales and project sales.
- (ii) U.S. The operations in this area are principally U.S. furniture sales.
- (iii) Malaysia and Brunei The operations in these areas are principally interior design.

#### Non-current assets

	30 June 2022 S\$'000	31 December 2021 <i>\$\$'000</i>
Singapore U.S.	5,055 11,360	4,754 11,741
Malaysia and Brunei	6	7
	16,421	16,502

The non-current assets information above is based on the location of the assets and excludes financial assets.

## 6. REVENUE

Revenue represents the net invoiced value of goods sold, after allowances for returns and trade discounts, net of goods and services tax; and the value of services rendered, net of goods and services tax.

## Disaggregated revenue information

Set out below is the disaggregation of the Group's revenue from contracts with customers:

Six	x months ende	d 30 June 2022	
Interior design S\$'000	Furniture sales S\$'000	U.S. furniture sales S\$'000	Total S\$'000
2 229	10,723	30,647	41,370 3,328
			3,326
3,328	10,723	30,647	44,698
3,155	10,723	_	13,878
- 173	_	30,647	30,647 173
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3,328	10,723	30,647	44,698
_	8,669	30,647	39,316
3,328	2,054		5,382
3,328	10,723	30,647	44,698
Si	ix months ended	1 30 June 2021	
		U.S.	
Interior	Furniture	furniture	
-			Total S\$'000
5φ 000	5φ 000	5φ 000	5φ 000
	10.442	22 (12	42.055
- 4 996	10,443	32,612	43,055 4,996
			1,,,,
4,996	10,443	32,612	48,051
1.766	10.442		15.200
4,766	10,443	- 32 612	15,209 32,612
230	_	-	230
4,996	10,443	32,612	48,051
	0.450	22 (12	41.070
_	8,458	32,612	41,070
4,996	1,985	32,612	6,981
	Interior design \$\$'000  3,328  3,328  3,328  3,328  3,328  SInterior design \$\$'000  4,996  4,996  4,766  230	Interior design sales \$\$'000 \$\$\$'000 \$\$\$'000 \$\$\$\$'000 \$\$\$\$'000 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	Interior design S\$'000         Furniture sales S\$'000         furniture sales S\$'000           -         10,723         30,647           3,328         -         -           3,155         10,723         -           -         -         30,647           173         -         -           -         3,328         10,723         30,647           3,328         2,054         -           -         3,328         2,054         -           Six months ended 30 June 2021         U.S.           Interior Furniture design sales S\$'000         S\$'000         S\$'000           -         10,443         32,612           4,996         10,443         32,612           4,996         10,443         32,612           230         -         -           4,996         10,443         32,612           4,996         10,443         32,612           4,996         10,443         32,612

## 7. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2022	2021	
	S\$'000	\$\$'000	
Cost of goods sold	29,884	31,429	
Cost of services provided	1,614	2,694	
Depreciation	394	408	
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	1,628	1,378	
Expense relating to short-term leases	44	327	
Variable lease payments	1,157	566	
Employee benefit expense (excluding directors' fees):			
Salaries, allowances, benefits in kind and other costs	4,359	5,006	
Pension scheme contributions	393	426	
	4,752	5,432	
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	_	(43)	
Reversal of provision for write-down of inventories to net realisable value, net	(22)	(119)	
Provision/(reversal of provision) for expected credit losses of trade			
receivables, net	106	(4)	
Foreign exchange differences, net	(279)	(260)	

## 8. INCOME TAX

The major components of income tax expense in the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss are:

	Six months ended 30 June			
	2022		2022	2021
	S\$'000	S\$'000		
Current — Singapore:				
Charge for the period	672	658		
Under-provision in respect of prior years	_	27		
Current — U.S.:				
Charge for the period	142	368		
Over-provision in respect of prior years	(142)			
_	672	1,053		

#### 9. DIVIDEND

The board of directors of the Company resolved not to declare any interim dividend for the period ended 30 June 2022 (30 June 2021: Nil).

#### 10. EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

The calculation of the basic earnings per share amounts is based on the profit for the period attributable to Shareholders of the Company of S\$1,625,000 (30 June 2021: S\$2,975,000), and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue of 2,000,000,000 (30 June 2021: 2,000,000,000) during the period.

No adjustment has been made to the basic earnings per share amounts presented for the period ended 30 June 2022 and 2021 in respect of a dilution as the Company had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares in issue during each of these period.

## 11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

#### Additions and disposals

During the six months ended 30 June 2022, the Group acquired assets with a cost of approximately S\$73,000 (30 June 2021: approximately S\$308,000).

There were no assets disposed by the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2022 (30 June 2021: assets with a net book value of S\$18,000 were disposed by the Group, resulting in a net gain on disposal of S\$43,000).

#### 12. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

#### **Additions**

During the six months ended 30 June 2022, the Group entered into new leases and recognised right-of-use assets and lease liabilities of S\$1.6 million and S\$1.6 million respectively (30 June 2021: S\$1.5 million and S\$1.5 million respectively). The weighted average incremental borrowing rate used was 5.25%.

#### 13. INVENTORIES

Group	30 June 2022 S\$'000	31 December 2021 \$\$'000
Merchandised goods Goods in transit	38,420 7,074	23,155 8,908
	<u>45,494</u>	32,063

#### 14. TRADE RECEIVABLES

Group	30 June 2022 S\$'000	31 December 2021 \$\$'000
Trade receivables  Provision for expected credit losses (Note (c))	9,591 (973)	9,170 (1,067)
	8,618	8,103

#### Notes:

(a) For the U.S. furniture sales segment, the credit terms granted to customers generally range from 30 to 60 days.

For the project sales under the furniture sales segment and the interior design segment, invoices are payable on presentation. Upfront deposits will be collected prior to the delivery of furniture or the commencement of work for both furniture sales and interior design segments.

For furniture sales under the furniture sales segment, the sales term is cash on delivery.

The Group seeks to maintain strict control over all its outstanding receivables and has a credit control in place to minimise credit risk. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over its trade receivable balances, and these balances are non-interest-bearing.

(b) An ageing analysis of the trade receivables as at the end of each of the period/year, based on the invoice date and net of provision for expected credit losses, is as follows:

	30 June	31 December
Group	2022	2021
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Within 1 month	6,319	5,289
1 to 2 months	1,812	2,162
2 to 3 months	136	625
Over 3 months	351	27
	8,618	8,103

As part of the Group's credit risk management, the Group uses debtors' ageing by due date to assess the expected credit losses of its trade receivables because these trade receivables are due from a large number of customers which share common risk characteristics that are representative of the customers' ability to pay all amounts due in accordance with the contractual terms.

(c) The movements in the Group's provision for expected credit losses of trade receivables during the period/year are as follows:

	30 June	31 December
Group	2022	2021
	S\$'000	S\$'000
At beginning of year	1,067	1,083
Provision for expected credit losses	106	73
Amount written off as uncollectible	(216)	(102)
Exchange realignment	16	13
At end of period/year	973	1,067

The Group applies the simplified approach to providing for expected credit losses prescribed by IFRS 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for all trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The loss allowance provision as at 31 December 2021 and 30 June 2022 are 97.3% and 73.9% respectively for those balances that have been past due for more than 3 months.

## 15. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	30 June	31 December
Group	2022	2021
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Cash and bank balances other than time deposits	14,304	19,828
Time deposits	14,175	20,834
Cash and cash equivalents	28,479	40,662

Cash at banks earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. Time deposits are made for varying periods of more than 3 months to 12 months, depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Group, and earn interests at the respective time deposit rates. The bank balances are deposited with creditworthy banks with no recent history of default.

## 16. TRADE PAYABLES

The Group's trade payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and are normally settled on average terms of 30 to 60 days.

An ageing analysis of the trade payables as at the end of each of the reporting period/year, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

Group	30 June 2022 S\$'000	31 December 2021 <i>S\$'000</i>
Within 1 month	3,776	4,683
1 to 2 months	486	561
2 to 3 months	154	175
Over 3 months	390	308
	4,806	5,727
17. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS		
	30 June	31 December
Group	2022	2021
	S\$'000	\$\$'000
Accruals	9,589	8,458
Estimate of sales returns from customers	2,463	3,644
Other payables	448	448
Dividends payable	3,816	541
	16,316	13,091

#### 18. SHARE CAPITAL

	30 June 2022	31 December 2021
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Authorised:		
10,000,000,000 (31 December 2021: 10,000,000,000)		
ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	100,000	100,000
	30 June	31 December
	2022	2021
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Issued and fully paid:		
2,000,000,000 (31 December 2021: 2,000,000,000)		
ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	3,453	3,453

A summary of movements in the Company's issued capital and share premium account from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2022 is as follows:

			Share		
	Number of	Issued	premium		
	shares in issue	capital	account	Total	
		\$\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	
As at 1 January 2021	2,000,000,000	3,453	20,352	23,805	
Special dividend*			(5,536)	(5,536)	
As at 31 December 2021					
and 1 January 2022	2,000,000,000	3,453	14,816	18,269	
Final dividend**			(3,533)	(3,533)	
As at 30 June 2022	2,000,000,000	3,453	11,283	14,736	

- \* On 29 March 2021, the Board recommended the payment of a final dividend of HK1.28 cents per Share (the "2020 Final Dividend") and a special dividend of HK1.60 cents per Share (the "Special Dividend") for the year ended 31 December 2020. Shareholders approval for the 2020 Final Dividend and a Special Dividend was obtained on 28 June 2021. The Special Dividend was paid entirely out of the Share Premium Account pursuant to the Articles of Association and in accordance with the Companies Act of the Cayman Islands.
- \*\* On 24 March 2022, the Board recommended the payment of a final dividend of HK1.00 cent per Share (the "2021 Final Dividend") for the year ended 31 December 2021. Shareholders approval for the 2021 Final Dividend was obtained on 28 June 2022. The 2021 Final Dividend was paid entirely out of the Share Premium Account pursuant to the Articles of Association and in accordance with the Companies Act of the Cayman Islands.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## **BUSINESS REVIEW**

Headquartered in Singapore, Design Capital Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") is a longstanding furniture seller on third party e-commerce platforms in the United States (the "U.S."), a mid to high-end furniture retailer in Singapore and an integrated home design solutions provider mainly in Singapore. For the six months ended 30 June 2022, our revenue amounted to approximately S\$44.7 million, representing a decrease of approximately S\$3.4 million or 7.0% from approximately S\$48.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021. This decrease was mainly attributable to the decrease in revenue from our interior design segment and U.S. furniture sales segment as a result of negative business sentiments and slower consumer demand.

## **U.S. Furniture Sales**

We have been sourcing quality furniture pieces which are trendy and easy-to-assemble for marketing and selling under our brands "Target Marketing Systems", "TMS", "Simple Living" and "Lifestorey" in the U.S. since 2005. These products are sold at affordable prices in the U.S.. Our customers include major e-commerce sales platforms in the U.S. who in turn sell products to end consumers. In our Chairman's statement contained in our FY2021 Annual Report, he had highlighted the continuing challenges faced by our U.S. division in relation to supply chain disruptions which is causing escalation of the material cost and significant increases in freight forwarding rates which have impacted the performance of the U.S. furniture sales segment. In addition, higher inflation, higher interest rates and the prolong war in Ukraine have affected global market sentiments and consumer spending. During the six months ended 30 June 2022, revenue for this segment decreased from approximately S\$30.6 million.

#### **Furniture Sales**

As at the date of this announcement, we operate six points of sale in Singapore, of which two are under the brand "Marquis", two are under the brand "OM" and two are under the brand "Lifestorey", offering furniture pieces with different styles to cater for the preferences of different customers in the market. As Singapore lifted its COVID-19 restrictions and opened up the borders, retail sales has increased and revenue from this segment increased by 2.7% from approximately S\$10.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021 to approximately S\$10.7 million for the six months ended 30 June 2022, hence contributing positively to the Group's profitability.

## **Interior Design**

We started in 1981 as an interior design solutions provider which is currently marketed under the brand "SuMisura". We have developed strong interior design and furniture sourcing capabilities. By focusing on design solutions and home furnishing ideas, and leveraging on our designer team's acute sense of aesthetics, our work has been well received by property developers and homeowners. Revenue recognition in this segment decreased by 33.4% from approximately \$\$5.0 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021 to approximately \$\$3.3 million for the six months ended 30 June 2022 as a result of a decrease in Singapore and Malaysia projects.

#### **PROSPECTS**

## **U.S. Furniture Sales**

We anticipate a challenging second half of FY2022 for the U.S. market as the lingering problem of supply chain disruptions continue to persist. During the first half of FY2022, we have significantly restocked our current top-selling products and develop new products in order to improve our offering in the next few months and we are optimistic that the market and demand for our products may improve over the next few months. Having considered that, we are also mindful that abnormally high inflation and higher interest rates coupled with adverse geopolitical environment such as the Ukraine war will impact consumer sentiment and demand, and this in turn may negatively impact our financial performance in the second half of FY2022. We will continue to manage the business prudently and cautiously in the second half of FY2022 to deal with global uncertainties and crises.

## **Furniture Sales**

With the gradual reopening of Singapore, furniture sales are steadily recovering, and our furniture sales segment enjoyed modest growth in the first half of FY2022, tapping on Singapore's economy recovery in 2021. Our new showroom at Marina Square arising from a decision made in 2021 in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, has shown good potential and will contribute to the performance of this business segment.

The Group will continue to improve and curate its product range and brands to differentiate itself from its competitors.

## **Interior Design**

Our interior design segment continues to be profitable in the first half of FY2022 and with the projects currently on hand and our loyal customer base, together with our strengths in design, reputation and positive track record, we anticipate that this business segment will contribute positively to the Group in the second half of FY2022. In addition, our interior design team will focus not only on designs for new showflats for developers but also on residential projects for high net worth individuals.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Overall financial review

The Group's revenue decreased by approximately S\$3.4 million or 7.0% from approximately S\$48.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021 to approximately S\$44.7 million for the six months ended 30 June 2022. This decrease was mainly attributable to the decrease in revenue from interior design segment and U.S. furniture sales segment, which was partially offset by the increase in revenue from the Group's furniture sales segment.

The Group's gross profit margin increased from approximately 29.0% for the six months ended 30 June 2021 to approximately 29.5% for the six months ended 30 June 2022 mainly due to the increase in revenue from the Group's furniture sales segment.

The Group's profit decreased by approximately 46.3% from approximately S\$3.5 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021 to approximately S\$1.9 million for the six months ended 30 June 2022, mainly due to the decrease in other income and gain of approximately S\$1.2 million arising mostly from Government COVID-19 relief programmes and insurance claims.

## LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

## Overall financial position

As at 30 June 2022, total borrowings of the Group amounted to approximately \$\$43,000 which were obligations under finance leases (31 December 2021: approximately \$\$55,000 which were obligations under finance leases).

The Group had total cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$\$28.5 million as at 30 June 2022 (31 December 2021: approximately \$\$40.7 million), most of which were denominated in Hong Kong dollars, Singapore dollars and U.S. dollars. As at 30 June 2022, the cash and bank balances other than time deposits of the Group amounted to approximately \$\$14.3 million (31 December 2021: approximately \$\$19.8 million).

The Group recorded total current assets of approximately \$\$85.1 million as at 30 June 2022 (31 December 2021: approximately \$\$83.0 million) and total current liabilities of approximately \$\$33.9 million as at 30 June 2022 (31 December 2021: approximately \$\$31.3 million). The current ratio of the Group, calculated by dividing the current assets by the current liabilities, was approximately 2.5 as at 30 June 2022 (31 December 2021: approximately 2.7).

The Group's operations are financed principally by revenue generated from its business operation, available cash and bank balances as well as bank borrowings.

In view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2022, the Board considered that the Group had sufficient working capital for its operations and future development plans.

## Gearing ratio

As at 30 June 2022, the Group's gearing ratio which was calculated by dividing the total borrowings by total equity and multiplied by 100% was approximately 0.1% (31 December 2021: 0.1%).

## **Contingent liabilities**

As at 30 June 2022, the Group did not have any material contingent liabilities or guarantees (31 December 2021: Nil).

## Capital commitment

As at 30 June 2022, the Group did not have any material capital commitment (31 December 2021: Nil).

## Capital structure

As at 30 June 2022 and 31 December 2021, the capital structure of the Company comprised mainly issued share capital and reserves.

## Foreign currency risk

The Group's reporting currency is Singapore dollars. As at 30 June 2022, the Group's cash and cash equivalents were mostly denominated in Hong Kong dollars, Singapore dollars and U.S. dollars. The Group's sales are mainly in U.S. dollars and Singapore dollars. However, most of the purchases are settled in U.S. dollars. The Group is therefore susceptible to currency exchange rate fluctuation of U.S. dollars and Hong Kong dollars against Singapore dollars.

The Group has not entered into any agreements to hedge the exchange rate exposure relating to any foreign currencies and there is no assurance that the Group will be able to enter into such agreements on commercially viable terms in the future.

#### EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30 June 2022, the Group had 122 (30 June 2021: 133) full-time employees, of whom 83 are based in Singapore, 17 are based in the U.S., 18 are based in Malaysia and 4 are based in Brunei. For the period ended 30 June 2022, staff costs (excluding directors' fees) amounted to approximately \$\$4.8 million (30 June 2021: approximately \$\$5.4 million).

The Group remunerates its employees with competitive salaries, allowances and performance-based bonus based on their individual performance, contribution to the Group performance and relevant work experience. Apart from those, the Group participates in the national pension scheme in Singapore under which the Group makes contributions to the Central Provident Fund scheme. At the end of the reporting period, the Group had no forfeited contributions available to reduce its contributions to the pension scheme in future years.

The Group also provides internal training programme to our employees from time to time. The training programme includes industry trend in furnishing and interior design, product knowledge, sales technique, retail management, customer service and product display so as to increase our employees' sense of belonging to the Group and enhance effectiveness in operation.

## **CHARGES ON GROUP'S ASSETS**

As at 30 June 2022, the Group had aggregate unutilised banking facilities of approximately S\$5.6 million (31 December 2021: S\$5.4 million), of which approximately S\$2.5 million was secured by a debenture, creating a fixed and floating charge over all present and future property and assets of a subsidiary, Buylateral Group Pte. Ltd..

## FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL ASSETS

As at 30 June 2022, the Group did not have other plans for material investments and capital assets.

## SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS, MATERIAL ACQUISITION AND DISPOSALS

Save as otherwise provided in this announcement, the Group did not have any significant investments, material acquisitions or disposal of assets, subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures during the period ended 30 June 2022.

#### INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board resolved not to declare any interim dividend for the period ended 30 June 2022 (30 June 2021: Nil).

#### USE OF NET PROCEEDS FROM LISTING

The shares of the Company were listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") on 25 April 2019 (the "Listing"). The Company had allotted and issued 500,000,000 ordinary shares with aggregate nominal value of HK\$5.0 million at a price of HK\$0.30 per share and raised HK\$150.0 million (equivalent to approximately S\$25.9 million) in total gross proceeds. The net proceeds from the Listing amounted to HK\$105.2 million (equivalent to approximately S\$18.2 million) after deduction of related Listing expenses (the "Net Proceeds").

Since 2020, the global economy has been deteriorating mainly due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the business of the Group has been adversely affected as a result. It is thus prudent and of significance for the Board to restrategise and review the Group's expansion plans and allocation of cash resources to ensure optimal effectiveness in achieving growth and maintaining the financial stability of the Group. After due consideration, the Board has resolved on 16 March 2022 to further re-allocate the use of Net Proceeds. For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 16 March 2022 (the "Announcement").

The following table sets out the breakdown of the allocation based on the actual Net Proceeds, the utilised and remaining amount of the Net Proceeds from the Listing as at 31 December 2021, the revised allocation of the remaining Net Proceeds as disclosed in the Announcement, the utilised amount during the period and the remaining amount of the Net Proceeds from the Listing as at 30 June 2022:

	Percentage	Allocation based on the actual Net Proceeds (Note 1) Approximate HK\$'000	Total amount utilised from Listing to 31 December 2021 Approximate HK\$'000	Unutilised balance as at 31 December 2021 Approximate HK\$'000	Revised allocation of the unutilised balance of the Net Proceeds based on the Announcement (Note 2) Approximate HK\$'000	Total amount utilised from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022 Approximate HK\$'000	Unutilised balance as at 30 June 2022 Approximate HK\$'000	Expected timeline for utilising remaining Net Proceeds (Note 3)
U. S. furniture sales segment: procurement of inventory	62.1%	65,351	65,351	-	9,688	9,688	-	On or before 31 December 2023
increase our sales and marketing efforts to further enhance brand loyalty, reputation and brand recognition	8.4%	8,840	6,172	2,668	850	464	386	On or before 31 December 2023
storage of new products to be procured	3.5%	3,683	1,813	1,870	500	500	-	On or before 31 December 2023
Furniture sales segment: paying the rental expenses, overhead expenses and capital expenditure for opening two new points of sale in Singapore under the brands "OM" and "Lifestorey"	10.3%	10,839	2,632	8,207	3,207	1,585	1,622	On or before 31 December 2023
procurement of inventory for our new points of sale	2.9%	3,052	3,052	-	8,100	8,100	-	On or before 31 December 2023
enhancing our brand awareness including brand building campaign	2.5%	2,631	469	2,162	362	362	-	On or before 31 December 2023
expansion of our warehouse in Singapore	2.0%	2,105	416	1,689	389	311	78	On or before 31 December 2023
General working capital of our Group	8.3%	8,734	1,837	6,897	397	357	40	On or before 31 December 2023
	100.0%	105,235	81,742	23,493	23,493	21,367	2,126	

#### Notes:

- 1. With reference to the Prospectus and in light of the difference between the actual amount of the Net Proceeds and estimated amount of the Net Proceeds as stated in the Prospectus (which was disclosed based on an offer price of HK\$0.345 per share, being the mid-point of the then indicative offer price range of HK\$0.30 to HK\$0.39 per share, net of the estimated Listing expenses), the Group has adjusted the intended use of the actual amount of the Net Proceeds in the same manner and in the same proportion as disclosed in the Prospectus.
- 2. As disclosed above, the Board resolved on 16 March 2022 to reallocate the use of the remaining Net Proceeds. For details and reasons of the revised allocation of the remaining Net Proceeds, please refer to the Announcement.
- 3. The expected timeline for utilising remaining Net Proceeds has been revised twice following Listing. As disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 11 September 2020, the annual report of the Company for FY2020 ("2020 Annual Report"), the Company's 2021 interim report ("2021 Interim Report") and the annual report of the Company for FY2021 ("2021 Annual Report"), the Company has delayed the application of the unutilised Net Proceeds for the furniture sales segment in Singapore and for general working capital of the Group. Further, as disclosed in the Announcement, on 16 March 2022, the Board has further updated the expected timeline for utilising the remaining Net Proceeds for the U.S. furniture sales segment, furniture sales segment in Singapore and for general working capital of the Group. For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 11 September 2020, 2020 Annual Report, 2021 Interim Report, Announcement and 2021 Annual Report.

## PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the period ended 30 June 2022, there were no purchase, sale or redemption of the Company's listed securities by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

## EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

There was no material subsequent event after the end of the reporting period and up to the date of this announcement.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company has adopted the principles and code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") contained in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") as the basis of the Company's corporate governance practices.

The Board is of the view that the Company had complied with the applicable code provisions set out in the CG Code during the six months ended 30 June 2022, save for code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code.

Under code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual. However, having considered the nature and extent of the Group's operations, Mr. Goon Eu Jin Terence's extensive experience in the industry and familiarity with the operations of the Group, the Board believes that it is in the best interest of the Group to have Mr. Goon Eu Jin Terence taking up both roles and this will not impair the balance of power and authority of the Board, which currently comprises a majority of non-executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors who will bring independent judgement. Besides, all major decisions are made in consultation with members of the Board and relevant Board committees to safeguard sufficient balance of powers and authorities.

The Company will continue to review regularly its corporate governance policies and compliance with the CG Code to ensure operations are in line with the good corporate governance practices as set out in the CG Code and aligned with the latest developments.

## MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules.

The Company has also established written guidelines no less exacting than the Model Code for securities transactions by employees who are likely to be in possession of unpublished inside information of the Company.

As at 30 June 2022, the Company, having made specific enquiry of all the Directors, is not aware of any incident of non-compliance of the Model Code by the Directors.

#### REVIEW OF INTERIM RESULTS

The Audit Committee consists of five members, namely Mr. Kho Chuan Thye Patrick and Mr. Lim Sooi Kheng Patrick, non-executive Directors, and Mr. Lim Boon Cheng, Mr. Ng Chee Kwong, Colin and Mr. Wee Kang Keng, independent non-executive Directors. Mr. Lim Boon Cheng is the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The unaudited financial information in this announcement has not been audited or reviewed by the auditor of the Company, but this announcement has been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company.

## PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This interim results announcement is published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.designcapital.sg). The interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2022 will be dispatched to shareholders of the Company and available on the same websites in due course.

By order of the Board

Goon Eu Jin Terence

Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 18 August 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Goon Eu Jin Terence, Wee Ai Quey and Ong Ciu Hwa as executive Directors, Kho Chuan Thye Patrick and Lim Sooi Kheng Patrick as non-executive Directors, and Lim Boon Cheng, Ng Chee Kwong, Colin and Wee Kang Keng as independent non-executive Directors.