

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited take no responsibility for the contents of this announcement, make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this announcement.

Classified Group (Holdings) Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8232)

INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 ANNOUNCEMENT

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Classified Group (Holdings) Limited (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “**Group**”) for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (the “**Interim Results**”). This announcement contains the full text of the interim report of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2023 and the contents were prepared in accordance with the relevant disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Hong Kong Stock Exchange**”). The Interim Results have been reviewed by the Board and the audit committee of the Board.

This results announcement is published on the websites of the Company (www.classifiedgroup.com.hk) and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk). The interim report of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2023 will be delivered to shareholders of the Company and will also be available at the abovementioned websites in due course.

For and on behalf of the Board
Classified Group (Holdings) Limited
WONG Arnold Chi Chiu
Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 11 August 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the executive director of the Company are Mr. WONG Arnold Chi Chiu, Mr. PONG Kin Yee and Mr. LI Kai Leung and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Dr. CHAN Kin Keung Eugene, Mr. NG Chun Fai Frank and Mr. YUE Man Yiu Matthew.

This announcement, for which the directors of the Company collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.

This announcement will remain on the “Latest Listed Company Information” page of the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk for at least 7 days from the day of its posting. This announcement will also be published on the Company’s website at www.classifiedgroup.com.hk.

CLASSIFIEDGROUP

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8232)



INTERIM REPORT
2023

CHARACTERISTICS OF GEM (“GEM”) OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED (THE “STOCK EXCHANGE”)

GEM has been positioned as a market designed to accommodate small and mid-sized companies to which a higher investment risk may be attached than other companies listed on the Exchange. Prospective investors should be aware of the potential risks of investing in such companies and should make the decision to invest only after due and careful consideration.

Given that the companies listed on GEM are generally small and mid-sized companies, there is a risk that securities traded on GEM may be more susceptible to high market volatility than securities traded on the Main Board and no assurance is given that there will be a liquid market in the securities traded on GEM.

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and the Stock Exchange take no responsibility for the contents of this report, make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this report.

This report, for which the directors (the “Directors”) of Classified Group (Holdings) Limited (the “Company”) collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange (the “GEM Listing Rules”) for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this report is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this report misleading.

CONTENTS

Corporate Information	3
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income	5
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	6
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity	7
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows	8
Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements	9
Management Discussion and Analysis	21
Other Information	25

CORPORATE INFORMATION

Board of Directors

Executive Directors

Mr. WONG Arnold Chi Chiu (*Chairman*)
Mr. PONG Kin Yee JP
Mr. LI Kai Leung

Independent Non-executive Directors

Dr. CHAN Kin Keung Eugene SBS, BBS, JP
Mr. NG Chun Fai Frank
Mr. YUE Man Yiu Matthew

Compliance Officer

Mr. WONG Arnold Chi Chiu

Authorised Representatives

Mr. WONG Arnold Chi Chiu
Ms. LEUNG Yin Fai

Company Secretary

Ms. LEUNG Yin Fai (*HKICPA*)

Audit Committee

Mr. YUE Man Yiu Matthew (*Chairman*)
Dr. CHAN Kin Keung Eugene SBS, BBS, JP
Mr. NG Chun Fai Frank

Remuneration Committee

Dr. CHAN Kin Keung Eugene SBS, BBS, JP (*Chairman*)
Mr. NG Chun Fai Frank
Mr. YUE Man Yiu Matthew

Nomination Committee

Mr. NG Chun Fai Frank (*Chairman*)
Dr. CHAN Kin Keung Eugene SBS, BBS, JP
Mr. YUE Man Yiu Matthew

Auditors

BDO Limited
Certified Public Accountants, Hong Kong

Legal Advisers to the Company

Bird & Bird

Principal Bankers

Hang Seng Bank Limited

Registered Office

Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive
P.O. Box 2681
Grand Cayman
KY1-1111
Cayman Islands

Head Office, Headquarters and Principal Place of Business in Hong Kong	2/F Cheung Tak Industrial Building 30 Wong Chuk Hang Road Wong Chuk Hang Hong Kong
Principal Share Registrar and Transfer Office	Conyers Trust Company (Cayman) Limited Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive P.O. Box 2681 Grand Cayman KY1-1111 Cayman Islands
Hong Kong Share Registrar and Transfer Office	Union Registrars Limited Suites 3301-04, 33/F Two Chinachem Exchange Square 338 King's Road North Point Hong Kong
Company Website	www.classifiedgroup.com.hk
GEM Stock Code	08232

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	NOTES	Three months ended		Six months ended	
		30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Revenue	5	9,398	10,882	18,104	20,607
Other income	6	576	1,800	1,150	4,375
Other gains and losses	7	(1)	221	(1)	473
Raw materials and consumable used		(2,225)	(3,931)	(4,404)	(6,470)
Staff costs		(4,711)	(5,373)	(9,423)	(11,585)
Depreciation		517	(933)	(601)	(2,282)
Property rental and related expenses		(758)	(1,293)	(1,456)	(2,014)
Utility expenses		(483)	(444)	(882)	(831)
Advertising and promotion expenses		(502)	(617)	(934)	(1,280)
Other expenses		(1,712)	(2,010)	(3,077)	(3,741)
Finance costs	8	(50)	(128)	(117)	(277)
(Loss)/profit before taxation	9	49	(1,826)	(1,641)	(3,025)
Taxation	10	-	-	-	-
(Loss)/profit and total comprehensive (expense)/income for the period attributable to the owners of the Company		49	(1,826)	(1,641)	(3,025)
(Loss)/earnings per share					
Basic (HK cents)	12	0.01	(0.41)	(0.37)	(0.68)

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	NOTES	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31 December 2022 HK\$'000 (audited)
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	13	128	42
Right-of-use assets		267	801
Deposits	14	319	571
		714	1,414
Current assets			
Inventories		30,698	31,165
Trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments	14	4,858	3,885
Amounts due from related companies		640	694
Tax recoverable		32	32
Bank balances and cash		2,162	1,736
		38,390	37,512
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables and accrued charges	15	5,371	9,056
Amount due to a related company		17	1,222
Amounts due to directors		10,713	1,212
Contract liabilities		110	117
Lease liabilities		2,587	4,546
Provision		429	–
		19,227	16,153
Net current assets		19,163	21,359
Total assets less current liabilities		19,877	22,773
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities		469	1,295
Provisions		690	1,119
		1,159	2,414
Net assets		18,718	20,359
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	16	4,460	4,460
Reserves		14,258	15,899
Equity attributable to Owners of the Company		18,718	20,359

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Attributable to owners of the Company				Total HK\$'000
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Other reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	
At 1 January 2023 (audited)	4,460	127,329	766	(112,196)	20,359
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the period	-	-	-	(1,641)	(1,641)
At 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	4,460	127,329	766	(113,837)	18,718
At 1 January 2022 (audited)	4,460	127,329	766	(91,804)	40,751
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the period	-	-	-	(3,025)	(3,025)
At 30 June 2022 (unaudited)	4,460	127,329	766	(94,829)	37,726

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Six months ended	
	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Net cash used in operating activities	(5,779)	(64)
Investing activities		
Interest received	1	–
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(153)	(10)
Advances to related companies	(359)	–
Net used in investing activities	(511)	(10)
Financing activities		
Repayment of lease liabilities	(2,786)	(1,343)
Advance/(repayment) from directors	9,502	(10,001)
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities	6,716	(11,344)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	426	(11,418)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	1,736	17,271
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period representing by bank balances and cash	2,162	5,853

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1. GENERAL

The Company was incorporated as an exempted company and registered in the Cayman Islands with limited liability under the Cayman Companies Law on 24 October 2014. The shares of the Company have been listed on the GEM (“GEM”) of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) by way of placing on 11 July 2016 (the “Listing”). The address of the Company’s registered office is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands. The address of the Company’s principal place of business in Hong Kong is 2/F., Cheung Tak Industrial Building, 30 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in restaurant operations in Hong Kong.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong Dollars (“HK\$”), which is also the functional currency of the Company.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statement for the six months ended 30 June 2023 has been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKAS”) 34 “Interim financial reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certificate Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements of Chapter 18 of the GEM Listing Rules.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements have not been audited by the Company’s auditors, but have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company (the “Audit Committee”). The Audit Committee agreed with the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Company.

3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Other than changes in accounting policies resulting from application of new and amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”), the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2023 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

4. APPLICATION OF HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

In the current period, the Group has applied all new and revised HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA that are mandatorily effective for the accounting period beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs did not have any significant effect on the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statement of the Group.

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue represents the amounts received and receivable for services provided and goods sold and net of discount, during the period.

The financial information was reported to executive directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker, for the purpose of assessment of segment performance and resources allocation focuses on types of services rendered and goods delivered. No operating segments identified by the chief operating decision maker have been aggregated in arriving at the reportable segments of the Group.

The Group’s operating and reportable segment is Casual restaurant operation (“Casual”). This segment derives its net revenue from the operation of casual dining restaurants in which customers would place orders at the front desk and basic table service would be provided by the delivery of ordered food to the table. The casual restaurants aim to provide a more casual and relaxing atmosphere.

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment revenue and results

Six months ended 30 June 2023 (unaudited)

	Causal <i>HK\$'000</i>
Segment revenue	18,104
Segment results	(1,005)
Other income	1,150
Unallocated operating costs	(1,786)
Loss before taxation	(1,641)

Six months ended 30 June 2022 (unaudited)

	Causal <i>HK\$'000</i>
Segment revenue	20,607
Segment results	(2,630)
Other income	4,861
Unallocated operating costs	(5,256)
Loss before taxation	(3,025)

Segment result represents the profit earned/loss incurred by each segment without allocation of other income and unallocated operating costs (including head office staff cost, rental and other corporate expenses).

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment assets and liabilities

As at 30 June 2023 (unaudited)

	Causal HK\$'000
ASSETS	
Segment assets	5,371
Inventories	29,251
Other receivables, deposits and prepayment	1,648
Amounts due from related companies	640
Tax recoverable	32
Bank balances and cash	2,162
Consolidated total assets	39,104
LIABILITIES	
Segment liabilities	9,053
Other payables	603
Amounts due to directors	10,713
Amount due to related company	17
Consolidated total liabilities	20,386

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment assets and liabilities (Continued)

As at 31 December 2022 (audited)

	Causal HK\$'000
ASSETS	
Segment assets	6,845
Inventories	29,520
Other receivables, deposits and prepayment	513
Amounts due from related companies	280
Tax recoverable	32
Bank balances and cash	1,736
Consolidated total assets	38,926
LIABILITIES	
Segment liabilities	14,131
Other payables	3,224
Amounts due to directors	1,212
Consolidated total liabilities	18,567

For the purposes of monitoring segment performances and allocating resources between segments:

- all assets are allocated to operating and reportable segments, other than certain property, plant and equipment, certain inventories, certain other receivables, deposits and prepayments, amounts due from a director and related companies, tax recoverable and bank balances and cash.
- all liabilities are allocated to operating and reportable segments, other than certain other payables and amounts due to directors.

6. OTHER INCOME

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Promotion income	–	5	–	94
Interest income	1	–	1	–
Franchise fee income	25	25	50	50
Others	27	8	30	9
Government subsidies	–	1,252	–	3,202
Management fee income from related company	523	510	1,069	1,020
	576	1,800	1,150	4,375

7. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Rent concession related to COVID-19	–	219	–	472
Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain, net	(1)	2	(1)	1
	(1)	221	(1)	473

8. FINANCE COSTS

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
The finance costs represent interest on leases liabilities	(50)	(128)	(117)	(277)

9. (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Loss before taxation has been arrived after charging:				
Raw materials and consumables used	(2,225)	(3,931)	(4,404)	(6,470)
Lease payments under operating leases in respect of leasehold land and building:				
– Short-term lease	(193)	(752)	(387)	(1,630)
– Contingent rents (<i>note</i>)	(121)	(140)	(171)	(258)
	(314)	(892)	(558)	(1,888)

Note: The operating lease rentals for certain restaurants are determined as the higher of a fixed rental or a predetermined percentage on revenue of respective restaurants pursuant to the terms and conditions that are set out in the respective rental agreements.

10. TAXATION

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group did not have any assessable profits for the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

11. DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid, declared and proposed by the Company during the current interim period (30 June 2022: nil). The directors have determined that no dividend will be paid in respect of the current interim period.

12. (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic (loss)/earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
(Loss)/earnings:				
(Loss)/earnings for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of calculating basic (loss)/earning per share	49	(1,826)	(1,641)	(3,025)
	30 June 2023 '000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 '000 (unaudited)	30 June 2023 '000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 '000 (unaudited)
Number of shares				
Number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic (loss)/earnings per share	446,000	446,000	446,000	446,000

No diluted (loss)/earnings per share for the periods was presented as there were no potential ordinary shares in issue during the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022.

13. MOVEMENTS IN PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the current interim period, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment of approximately HK\$153,000 (30 June 2022: HK\$10,000).

14. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

	As at 30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	As at 31 December 2022 HK\$'000 (audited)
Trade receivables from restaurant operations	171	330
Management fee income receivables from Canton Oriental Limited (<i>Note</i>)	1,009	–
Rental deposits	2,388	2,788
Other deposits	504	519
Prepayments and other receivables	1,105	819
	5,177	4,456
Analysed as:		
Current	4,858	3,885
Non-current	319	571
	5,177	4,456

There was no credit period to individual customers for the restaurant operations. The Group's trading terms with its customers are mainly by cash and credit card settlement. The settlement terms of credit card companies are usually 7 days after the service rendered date.

The Group allows a credit period of 30 days to the corporate customers for launching activities in the Group's restaurants.

No interest is charged on the trade receivables on the outstanding balance.

Note: Canton Oriental Limited is controlled by Mr. Wong and Mr. Pong. The Group has entered into management services agreement with Canton Oriental Limited for the provision of catering operations and management services during the year. The services income was negotiated in arm's length basis between both parties. Details of which were disclosed in the Company's announcement dated on 16 September 2021.

14. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

The following is an ageing analysis of trade receivables from restaurant operations presented based on the invoice date, which approximated the service rendered date, at the end of the reporting periods.

	As at 30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	As at 31 December 2022 HK\$'000 (audited)
0 to 30 days	144	253
31 to 60 days	2	9
61 to 90 days	3	3
Over 90 days	22	65
	171	330

15. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUED CHARGES

	As at 30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	As at 31 December 2022 HK\$'000 (audited)
Trade payables	1,645	1,850
Other payables:		
Accrued staff related costs	1,525	1,386
Other payables and accrued charges	2,201	5,820
	5,371	9,056

15. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUED CHARGES (Continued)

The credit period for purchases of goods is 30 to 90 days. The following is an ageing analysis of trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting periods.

	As at 30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	As at 31 December 2022 HK\$'000 (audited)
0 to 30 days	714	698
31 to 60 days	731	561
61 to 90 days	133	274
Over 90 days	67	317
	1,645	1,850

16. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Amount HK\$	HK\$'000
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each			
Authorised:			
At 1 January 2022, 30 June 2022, 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2023			
	800,000,000	8,000,000	8,000
Issued and fully paid:			
At 1 January 2022, 30 June 2022, 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2023			
	446,000,000	4,460,000	4,460

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Save as disclosed elsewhere in the condensed consolidated financial statements, the Group had the following transactions with related parties during the reporting period.

	Six months ended	
	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30 June 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Catering income from directors of the Company	2	5
Catering income from Altaya Wines Limited (note (i))	10	–
Management fee income from Way Wise Limited (note (ii))	60	60
Management fee income from Canton Oriental Limited (note (iii))	1,009	960
Management fee to Altaya Wines Limited (note (i))	643	433
Purchases of goods from Altaya Wines Limited (note (i))	72	115

Notes:

- (i) Altaya Wines Limited is controlled by Mr. Pong Kin Yee, a director of the Company, and his family.
- (ii) Mr. Pong is shareholder and director on Way Wise Limited.
- (iii) Canton Oriental Limited is controlled by Mr. Wong and Mr. Pong. The Group has entered into management services agreement with Canton Oriental Limited for the provision of catering operations and management services during the year. The services income was negotiated in arm's length basis between both parties. Details of which were disclosed in the Company's announcement dated on 16 September 2021.

During the current interim period, the emoluments of key management personnel were HK\$210,000 (30 June 2022: HK\$318,167).

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Industry Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic and Government social distancing measures and restrictions on public gatherings have had significant adverse impact on Hong Kong's food and beverage industry. Thanks to the relaxation of social distancing measures recently, the food and beverage industry's operating environment has slightly improved. Following the reopening of the border with Mainland China, relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions and increase in tourist arrivals in Hong Kong, we believe the restaurant business will recover gradually.

However, the business environment of the food and beverage industry in Hong Kong remains challenging, dynamic, and competitive. Pressure from rising food costs, rental expenses, utilities expenses and labour costs is enduring, which further squeezed our profit margin. Customers are more budget conscious and price sensitive to the amounts they spend on dining out and the revenues of our restaurants were weaker than expected. The management believes the difficult situation may continue, which will adversely affect the food and beverage industry and the Group's business performance.

Operating in such a difficult macroeconomic environment, we need to be agile, flexible and adaptive. We will embrace changes with flexible marketing strategies and efficient operational discipline, continue to reshape our business model and make decisions necessary to enhance the profitability of the Group.

Business Overview

"Classified" restaurants are a collection of casual European cafés specializing in artisan breads, cheeses and boutique wines, and are renowned for their breakfast and all-day dining menu. Offering casual seating areas in most locations, Classified encourages neighbourhood street-level interaction. In December 2020, we have created a new modern bakery brand, "Rise by Classified", a sub-brand of "Classified". With a selection of pastries, a dine-in area for comfort food, an exhaustive list of beverages, and a collection of locally sourced retail products, "Rise by Classified" focuses on providing a local dining experience that can be enjoyed in the restaurant or at home. "Classified" is our Group's flagship brand. During the six months ended 30 June 2023, our Group recorded revenue of approximately HK\$18.1 million (30 June 2022: HK\$20.6 million), representing a decrease of approximately 12.1% as compared to the last corresponding period.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

The food and beverage industry in Hong Kong has always been a challenging industry with intense competition and high operating costs, such as rising rental expenses, food costs and labour costs. Our success is therefore heavily dependent on the dining concepts and economic conditions of Hong Kong.

Our Group's key risk exposures and uncertainties are summarised as follows:

- (1) business risks relating to customers' changing dining pattern including refraining from dining out;
- (2) our Group may fail to find commercially attractive locations for new restaurants and/or renew existing leases on commercially acceptable terms, and the aforesaid potential failure would have a material adverse effect on the Group's business and future development;
- (3) the operation of the Group may be affected by the price of the food ingredients, including the price of the imported food ingredients which will be affected by the fluctuating exchange rate; and
- (4) there may be labour shortage in the future and competition for qualified individuals in the food and beverage industry may be intense.

Further details on the risks and uncertainties faced by our Group are set out in the section headed "Risk Factors" of the prospectus of the Company dated 30 June 2016 (the "Prospectus").

To manage the Group's risks and to improve the Group's overall business performance, we intend to:

- (1) expand the take-away product line and increase marketing efforts and sales stimulating measures;
- (2) enhance and upgrade our existing restaurant facilities to attract more customers; and
- (3) closely monitor the pricing of our suppliers of raw materials such as food ingredients and beverages to ensure we obtain competitive prices for our food ingredients.

We believe our ongoing enhancement plans will improve our market share while we will continue to refine our business strategy to adapt with the continuing challenges. We will also proactively seek potential business opportunities that will broaden our sources of revenue and enhance value to our shareholders.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the six months ended 30 June 2023, the Group's unaudited turnover was approximately HK\$18.1 million (30 June 2022: HK\$20.6 million), representing a decrease of approximately 12.1% as compared with the last corresponding period. The decrease in revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2023 was mainly due to the closure of two "Classified" restaurants.

The loss attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$1.6 million for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: HK\$3.0 million). The decrease in our loss of the Company was mainly attributable to the net effect of (i) the closure of two loss-making restaurants upon expiry of their respective tenancy agreements in 2022; (ii) better costs and expenses control; and (iii) more revenue generated from existing restaurants although there were significant reduction in government subsidies and rent concessions related to COVID-19.

Financial Resources, Liquidity and Capital Structure

As at 30 June 2023, the Group's current assets amounted to approximately HK\$38.4 million (as at 31 December 2022: HK\$37.5 million) of which approximately HK\$2.2 million (as at 31 December 2022: HK\$1.7 million) was bank balances and cash, and approximately HK\$4.9 million (as at 31 December 2022: HK\$3.9 million) was trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments. As at 30 June 2023, the Group's current liabilities amounted to approximately HK\$19.2 million (as at 31 December 2022: HK\$16.2 million), which mainly included lease liabilities in the amount of approximately HK\$2.6 million (as at 31 December 2022: HK\$4.5 million) and trade and other payables and accrued charges in the amount of approximately HK\$5.4 million (as at 31 December 2022: HK\$9.1 million).

Current ratio and quick assets ratio were 2.0 and 0.4 respectively (as at 31 December 2022: 2.32 and 0.39 respectively). Gearing ratio is calculated as total bank borrowing divided by total equity and multiplying the resulting value by 100%. Gearing ratio was 0% as at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022.

The capital structure of the Group consists of equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising issued share capital and reserves. There was no material change in capital structure of the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

Foreign Currency Exposure

Most transactions of the Group are denominated in Hong Kong dollars and the Group is not exposed to significant foreign exchange risks.

Capital Commitments

As at 30 June 2023, the Group did not have any material capital commitments.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 June 2023, the Group did not have any contingent liabilities.

Employees and Remuneration Policies

As at 30 June 2023, the Group had 66 employees in Hong Kong (30 June 2022: 96 employees). Remuneration is determined with reference to market terms and in accordance with the performance, qualification and experience of each individual employee. Discretionary bonuses, based on each individual's performance, are paid to employees as recognition and in reward for their contributions. Other fringe benefits such as medical insurance, retirement benefits and other allowances are offered to all of our employees.

Issue for cash of equity securities

During the six months ended 30 June 2023, the Company did not issue for cash of equity securities (including securities convertible into equity securities).

Significant Investments, Material Acquisitions or Disposals

There were no significant investments held, material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

Charge on Assets

As at 30 June 2023, the Group did not have any charge on its assets.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Placing on 1 November 2017

In order to strengthen its financial position and to replenish the general working capital of the Group, on 15 October 2017, the Company entered into a placing agreement with VMS Securities Limited in relation to the placing of a maximum of 46,000,000 new ordinary shares at a price of HK\$1.86 per share (the "November Placing"). The closing price for the Company's shares on 13 October 2017 (being the most recent trading day) was HK\$1.97 per share. On 1 November 2017, the November Placing completed and the Company issued and allotted the maximum 46,000,000 new ordinary shares to not less than six independent third parties. The net price for such shares was approximately HK\$1.79 per share and the aggregate nominal value of such shares was HK\$460,000. The November Placing generated net proceeds of approximately HK\$82.4 million (the "November Placing Proceeds").

An analysis of the November Placing Proceeds up to 30 June 2023 is set out below:

	Planned use of November Placing Proceeds as at 31 December 2022 HK\$'000	Utilised November Placing Proceeds as at 31 December 2022 HK\$'000	Unutilised November Placing Proceeds as at 31 December 2022 HK\$'000	Utilised November Placing Proceeds during the six months ended 30 June 2023 HK\$'000	Unutilised November Placing Proceeds as at 30 June 2023 HK\$'000	Expected timeframe for utilising the remaining November Placing Proceeds (Note 1)
Repayment of bank borrowings	17,500	(17,500)	-	-	-	
Develop, relocate, open and upgrade of restaurants	24,500	(540)	23,960	(153)	23,807	By 31 December 2023
Working capital for existing business of the Group	24,000	(24,000)	-	-	-	
Enhancement of premium food and fine wine programme	16,400	(16,400)	-	-	-	
Total	82,400	(58,440)	23,960	(153)	23,807	

Note 1: The expected timeline for utilising the remaining November Placing Proceeds of approximately HK\$23,807,000 is based on the best estimation of the future market condition. The actual timeline for utilising the remaining November Placing Proceeds may be subject to change based on current and future development of market conditions.

The Company intends to continue to apply the November Placing Proceeds in the manner consistent with that mentioned above. Nonetheless, the Directors will constantly evaluate the Group's business objectives and may change or modify the plans against changing market conditions to ascertain the business growth of the Group. All unutilised proceeds have been placed in a licensed bank in Hong Kong.

OTHER INFORMATION

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

During the six months ended 30 June 2023 and up to the date of this report, there has been no purchase, sale or redemption of any Company's listed securities by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

Share Scheme

No share options have been granted under the share option scheme of the Company as at the date of this report.

Interests and Short Positions of Directors in the Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company and Its Associated Corporations

As at 30 June 2023, the interests or short positions of the Directors in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO"), Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules relating to securities transactions by directors to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

Long positions in the ordinary shares of the Company

Name of Directors	Capacity/nature of interest	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding
Mr. Wong Arnold Chi Chiu	interest in controlled corporation (<i>Note 1</i>)	41,340,000	9.3%
Mr. Pong Kin Yee	interest in controlled corporation (<i>Note 2</i>)	68,000,000	15.3%

Notes:

1. Mr. Wong beneficially owns 100% equity interest in Wiltshire Global Limited. Therefore, Mr. Wong is deemed to be interested in 41,340,000 shares held by Wiltshire Global Limited.
2. Mr. Pong beneficially owns 100% equity interest in Peyton Global Limited. Therefore, Mr. Pong is deemed to be interested in 68,000,000 shares held by Peyton Global Limited.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2023, none of the Directors had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules relating to securities transactions by directors to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

Interests and Short Positions of Substantial Shareholders and Other Persons in the Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company and Its Associated Corporations

As at 30 June 2023, so far as it is known to the Directors, the following persons, not being a Director or chief executive of the Company, had an interest or short position in the Shares and underlying Shares which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which was required pursuant to section 336 of the SFO to be recorded in the register of the Company or, who was interested, directly or indirectly, in 10% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any member of the Group:

Long positions in the ordinary shares of the Company

Name	Capacity/nature of interest	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding
Wiltshire Global Limited	Beneficial owner	41,340,000	9.3%
Ms. Lee Yuen Ching Charmaine	Interest of spouse (<i>Note 1</i>)	41,340,000	9.3%
Peyton Global Limited	Beneficial owner	68,000,000	15.3%
Ms. Cheng Chi Man	Interest of spouse (<i>Note 2</i>)	68,000,000	15.3%
VMS Investment Group Limited	Beneficial owner	68,000,000	15.3%
Ms. Mak Siu Hang, Viola	Interest in controlled corporation (<i>Note 3</i>)	68,000,000	15.3%
Millennium Pacific Information Technology Limited	Beneficial owner	53,320,000	12.0%
Mr. Yeung Shing Wai	Interest in controlled corporation (<i>Note 4</i>)	53,320,000	12.0%

Notes:

1. Mr. Wong beneficially owns 100% equity interest in Wiltshire Global Limited. Ms. Lee Yuen Ching Charmaine, the spouse of Mr. Wong, is deemed to be interested in all the shares Mr. Wong is interested in pursuant to the SFO.

2. Mr. Pong beneficially owns 100% equity interest in Peyton Global Limited. Ms. Cheng Chi Man, the spouse of Mr. Pong, is deemed to be interested in all the shares Mr. Pong is interested in pursuant to the SFO.
3. Ms. Mak Siu Hang, Viola beneficially owns 100% equity interests in VMS Investment Group Limited, and is therefore deemed to be interested in all the shares VMS Investment Group Limited is interested in pursuant to the SFO.
4. Mr. Yeung Shing Wai beneficially owns 100% equity interests in Millennium Pacific Information Technology Limited, and is therefore deemed to be interested in all the shares Millennium Pacific Information Technology Limited is interested in pursuant to the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2023, the Directors are not aware of any interests and short positions owned by any parties (other than a Director) in the shares and underlying shares which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or, who was interested, directly or indirectly, in 10% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any member of the Group.

Directors' Interests in Competing Business

Save as disclosed in the Prospectus, the Directors are not aware of any business and interest of the Directors nor the controlling shareholders of the Company nor any of their respective close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) that compete or may compete with the business of the Group and any other conflict of interests which any such person has or may have with the Group during the period ended 30 June 2023.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of the Company was established on 14 June 2016 with written terms of reference in compliance with Rules 5.28 to 5.29 of the GEM Listing Rules. The primary duties of the audit committee are to review the Company's draft annual, interim and quarterly financial reports and accounts and to provide advice and comments thereon to the Board. The audit committee is also responsible for reviewing and supervising the financial reporting process and internal control procedures of the Group. The audit committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Dr. Chan Kin Keung Eugene, Mr. Ng Chun Fai Frank and Mr. Yue Man Yiu Matthew. Mr. Yue Man Yiu Matthew is the chairman of the audit committee.

The Audit Committee of the Company has discussed and reviewed with management the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2023, which was of the opinion that such statements complied with the applicable accounting standards and requirements, and that adequate disclosures have been made.

Directors' Securities Transactions

The Company adopted a code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. Having made specific enquiries of all Directors, the Company confirms that all of the Directors complied with such required standard of dealings and its code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions as at the date of this report.

Corporate Governance

The Company is firmly committed to maintaining and ensuring a high level of corporate governance standards and will review and improve the corporate governance practices and standards constantly. Save for the deviation from C.2.1 of the Corporate Governance Code, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "Code Provisions") contained in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules. Code Provision C.2.1 stipulates that the roles of the chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. During the period under review, Mr. Wong Arnold Chi Chiu was the chairman of the Company and the Company had no post of chief executive. Nevertheless, the Board considers that, in light of the size and nature of the Company's business, the absence of such post has not impaired the management of the Group. Decisions of the Company are made collectively by executive Directors who execute strategies set by the Board. Senior management responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Group also report back to the Board on a regular basis. The Board will review this structure from time to time and consider the segregation of the two roles at an appropriate time. The Company is also aware that the single gender board does not fulfill gender diversity requirements as set out in the Code Provisions and will appoint at least one director from a different gender no later than 31 December 2024.

Event After the Reporting Period

The Board has proposed to implement a rights issue in order to enhance the Group's working capital and strengthen its financial position. For further details, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 6 July 2023 and 25 July 2023.

On behalf of the Board
Classified Group (Holdings) Limited
WONG Arnold Chi Chiu
Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 11 August 2023

As at the date of this report, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. WONG Arnold Chi Chiu, Mr. PONG Kin Yee and Mr. LI Kai Leung; and the independent non-executive Directors are Dr. CHAN Kin Keung Eugene, Mr. NG Chun Fai Frank and Mr. YUE Man Yiu Matthew.