

EAGLE NICE (INTERNATIONAL) HOLDINGS LIMITED 鷹美(國際) 控股有限公司*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 02368)

* For identification purposes only



INTERIM REPORT 2022

The board of directors (the "Board") of Eagle Nice (International) Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2022 together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding period in 2021 and the relevant explanatory notes.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Six months ended 30 September

	Notes	2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2021 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
REVENUE Cost of sales	4	2,547,555 (2,023,767)	2,018,830 (1,649,158)
Gross profit		523,788	369,672
Other income and gains, net Selling and distribution expenses Administrative expenses Finance costs	<i>4 5</i>	12,533 (22,168) (174,899) (7,667)	9,098 (17,367) (128,644) (2,517)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	6	331,587	230,242
Income tax expense	7	(85,730)	(56,367)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		245,857	173,875
Attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		239,111 6,746	167,676 6,199
		245,857	173,875
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY Basic	9	HK44.79 cents	HK31.52 cents
Diluted		HK44.79 cents	HK31.52 cents



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Six months ended 30 September

	30 September			
	2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2021 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>		
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	245,857	173,875		
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME: Other comprehensive income/(expense) that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods: Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(136,560)	22,695		
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	109,297	196,570		
Attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	107,973 1,324	189,665 6,905		
	109,297	196,570		



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

		As at 30 September 2022	As at 31 March 2022
	Notes	(Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	(Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets Goodwill Intangible assets Deposits	10	956,024 263,465 104,076 6,347 16,665	976,237 267,972 104,076 7,758 48,236
Total non-current assets		1,346,577	1,404,279
CURRENT ASSETS Inventories Accounts receivable Prepayments, deposits and other receivables Tax recoverable Restricted bank balance Cash and bank balances	11	476,342 855,164 118,310 — 552 452,100	728,962 393,843 138,790 3,070 617 455,841
Total current assets		1,902,468	1,721,123
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Accrued liabilities and other payables Interest-bearing bank borrowings Lease liabilities Tax payable	12 13	322,892 260,023 701,615 9,995 131,089	299,634 292,280 648,557 9,713 78,246
Total current liabilities		1,425,614	1,328,430
NET CURRENT ASSETS		476,854	392,693
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,823,431	1,796,972



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Notes	As at 30 September 2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 March 2022 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Pension scheme obligation Lease liabilities Deferred tax liabilities	23,018 6,457 37,702	19,861 12,098 43,324
Total non-current liabilities Net assets	67,177	75,283
EQUITY Equity attributable to owners of the Company Issued capital 14 Reserves	5,338 1,701,552	5,338 1,668,311
Non-controlling interests Total equity	1,706,890 49,364 1,756,254	1,673,649 48,040 1,721,689



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Attributable to owners of the Company								
	Issued capital (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Share premium account (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Capital reserve (Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000	Statutory surplus reserve (Unaudited) HKS'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Retained profits (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Non- controlling interests (Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000	Total (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 April 2022	5,338	573,910	(229)	104,870	92,653	897,107	1,673,649	48,040	1,721,689
Profit for the period	-	_	_	_	_	239,111	239,111	6,746	245,857
Exchange differences on translation of foreign					(424,420)		(424,420)	(5.420)	(426.560)
operations					(131,138)		(131,138)	(5,422)	(136,560)
Total comprehensive									
income for the period	-	_	_	_	(131,138)	239,111	107,973	1,324	109,297
Final 2022 dividend	_	_	_	_	_	(74,732)	(74,732)	_	(74,732)
At 30 September 2022	5,338	573,910	(229)	104,870	(38,485)	1,061,486	1,706,890	49,364	1,756,254

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Attributable to owners of the Company								
	Issued capital (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Share premium account (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Capital reserve (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Statutory surplus reserve (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Retained profits (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Non- controlling interests (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 April 2021 Profit for the period Exchange differences on translation of foreign	5,320 —	566,314 —	(229)	89,860 —	40,826 —	810,576 167,676	1,512,667 167,676	38,406 6,199	1,551,073 173,875
operations	_	_	_	_	21,989	_	21,989	706	22,695
Total comprehensive income for the period	_	_	_	_	21,989	167,676	189,665	6,905	196,570
Final 2021 dividend	-	_	_	_	_	(63,840)	(63,840)	_	(63,840)
At 30 September 2021	5,320	566,314	(229)	89,860	62,815	914,412	1,638,492	45,311	1,683,803



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Six months ended 30 September

	2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2021 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Net cash flows from operating activities Net cash flows used in investing activities Net cash flows used in financing activities	167,903 (103,652) (26,440)	205,471 (67,878) (124,824)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period Effect of change in foreign exchange rate, net	37,811 455,841 (41,552)	12,769 442,395 9,049
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	452,100	464,213
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS Cask and bank balances Non-pledged time deposits with original maturity of less than three months when acquired	259,373 192,727	294,507 169,706
	452,100	464,213



NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL **STATEMENTS**

1. Basis of preparation

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and with Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKAS") 34 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA").

The condensed consolidated interim 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 March 2022. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss which have been measured at fair value

2. Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, except for the adoption of the following revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") for the first time for the current period's financial information.

Amendments to HKFRS 3 Amendments to HKAS 16	Reference to the Conceptual Framework Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use
Amendments to HKAS 37	Onerous Contracts — Cost of Fulfilling a Contract
Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018–2020	Amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 9, Illustrative Examples accompanying HKFRS 16, and HKAS 41

The adoption of the above revised standards had no material impact on the results and financial position for the current or prior accounting periods which have been prepared and presented.



3. Operating segment information

The Group is solely engaged in manufacture and trading of sportswear and garments. For management purposes, the Group determines that there are five reportable operating segments, based on location of customers (the destination of sales), including Mainland China, Europe, the United States of America (the "USA"), Japan and others. These segments are managed separately as each segment is subject to risks and returns that are different from one another.

The revenue and the result of each operating segment for the six months ended 30 September 2022 are as follows:

	Revenue Six months ended 30 September (Unaudited)		Segment result Six months ended 30 September (Unaudited)		
	2022 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2021 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2022 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2021 <i>HK\$'000</i>	
Mainland China Europe USA Japan Others	1,195,852 574,996 457,970 64,685 254,052	1,084,721 352,033 323,055 43,661 215,360	275,440 100,507 66,503 14,176 41,572	204,860 56,917 43,410 5,348 37,380	
	2,547,555	2,018,830	498,198	347,915	
Interest income and other unallocated income and gains Unallocated expenses			12,533	9,098 (126,771)	
Profit before tax Income tax expense			331,587 (85,730)	230,242 (56,367)	
Profit for the period			245,857	173,875	

Revenue and other income and gains, net

(a) An analysis of revenue is as follows:

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	2022	2021
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue from contracts with		
customers		
— sale of sportswear and		
garments	2,547,555	2,018,830

An analysis of other income and gains, net is as follows: (b)

Six months ended 30 September

	2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2021 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Bank interest income Income derived from financial assets at fair value through	1,083	1,268
profit or loss	412	1,957
Government grants* Loss on disposal and write-off of items of property, plant	10,284	5,322
and equipment, net	(1,209)	(186)
Others	1,963	737
	12,533	9,098

The amount represents various government grants received by certain subsidiaries of the Group established in Mainland China and/or Hong Kong for promoting the manufacturing industry and maintaining the employment rate. There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies relating to these grants.



Finance costs 5.

Six months ended 30 September

	30 September		
	2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2021 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	
Interest on bank loans Interest on lease liabilities	7,396 271	2,234 283	
	7,667	2,517	

Profit before tax 6.

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

Six months ended 30 September

	2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2021 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Depreciation of property, plant and		
equipment	50,014	46,372
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	9,114	7,626
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,411	1,410
Loss on disposal and write-off of items		
of property, plant and equipment, net	1,209	186



7. Income tax

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2021: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the period, except for one subsidiary of the Group which is a qualifying entity under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The first HK\$2,000,000 (2021: HK\$2,000,000) of assessable profits of this subsidiary is taxed at 8.25% (2021: 8.25%) and the remaining assessable profits are taxed at 16.5% (2021: 16.5%). Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

Six months ended 30 September

	2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2021 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Current tax charge for the period: Hong Kong Elsewhere Deferred	18,471 66,229 1,030	12,281 44,148 (62)
Total tax charge for the period	85,730	56,367

Interim dividend 8.

Six months ended 30 September

	2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2021 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Interim dividend declared of HK\$0.30 per share (2021: HK\$0.22 per share)	160,140	117,040

The Board resolved that an interim dividend of HK\$0.30 per share for the six months ended 30 September 2022 to be paid to the shareholders whose names appear on the Company's register at the close of business on 9 December 2022. The interim dividend was declared after the period ended 30 September 2022, and therefore has not been included as a liability in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position.



Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company 9.

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$239,111,000 (2021: HK\$167,676,000) and 533,800,000 (2021: 532,000,000) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

No adjustment has been made to the basic earnings per share amounts presented for the periods ended 30 September 2022 and 2021 as the Group had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares in issue during those periods.

10. Goodwill

	As at 30 September 2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	As at 31 March 2022 (Audited) <i>HK\$</i> ′000
Cost and net carrying amount: At beginning and end of period/year	104,076	104,076

The Group's goodwill was wholly allocated to four cash-generating units engaged in the manufacture and trading of sportswear and garments (the "Units").

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. The recoverable amount of the Units has been determined from the value in use. which is calculated with reference to cash flow projections based on a five-year period financial budget approved by senior management of the Group.



11. Accounts receivable

	As at	As at
	30 September	31 March
	2022	2022
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Accounts receivable	855,164	393,843

The Group's accounts receivable mainly relate to a few recognised and creditworthy customers. The credit period is generally for a period of 30 to 90 days. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivable to minimise the credit risk. Overdue balances are regularly reviewed by the management of the Group. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over its accounts receivable balance. The accounts receivable are non-interest-bearing.

An ageing analysis of the accounts receivable as at the end of reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	As at 30 September 2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> ′000	As at 31 March 2022 (Audited) <i>HK\$</i> '000
Within 30 days 31 to 60 days	688,096 135,409	312,515 53,137
61 to 90 days	20,761 10,898	9,907 18,284
Over 90 days	10,090	10,204
	855,164	393,843

The accounts receivable balance is neither past due nor impaired. It relates to customers for which there is no recent history of default.



12. Accounts payable

An ageing analysis of the accounts payable as at the end of reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	As at 30 September 2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> ′000	As at 31 March 2022 (Audited) <i>HK\$</i> ′000
Within 90 days	300,298	282,095
91 to 180 days	13,455	9,057
181 to 365 days	3,474	1,417
Over 365 days	5,665	7,065
	322,892	299,634

The accounts payable are non-interest-bearing and are normally settled on terms of 30 to 60 days.

13. Interest-bearing bank borrowings

	Effective interest rate %	Maturity	As at 30 September 2022 (Unaudited) <i>HKS'000</i>	Effective interest rate %	Maturity	As at 31 March 2022 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Current Bank loans	2.61% to 4.42%	On demand	701,615	0.87% to 1.36%	On demand	648,557

As at 30 September 2022, bank borrowings of HK\$701,615,000 (31 March 2022: HK\$648,557,000) were supported by corporate guarantees executed by the Company and certain subsidiaries of the Company.

As at 30 September 2022, HK\$290,215,000 (31 March 2022: HK\$626,557,000) of the bank borrowings were denominated in US\$.

Based on the maturity terms of the bank borrowings, all the Group's bank borrowings as at 30 September 2022 and 31 March 2022 are repayable within one year.



14. Issued capital

	As at 30 September 2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> ′000	As at 31 March 2022 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Issued and fully paid: 533,800,000 (31 March 2022: 533,800,000) ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	5,338	5,338

15. Asset acquisition through acquisition of subsidiaries

On 1 May 2022, the Group acquired 100% equity interest in Beyond Top Co., Ltd. ("Beyond Top"), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and together with its only wholly-owned subsidiary incorporated in Vietnam, at a final consideration of US\$6,692,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$52,500,000). Beyond Top is an investment holding company whose only wholly-owned subsidiary was principally engaged in the manufacture of shoes in Vietnam before ceasing operation in 2009.

Management accounted for the transaction as an acquisition of assets and liabilities. The cost of acquisition is allocated to individual identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquired companies on the basis of their relative fair values at the completion date of the acquisition as summarised below:

> Fair value recognised on acquisition HK\$'000

Property, plant and equipment	24,904
Right-of-use assets	29,275
Cash and bank balances	8
Other payable	(6)
Tax payable	(1,681)
Total identifiable net assets at fair value	52,500
Satisfied by:	
Cash consideration	52,500



16. Related party transactions

In addition to the transactions detailed elsewhere in these condensed (a) consolidated interim financial statements, the Group had the following material transactions with related parties during the period:

Six months ended 30 September

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Notes	2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2021 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
(i) (ii)	4,144 4,670	3,854 2,792
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	<i>(i)</i>	(i) 4,144 (ii) 4,670

- (i) The Group entered into lease agreements with Pouyuen Vietnam Company Limited ("Pouyuen Vietnam"), a related company indirectly controlled by Yue Yuen Industrial (Holdings) Limited, a substantial shareholder of the Company, for the rental of (i) a plant at a monthly rate of US\$71,184 for a term of three years commencing on 1 June 2018 and expired on 31 May 2021, which was renewed at a monthly rate of US\$71,184 for a term of three years commencing on 1 June 2021; and (ii) a plant at a monthly rate of US\$11,094 for a term of two years and six months commencing on 1 December 2020.
 - Right-of-use assets of HK\$11,514,000 (31 March 2022: HK\$15,235,000) and lease liabilities of HK\$11,682,000 (31 March 2022: HK\$15,377,000) related to the leases with a related party were recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 September 2022. During the six months ended 30 September 2022, depreciation of right-of-use assets of HK\$3,760,000 (2021: HK\$3,718,000) and finance costs on lease liabilities of HK\$141,000 (2021: HK\$150,000) were recognised in the condensed consolidated income statement



- The service fee to Pouyuen Vietnam was made on a basis mutually agreed (ii) by both parties.
- The service fee to Pou Chen Corporation ("Pou Chen"), a substantial (iii) shareholder of the Company, was charged on actual cost incurred.

The related party transactions in respect of items (i) and (ii) above also constitute connected transactions and continuing connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

(b) Outstanding balances with related parties

- Included in accrued liabilities and other payables at 30 September (i) 2022 is an amount due to Pouyuen Vietnam of HK\$3,159,000 (31 March 2022: HK\$4,121,000), which is unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.
- (ii) Included in accrued liabilities and other payables at 31 March 2022 was an amount due to Pou Chen of HK\$120,000, which was unsecured, interest-fee and repayable on demand. The amount was fully settled during the period ended 30 September 2022.
- Included in accrued liabilities and other payables at 31 March 2022 (iii) was the consideration payable of HK\$73,958,000 to 澳門永弘貿易 有限公司 (Macau Yonghong Trading Company Limited) which was wholly-owned by Mr. Huang Yongbiao ("Mr. Huang"), an executive director and a shareholder of the Company, for the acquisition of the entire equity interests in 廣東達聯制衣有限公司 (Guangdong Dalian Garment Company Limited) during the year ended 31 March 2022. The amount was fully settled during the period ended 30 September 2022.
- Included in prepayments, deposits and other receivables at 31 March (iv) 2022 was a loan to Mr. Huang and related accrued interests of HK\$8,867,000 which had been fully settled by Mr. Huang during the period ended 30 September 2022.



Commitments **17**.

The Group had the following capital commitment as at the end of reporting period:

	As at 30 September 2022 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> ′000	As at 31 March 2022 (Audited) <i>HK\$</i> '000
Contracted, but not provided for:		
Renovation of factories and purchases		
of items of machinery and equipment		
for the production base in:		
— Shantou, the PRC	30,036	37,606
— Hubei, the PRC	9,589	33,062
— Indonesia	18,310	12,720
— Vietnam	28,562	5,137
— Other locations	6,499	2,490
	92,996	91,015

18. Approval of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 18 November 2022.



MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The global economic landscape remained complicated and volatile in 2022. The continuing COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a tight international supply chain and inflation in various countries, while the US Federal Reserve's interest rates hikes to curb inflation brought pressure on the world economy and pessimism to consumer confidence

Notwithstanding the economic uncertainties, the Group remains confident in the sportswear industry. The revival of international sports events in the post-pandemic era will ignite public awareness of sports and recreation again, which would give rise to increasing demands in sportswear and related products. This year, there will be the first major sporting extravaganza which is not subject to any restrictions since the outbreak of the pandemic, The 2022 FIFA World Cup, which will arouse the public passion for sports again. In recent years, many sports brands have launched their own sports-related apps which allow consumers to link up with smart gym equipment for trainings at home, hence driving growth in the sales of functional sportswear. The growing phenomenon of the new "work from home" pattern and flexible working hours have also heralded a new trends of sports and exercises among the general public around the world.

Business review

The Group reported ongoing sales growth as it continued to enjoy the support of international brands involved in long-term cooperation with the Group. The addition of two new manufacturing bases in Foshan, the PRC and Indonesia to the Group's production forces during the period has also enhanced the potential for the Group's sales growth.

Meanwhile, the Group's manufacturing base in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam delivered outstanding performance during the period with substantial growth in sales and revenue that outperformed the pre-pandemic period. During the previous corresponding period from mid-July 2021 to early October 2021, such Vietnam manufacturing base was suspended due to local anti-epidemic measures.

With the implementation of COVID-19 vaccination programmes, various countries have been gradually relaxing or abolishing their anti-epidemic measures in 2022. With lesser uncertainties in international transportation, global supply chain is gradually recovering so that international freight costs trend lower after peaking at the end of 2021. In addition, the Group's stellar performance for the period under review also reflected lower production costs attributable to weaker Renminbi ("RMB") and Indonesian Rupiah ("IDR") exchange rates during the period.



Expansion of production capacity

After completion of the Group's acquisition of production facilities in West Java in Indonesia, Foshan in China and Long An in Vietnam from late 2021 to mid-2022, the Group's manufacturing bases are now dispersed in China, Indonesia and Vietnam. Supported by digitalised supply chains, these bases are leveraging the unique advantages afforded by their respective geographic locations, local government policies and production technologies to cope with ever-changing market conditions as and when necessary and provide customers with higher quality and more efficient services.

Commitment to charity

The Group cares for the community and its welfare. To promote the traditional virtue of looking out for each other and the spirit of voluntary services "dedication, fraternity mutual aid and progress", the Group has established "Eagle Nice Volunteers" at each manufacturing base to serve and care for local underprivileged groups, "Eagle Nice Volunteers" have visited elderly homes to offer heartfelt greetings and company to the seniors. Solid actions have been taken to bring care and laughter to the children at orphan homes and special education schools. The Group has also donated anti-epidemic supplies, food and other daily supplies to local relief stations, care centres and Red Cross according to local needs to help underprivileged families and reward the community by sharing charity and compassion.

Review of financial performance

The gradual easing of the COVID-19 pandemic since early 2022 is leading to gradual economic recovery and driving the demand for consumer goods. The demand for sportswear products has substantially increased in the past two years and the prevailing trend of working from home and workout at home has also contributed to the drastic increase in the demand for comfortable athleisure wear and sportswear, predominately in the U.S. and European markets. Significant changes have also taken place in the supply of sportswear industry in recent years. While Mainland China remains as the major supplier nation for sportswear, its percentage share has substantially been lower than before. Vietnam's market share of overall sportswear exports has substantially increased, which has benefitted immensely from the bonus effect of its population and its relatively low production cost, as well as the switch in the manufacturing supply chain as a result of the Chinese-U.S. trade war. In addition, technology has been playing an essential role for sportswear products.



For the period under review, the Group reported a record-high total sales of HK\$2,547,600,000 (2021: HK\$2,018,800,000), representing a substantial increase of 26.2% or HK\$528,800,000. Gross profit increased by 41.7% to HK\$523,800,000 (2021: HK\$369,700,000), while gross profit margin increased by 2.3% from 18.3% to 20.6%. The Group's profit before tax increased by 44.0% to HK\$331,600,000 (2021: HK\$230,200,000), while profit before tax margin increased by 1.6% from 11.4% to 13.0%.

With the easing of the pandemic and relaxing of anti-epidemic measures in various countries, the impact on the Group's production was alleviated so that the Group delivered stellar results for the period with record-high sales and profit. The Group's production capacity and sales operations for the corresponding period of last year were affected by the temporary suspension of the Group's production base in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam during the period from mid-July 2021 to early October 2021 due to local anti-epidemic measures. During the period under review, the resumption to full operation of the aforesaid Vietnam production base as well as the switch of supply chain from Mainland China to Southeast Asian countries, in particular Vietnam, were the major drivers behind the growth in the Group's sales and profit for the period. Moreover, the substantial appreciation of the United States Dollars ("USD") and devaluation of non-USD currencies to various extents during the period under review as a result of USD interest rate hikes contributed to reductions in the Group's manufacturing costs for the period, which were settled mainly in RMB, IDR and Vietnamese Dong ("VND").

The amount of the Group's selling and distribution expenses for the period under review increased by HK\$4,800,000 (or 27.6%) in line with the increase in sales of 26.2%. Administrative expenses increased by HK\$46,300,000 (or 36.0%), owing mainly to the increase in staff wages after annual adjustments and the hiring of additional staff to cope with business growth, enhance product design and development and improve the Group's information technology standards. Moreover, exchange loss was incurred as a result of the devaluation of non-USD assets as at the end of the reporting period owing to the devaluation of non-USD currencies. In respect of finance costs, interest expenses increased substantially by HK\$5,200,000 (or 204.6%) compared to the corresponding period of last year, due to substantial increase in the Group's bank loans in recent years to finance the acquisition of several production bases and optimisation of production equipment to expand its production capacity as well as the great rise in the loan interest rate for the period following the commencement of the U.S. rate hike cycle. As for taxation, the Group's overall tax expenses for the period increased by HK\$29,400,000 (or 52.1%) on an effective tax rate of 25.9%, an increase by 1.4% over 24.5% for the corresponding period of last year reflecting an increased percentage of share of profit from regions subject to higher tax rates as compared to the corresponding period of last year.



Other income and gains amounted to HK\$12,500,000 (2021: HK\$9,100,000), comprising mainly government incentives or subsidies amounting to HK\$10,300,000 (2021: HK\$5,300,000) and bank interest income of HK\$1,100,000 (2021: HK\$1,300,000).

Profit attributable to owners of the Company amounted to HK\$239,100,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2022, representing a substantial increase of HK\$71,400,000 or 42.6% compared to HK\$167,700,000 for the corresponding period of last year. For the period under review, profit margin attributable to owners of the Company increased by 1.1% from 8.3% to 9.4%. Basic earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company for the period amounted to HK44.79 cents compared to HK31.52 cents for the corresponding period of last year. The Board proposed to recommend payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2022 of HK30 cents (2021: HK22 cents) per share.

Outlook

The economy is cyclical by nature, sometimes expanding and sometimes contracting. The Group, for its part, will accelerate and deepen the implementation of its digital and automated management system to simplify procedures and enhance production efficiency. Real-time analysis will be conducted with the aid of big data to facilitate more flexible and timely allocation of local resources, with a view to creating a model of healthy life together with its international brand customers.

The Group has delivered impressive results in the past, and will strive to challenge new heights in the future.

Liquidity and financial resources

During the period under review, the Group continued to maintain a healthy liquidity position. The Group generally finances its operations with internally generated resources and banking facilities. As at 30 September 2022, the Group had cash and bank balances amounting to HK\$452,100,000 (31 March 2022: HK\$455,800,000) mainly denominated in Hong Kong dollars, RMB, USD, IDR and VND.

As at 30 September 2022, the Group's banking facilities of HK\$992,100,000 (31 March 2022: HK\$990,000,000) were supported by the corporate guarantees of HK\$992,100,000 (31 March 2022: HK\$990,000,000) executed by the Company and certain subsidiaries of the Company. As at 30 September 2022, an aggregate amount of the Group's banking facilities of HK\$701,600,000 (31 March 2022: HK\$648,600,000) was utilised.



The management believes that the Group's existing financial resources will be sufficient to meet its existing operations as well as existing and future expansion plans and, if necessary, the Group will be able to obtain additional financing on favourable terms. There is no material effect of seasonality on the Group's borrowing requirements

Gearing ratio of the Group is defined as net debt (represented by bank borrowings net of cash and bank balances) divided by the total equity. The Group's gearing ratio as at 30 September 2022 was 14.2% (31 March 2022: 11.2%).

Foreign exchange risk management

The Group has transactional currency exposures as substantial portion of sales or purchases are denominated in US dollars and RMB. As such, the Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from such exposure to US dollars and RMB. Although the Group has strived to maintain the balance of its sales and purchases in the same currency, as the foreign currency risks generated from the sales and purchases can only be partially set off with each other, financial instruments may be employed when necessary to manage the Group's exposure to the potential foreign exchange risk.

The Group will continue to monitor its foreign exchange exposures and use appropriate tools to manage and minimise its foreign exchange risk.

Material acquisition or disposal

During the six months ended 30 September 2022, other than the acquisition detailed in note 15, there were no material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries. During the six months ended 30 September 2021, there were no material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries.

Contingent liabilities

The Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities as at 30 September 2022 and 31 March 2022.

Employees and remuneration policies

As at 30 September 2022, the Group employed a total of approximately 15,000 employees including the directors of the Company (the "Directors") (31 March 2022: approximately 15,000).

The employees including the Directors are remunerated based on their working performance, professional experiences and the prevailing industry practice. The Group also makes contributions to the statutory mandatory provident fund scheme and defined contribution retirement benefits scheme for the employees of the Group in Hong Kong and to the pension scheme for the employees of the Group in China, Vietnam and Indonesia



OTHER INFORMATION

Directors' and chief executive's interests and short positions in shares and underlying shares

As at 30 September 2022, the interests and short positions of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company (the "Chief Executive") in the share capital and underlying shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO")), which have been notified to the Company pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which any such Directors or Chief Executive were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"), were as follows:

The Company

Name of Director	Capacity	Number of shares held (Long position)	Percentage of the Company's issued capital
Mr. Chung Yuk Sing ("Mr. Chung")	Interest in a controlled corporation Beneficial owner	72,650,000 (Note 1) 19.384.000	13.61
Mr. Chen Hsiao Ying	Beneficial owner	36,500,800	6.84
Mr. Huang Yongbiao ("Mr. Huang")	Interest in a controlled corporation Beneficial owner	32,320,000 (Note 2) 108,000	6.05 0.02
Mr. Chung Chi Kit	Beneficial owner	8,500,000	1.59

Notes:

- These shares are held by Time Easy Investment Holdings Limited ("Time Easy"), the entire issued share capital of which is held by Mr. Chung, Executive Director.
- 2 These shares are held by Excel Skill International Limited ("Excel Skill"), the entire issued share capital of which is held by Mr. Huang, Executive Director.



Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2022, none of the Directors or the Chief Executive had registered an interest or short position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

Substantial shareholders' and other person's interests and short positions in shares and underlying shares

As at 30 September 2022, the interests and short positions of the following persons, other than the Directors and the Chief Executive, in the shares and underlying shares of the Company which have been disclosed to the Company pursuant to Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO and which have been recorded in the register kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

Name	Capacity	Number of shares held (Long position)	Percentage of the Company's issued capital
Time Easy	Beneficial owner	72,650,000 (Note 1)	13.61
Excel Skill	Beneficial owner	32,320,000 (Note 2)	6.05
Pou Chen Corporation ("Pou Chen")	Interest in a controlled corporation	192,000,000 (Note 3)	35.96
Wealthplus Holdings Limited ("Wealthplus")	Interest in a controlled corporation	192,000,000 (Note 3)	35.96
Yue Yuen Industrial (Holdings) Ltd. ("Yue Yuen")	Interest in a controlled corporation	192,000,000 (Note 3)	35.96
Pou Hing Industrial Co. Ltd. ("Pou Hing")	Interest in a controlled corporation	192,000,000 (Note 3)	35.96
Great Pacific Investments Limited ("Great Pacific")	Beneficial owner	192,000,000 (Note 3)	35.96

Notes:

- The entire issued share capital of Time Easy is held by Mr. Chung. 1.
- The entire issued share capital of Excel Skill is held by Mr. Huang. 2



3. The 192,000,000 shares were held by Great Pacific which was wholly-owned by Pou Hing. The entire issued share capital of Pou Hing was held by Yue Yuen in which Wealthplus and Win Fortune Investments Ltd. ("Win Fortune") held an interest of 47.95% and 3.16% respectively. Wealthplus and Win Fortune are in turn wholly-owned by Pou Chen. Accordingly, Pou Hing, Yue Yuen, Wealthplus, Win Fortune and Pou Chen are all deemed to be interested in the 192,000,000 shares held by Great Pacific.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2022, no person, other than the Directors and the Chief Executive, whose interests are set out in the section headed "Directors' and chief executive's interests and short positions in shares and underlying shares" above, had registered an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 336 of the SEO

Directors' interest in a competing business

During the six months ended 30 September 2022, interest of the Directors in a competing business required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 8.10 of the Listing Rules is as follows:

Name of Director	Name of company	Nature of competing business	Nature of interest	Appointment date
Mr. Huang	Foshan City Honglian Garment Co., Limited ("Honglian Garment") (Note 1)	Garment manufacturing	As a shareholder and a director	January 2019
Mr. Shih Chih-Hung ("Mr. Shih")	Yue Yuen (Note 2)	Garment manufacturing	As a vice president As a director and Chief Financial Officer	March 2019 September 2022
	Pou Chen (Note 2)	Garment manufacturing	As a vice president	November 2021
Mr. Hu Chia-Ho ("Mr. Hu")	Yue Yuen (Note 2)	Garment manufacturing	As a vice president	March 2019
	Pou Chen (Note 2)	Garment manufacturing	As a vice president	March 2019



Notes:

Honglian Garment is a company incorporated in the PRC in March 2010 and is indirectly held as to 85% by Mr. Huang. The principal business activities of Honglian Garment are manufacturing of sportswear and garments. Based on information provided by Honglian Garment, it had no garment manufacturing business during the nine months ended 30 September 2022. As the Group is principally engaged in the manufacturing and trading of sportswear and garments, the business of Honglian Garment potentially compete with the Group.

Mr. Huang participates in the management of Honglian Garment. Mr. Huang has confirmed that he is mindful of his duty to avoid conflict of interest. In cases where conflict of interest situation arises, Mr. Huang will refrain from taking part in the decision making process and will abstain from voting on the relevant resolution in board meeting. On this basis and given that Honglian Garment has its own management personnel other than Mr. Huang, the Directors believe that the Company is capable of carrying on its business independently of, and at arm's length from Honglian Garment.

2. Yue Yuen is a company listed on the Stock Exchange and is a substantial shareholder of the Company. The principal business activities of Yue Yuen and its subsidiaries ("Yue Yuen Group") are manufacturing and sales of footwear products, and retail and distribution of sportswear products. Based on the published interim report of Yue Yuen, Yue Yuen recorded total revenue of around US\$3.2 billion for its footwear manufacturing business for the six months ended 30 June 2022. As the Group is principally engaged in the manufacturing and trading of sportswear and garments, the businesses of Yue Yuen Group and the Group potentially compete with each other.

Pou Chen is a company listed on the Taiwan Stock Exchange Corporation and is a substantial shareholder of Yue Yuen. The principal business activities of Pou Chen and its subsidiaries ("Pou Chen Group") are manufacturing of shoes and retailing of sporting goods and brand licensing business. Based on the published interim report of Pou Chen, Pou Chen recorded total revenue of around NT\$92 billion for its footwear manufacturing business for the six months ended 30 June 2022. As the Group is principally engaged in the manufacturing and trading of sportswear and garments, the businesses of Pou Chen Group and the Group potentially compete with each other.

Given that Yue Yuen Group, Pou Chen Group and the Group are operated by different and separate management team, the Directors consider that the Company is capable of carrying on its business independently of, and at arm's length with Yue Yuen Group and Pou Chen Group.



Having considered the nature and extent of (i) the participation of Mr. Shih and Mr. Hu in the business of Yue Yuen Group and the Group; and (ii) the participation of Mr. Shih and Mr. Hu in business of Pou Chen Group and the Group, the Directors believe that there is unlikely to be any significant competition caused to the business of the Group.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors or their respective associates was interested in, apart from the Group's business, any business which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group.

EOUITY FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

During the six months ended 30 September 2022, the Company had not conducted any equity fundraising activities.

PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE **COMPANY**

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 September 2022.

COMPLIANCE WITH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE OF THE LISTING RULES

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied with the code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code (the "Code") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the six months ended 30 September 2022, except for the deviations set out below:

Code Provision C.2.1 under Part 2 of the Code stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Chung Yuk Sing, who has been the Chairman of the Board since 2002, was appointed as the chief executive officer of the Company with effect from 30 June 2013. Notwithstanding the aforesaid deviation, the Board considers that the present structure will not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Group as the Board assumes collective responsibility on the decision-making process of the Company's business strategies and operation. The principal divisions of the Group's businesses are managed by different Directors.



MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY THE DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as the Company's code of conduct for dealing in securities of the Company by the Directors. Based on specific enquiry of the Directors, the Directors confirmed that they had complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code during the six months ended 30 September 2022

DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO RULE 13.51B(1) OF THE LISTING RULES

During the six months ended 30 September 2022, there is no change in any of the information of the Directors required to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (e) and (g) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") consists of three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Chan Cheuk Ho, Mr. Lu Chi Chant and Ms. Tham Kit Wan, The chairman of the Audit Committee, Mr. Chan Cheuk Ho. has appropriate professional qualifications and experience in financial matters. The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the Group's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2022, including the accounting principles adopted by the Group, risk management and internal controls.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The remuneration committee of the Company (the "Remuneration Committee") was established pursuant to the requirements of the Listing Rules which comprises two independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Chan Cheuk Ho and Mr. Lu Chi Chant and one executive Director, namely, Mr. Chung Yuk Sing, Mr. Chan Cheuk Ho is the chairman of the Remuneration Committee.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The nomination committee of the Company (the "Nomination Committee") was established pursuant to the requirements of the Listing Rules which comprises two independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Chan Cheuk Ho and Mr. Lu Chi Chant and one executive Director, namely, Mr. Chung Yuk Sing. Mr. Chung Yuk Sing. is the chairman of the Nomination Committee



INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved to declare an interim dividend of HK30 cents per share for the six months ended 30 September 2022 (2021: HK22 cents) to be payable to the shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Friday, 9 December 2022. The interim dividend will be payable on Thursday, 22 December 2022.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 7 December 2022 to Friday, 9 December 2022, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the entitlement of the interim dividend, all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrars and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 17/F., Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 6 December 2022.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY'S AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE'S WEBSITE

This interim report is published on the websites of the Company (http://www.eaglenice.com.hk) and the designated issuer website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (http://www.hkex.com.hk).

> On Behalf of the Board Chung Yuk Sing Chairman

Hong Kong, 18 November 2022

As at the date of this report, the Board comprises seven executive directors, namely, Mr. Chung Yuk Sing, Mr. Chen Hsiao Ying, Mr. Huang Yongbiao, Ms. Chen Fang Mei, Mr. Shih Chih-Hung, Mr. Chung Chi Kit and Mr. Hu Chia-Ho and four independent non-executive directors, namely, Mr. Chan Cheuk Ho, Mr. Lu Chi Chant, Ms. Tham Kit Wan and Mr. Leung Spencer Yu Cheong.

