

APEX EQUITY HOLDINGS BERHAD
[199001016563 (208232 - A)]

QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarterly report on consolidated results for the financial quarter ended 30 September 2024
The figures have not been audited.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED	
	CURRENT YEAR 30-Sep-24 RM' 000	PRECEDING YEAR COMPARATIVE 30-Sep-23 RM' 000	CURRENT YEAR 30-Sep-24 RM' 000	PRECEDING YEAR COMPARATIVE 30-Sep-23 RM' 000
Revenue	14,903	11,501	42,630	32,487
Direct Operating Costs	(3,485)	(2,645)	(9,858)	(7,170)
Gross Profit	11,418	8,855	32,772	25,317
Other Income	(377)	1,059	844	1,227
Administrative and General Expenses	(6,998)	(6,531)	(21,590)	(17,987)
Finance Costs	(749)	(48)	(1,361)	(69)
Gain on disposal of an associate company	-	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) Before Taxation	3,294	3,336	10,666	8,488
Income Tax Expense	(1,235)	(1,103)	(3,989)	(2,663)
Net Profit/(Loss) After Taxation	2,059	2,233	6,677	5,826
Other Comprehensive Income: <u>Item that will not be reclassified</u> <u>Subsequently to Profit or Loss</u>				
Gain/(loss) on Available For Sale Investments	-	-	-	-
Income Tax Relating To Other Components Of Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Net profit and Total Comprehensive Income For the Financial Period	2,059	2,233	6,677	5,826
Profit/(Loss) After Taxation Attributable to :				
Equity holders of the parent	2,059	2,233	6,677	5,826
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-
	2,059	2,233	6,677	5,826
Total Comprehensive Income Attributable to :				
Equity holders of the parent	2,059	2,233	6,677	5,826
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-
	2,059	2,233	6,677	5,826
Earning Per Share (sen)				
- Basic	1.02	1.10	3.29	2.87
- Diluted	1.02	1.10	3.29	2.87

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023)

APEX EQUITY HOLDINGS BERHAD [199001016563 (208232-A)]
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	AS AT 30-Sep-24 (Unaudited) RM' 000	AS AT 31-Dec-23 (Audited) RM' 000
ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets		
Property and Equipment	4,025	3,359
Investment Properties	26,980	26,984
Right-of-use Assets	2,162	2,290
Receivables	42,000	15,000
Deferred Tax Assets	239	1,508
Other assets	4,940	4,794
	80,346	53,935
Current Assets		
Marketable Securities Held for Trading	4,263	4,817
Receivables	293,516	257,174
Current Tax Assets	-	238
Cash and Short Term Funds	26,251	47,023
	324,029	309,252
Non-current Assets Held for Sale	10,825	10,825
	334,855	320,077
TOTAL ASSETS	415,200	374,012
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share Capital	221,940	221,940
Reserves	120,908	114,232
Treasury Shares	(7,459)	(7,459)
TOTAL EQUITY	335,389	328,713
Non-Current Liabilities		
Lease Liabilities	1,133	1,397
Current Liabilities		
Payables	34,546	38,530
Lease Liabilities	1,138	934
Current Tax Liabilities	942	432
Bank Borrowings	42,053	4,005
	78,679	43,901
TOTAL LIABILITIES	79,811	45,299
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	415,200	374,012
Net assets per share (RM)	1.66	1.62

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023)

**APEX EQUITY HOLDINGS BERHAD [199001016563 (208232-A)]
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Share Capital RM`000	Non- Distributable Fair Value Reserve RM`000	Distributable		Total Equity RM`000
			Retained Profits RM`000	Treasury Shares RM`000	
9 months ended 30 September 2024					
Balance at 1.1.2024	221,940	2,623	111,609	(7,459)	328,712
Profit after taxation/Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	-	6,677	-	6,677
Transfer to comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	(0)
Distribution to owners of the Company :					
- Dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30.9.2024	<u>221,940</u>	<u>2,623</u>	<u>118,285</u>	<u>(7,459)</u>	<u>335,389</u>
9 months ended 30 September 2023					
Balance at 1.1.2023 As previously stated	221,940	2,407	104,290	(7,459)	321,178
Profit after taxation/Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	-	5,826	-	5,826
Transfer to comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-
Distribution to owners of the Company :					
- Dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30.9.2023	<u>221,940</u>	<u>2,407</u>	<u>110,116</u>	<u>(7,459)</u>	<u>327,004</u>

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023)

**APEX EQUITY HOLDINGS BERHAD [199001016563 (208232-A)]
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	9 months ended 30-Sep-24 RM' 000	9 months ended 30-Sep-23 RM' 000
CASH FLOWS (FOR) / FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Profit/(Loss) before tax	10,666	8,488
Adjustments for :-		
Depreciation:		
- Property and equipment	835	682
- Investment properties	4	19
- Right-of-use assets	859	468
Loss on disposal of property, plan and equipments	6	457
Loss/(gain) on marketable securities	-	(126)
Impairment of receivables	846	-
Provision for doubtful debts	-	2
Dividend income	(55)	(106)
Interest expense	1,361	69
Interest income	(3,911)	(1,918)
Operating profit before changes before working capital	<u>10,610</u>	<u>8,035</u>
Changes in clearing fund	(146)	(156)
Changes in marketable securities held for trading	554	550
Changes in receivables	(64,188)	(41,432)
Changes in payables	(3,984)	(5,662)
CASH FROM / (FOR) OPERATIONS	<u>(57,154)</u>	<u>(38,664)</u>
Dividend Income	55	106
Interest income	3,911	1,918
Interest expense	(1,222)	(11)
Income tax paid	(1,972)	(1,605)
NET CASH (FOR) / FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(56,382)</u>	<u>(38,257)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM / (FOR) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(1,507)	(1,605)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	-
NET CASH FROM / (FOR) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(1,507)</u>	<u>(1,605)</u>
CASH FLOWS FOR FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Dividends paid	-	-
Interest paid on lease liabilities	(140)	(57)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(791)	(411)
Bank borrowings drawdown	15,000	-
NET CASH FOR FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>14,069</u>	<u>(468)</u>
NET (DECREASE) / INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(43,820)	(40,330)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	43,018	104,020
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>(802)</u>	<u>63,690</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period comprise :		
Cash, Bank Balances and Deposits	26,251	67,691
Bank Overdrafts	(27,053)	(4,000)
	<u>(802)</u>	<u>63,690</u>

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cashflow should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023)

**APEX EQUITY HOLDINGS BERHAD [199001016563 (208232-A)]
NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Explanatory Notes to the Quarterly Report – 30 September 2024 (“Interim Financial Report”)

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This interim financial report is prepared in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 9.22 and Appendix 9B of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and complies with the requirements of the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard (“MFRS”) 134 – Interim Financial Reporting. The interim financial report is unaudited and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

A. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MFRS 134

A1. Basis of Preparation and Group Accounting Policies

The accounting policies and presentation adopted for this interim financial report are consistent with those adopted for the audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023, except for the adoption of the following Amendments which are effective for the annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

(a) New accounting pronouncements

(i) Accounting pronouncements adopted for this interim financial report that do not have a material impact on the Group are set out below:

- Amendments to MFRS 16 ‘Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback’
- Amendments to MFRS 101 ‘Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current’
- Amendments to MFRS 101 ‘Non-Current Liabilities with Covenants’
- Amendments to MFRS 107 and MFRS 7 ‘Supplier Finance Arrangements’

(b) Accounting pronouncements that are not yet effective are set out below:

Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

- Amendments to MFRS 121 ‘Lack of Exchangeability’

Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026

- Amendments to MFRS 9 ‘Financial Instruments’ and MFRS 7 ‘Financial Instruments: Disclosures - Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments’

Effective for financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027

- MFRS 18 ‘Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements’; and
- MFRS 19 ‘Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures’

Accounting pronouncement where the effective date has been deferred to a date to be determined by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board is set out below:

- Amendments to MFRS 10 ‘Consolidated Financial Statements’ and MFRS 128 ‘Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture’.

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A2. Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

The Group's business operations are not subject to any seasonal or cyclical factors. However, its business is influenced largely by the stock market velocity and any retail market cycles and sentiments that may affect its trading volumes and revenue.

A3. Unusual Items Affecting Assets, Liabilities, Equity, Net Income or Cash Flows

There were no other unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flow of the Group during the year-to-date ended 30 September 2024.

A4. Material Changes in Estimates

There were no changes in estimates that have had any material effect during the year-to-date ended 30 September 2024.

A5. Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuance, cancellations, repurchase, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities during the year-to-date ended 30 September 2024.

A6. Dividends Paid

No dividend has been paid during the year-to-date ended 30 September 2024.

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A7. Segment Analysis

Operating segments are prepared in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the Directors as its chief operating decision maker in order to allocate resources to segments and to assess their performance. For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their products and services provided. The Group's operating segments are as follows:

- (i) Investment holdings and others
- (ii) Stock and securities broking
- (iii) Property holding
- (iv) Money lending

The segment information for the current quarter is as follows:

All figures in RM'000					
Quarter ended 30 September 2024	Investment holdings and others	Stock and Securities broking	Property Holding	Money Lending	Total
Revenue					
External	15	12,936	25	1,927	14,903
Inter-Segment	1,324	-	17	-	1,341
Total Revenue	1,339	12,936	42	1,927	16,244
Reportable segment profit/(loss) before tax	(1,056)	3,117	(219)	1,452	3,294
Less: intra-group elimination					-
Consolidated Profit/(Loss) before tax					3,294
Total segment assets	234,412	273,756	45,522	121,885	675,575
Less: intra-group elimination					(260,375)
Group total assets					415,200

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A7. Segment Analysis (cont'd)

The segment information for the preceding quarter is as follows:

All figures in RM'000					
Quarter ended 30 September 2023	Investment holdings and others	Stock and Securities broking	Property Holding	Money Lending	Total
<u>Revenue</u>					
External	14	9,912	63	1,512	11,501
Inter-Segment	1,305	-	351	-	1,656
Total Revenue	1,319	9,912	414	1,512	13,157
Reportable segment profit/(loss) before tax	(793)	3,241	111	777	3,336
Less: intra-group elimination					-
Consolidated Profit/(Loss) before tax					3,336
Total segment assets	218,990	249,288	38,967	70,454	577,699
Less: intra-group elimination					(217,071)
Group total assets					360,628

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A7. Segment Analysis (cont'd)

The segment information for the current year-to-date is as follows:

All figures in RM'000					
Year-to-date ended 30 September 2024	Investment holdings and others	Stock and Securities broking	Property Holding	Money Lending	Total
<u>Revenue</u>					
External	32	36,147	99	6,352	42,630
Inter-Segment	22,974	-	531	-	23,505
Total Revenue	23,006	36,147	630	6,352	66,135
Reportable segment profit/(loss) before tax	16,011	9,590	(10)	5,075	30,666
Less: intra-group elimination					(20,000)
Consolidated Profit/(Loss) before tax					10,666
Total segment assets	234,412	273,756	45,522	121,885	675,575
Less: intra-group elimination					(260,375)
Group total assets					415,200

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A7. Segment Analysis (cont'd)

The segment information for the preceding year-to-date is as follows:

All figures in RM'000					
Year-to-date ended 30 September 2023	Investment holdings and others	Stock and Securities broking	Property Holding	Money Lending	Total
<u>Revenue</u>					
External	29	27,405	193	4,860	32,487
Inter-Segment	6,882	-	1,053	-	7,935
Total Revenue	6,911	27,405	1,246	4,860	40,422
Reportable segment profit/(loss) before tax	705	7,671	483	2,629	11,488
Less: intra-group elimination					(3,000)
Consolidated Profit/(Loss) before tax					8,488
Total segment assets	218,990	249,288	38,967	70,454	577,699
Less: intra-group elimination					(217,071)
Group total assets					360,628

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A8. Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment

There were no revaluations of property, plant and equipment during the year-to-date ended 30 September 2024. As at 30 September 2024, all property, plant and equipment were stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

A9. Material Events Subsequent to Reporting Quarter

Save for those disclosed in note B8 and the event below, there were no other material events subsequent to the end of the financial period up to the date of this report.

In the second quarter of 2024, the Group has become aware of a potential discontinuance of an on-going project awarded to a loan receivable (“Development”) in which the Group had financed an amount of RM23,800,000. The outcome of this Development, which is unascertainable at this juncture, may or may not cause a change in the credit quality of the said loan receivable in the future.

The Group is actively monitoring the matter and shall continuously assess the Development for any financial impact and reporting which will be reflected in the subsequent relevant financial periods, if any.

A10. Changes in Composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group during the year-to-date ended 30 September 2024.

A11. Contingent Liabilities or Contingent Assets

There were no contingent assets and contingent liabilities as at the date of this condensed consolidated interim financial report.

A12. Significant Related Party Transaction

Significant related party transactions within the Group for the year-to-date ended 30 September 2024 are set out below:

	All figures in RM'000			
	Quarter ended 30 September		Year-to-date ended 30 September	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Advances:				
- to a subsidiary	(5,350)	-	(10,720)	(7,000)
- from a subsidiary	-	1,160	-	1,160
- between subsidiary	(8,000)	-	(8,000)	-
Repayment of advances:				
- from a subsidiary	5,950	1,556	7,800	2,056
- to a subsidiary	-	(3,060)	-	(3,060)
- between subsidiary	2,500	-	2,500	-

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A13. Fair Value Information

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining the fair value of all financial instruments carried at fair value:

- Level 1: Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liability that the entity can access at the measurement date;
 Level 2: Inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
 Level 3: Inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The following table sets out the fair value profile of financial instruments that are carried at fair value and those not carried at fair value at the as at 30 September 2024:

All figures in RM'000									
	Fair Value of Financial Instruments Carried at Fair Value			Fair Value of Financial Instruments Not Carried at Fair Value			Total Fair Value	Carrying Amount	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3			
As at 30 September 2024									
Financial Assets									
At FVPL: Marketable securities held for trading	4,263	-	-	-	-	-	4,263	4,263	
At FVOCI: Other Assets: - Unquoted shares in Malaysia	-	-	3,285	-	-	-	3,285	3,285	
As at 30 September 2023									
Financial Assets									
At FVPL: Marketable securities held for trading	3,891	-	-	-	-	-	3,891	3,891	
At FVOCI: Other Assets: - Unquoted shares in Malaysia	-	-	3,069	-	-	-	3,069	3,069	

The methods and valuation techniques used for the purpose of measuring fair value are unchanged compared with the last financial year ended 31 December 2023. There was no transfer between level 1 and level 2 during the financial period.

The fair value of loan receivables that carry fixed interest rate approximated its carrying amount as the impact of discounting is not material.

There were no transfers between Level 2 and Level 3 during the current financial period and previous financial year for the Group.

At the close of this interim financial period, the movement in the valuation of other assets which is classified as Level 3, if any, is expected to be insignificant to the Group.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 9.22 OF THE MAIN MARKET LISTING
REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD**

B1. Review of Group Results

All figures in RM'000						
Quarter ended 30 September		% + / (-)	Year-to-date ended 30 September		% + / (-)	
2024	2023		2024	2023		
Segment revenue:						
Stock and securities broking	12,936	9,912	30.5	36,147	27,405	31.9
Property holding	42	414	(89.9)	630	1,246	(49.4)
Money lending	1,927	1,512	27.4	6,352	4,860	30.7
Investment holdings and others	1,339	1,319	1.5	23,006	6,911	>100
(-) Elimination	(1,341)	(1,656)	(19.0)	(23,505)	(7,935)	>100
	14,903	11,501	29.6	42,630	32,487	31.2
Segment results:						
Stock and securities broking	3,117	3,241	(3.8)	9,590	7,671	25.0
Property holding	(219)	111	(>100)	(10)	483	(>100)
Money lending	1,452	777	86.9	5,075	2,629	93.0
Investment holdings and others	(1,056)	(793)	33.2	16,011	705	>100
(-) Elimination	-	-	-	(20,000)	(3,000)	>100
	3,294	3,336	(1.3)	10,666	8,488	25.7

Quarter ended 30 September 2024 (“Q3 2024”) compared with quarter ended 30 September 2023 (“Q3 2023”)

Overall revenue for the Group increased by 29.6% to RM14.90 million in Q3 2024 (Q3 2023: RM11.50 million).

However, the Group has recorded marginally lower profit before tax (“PBT”) of RM3.29 million in Q3 2024 (Q3 2023: RM3.34 million), decrease by RM0.05 million.

The operating analysis is explained in the respective business segments.

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B1. Review of Group Results (Cont'd)

Quarter ended 30 September 2024 (“Q3 2024”) compared with quarter ended 30 September 2023 (“Q3 2023”)(Cont'd)

The operating segment analysis are as follows:

i. Stock and securities broking

Overall revenue for this segment increased by 30.5% to RM12.94 million in Q3 2024 (Q3 2023: RM9.91 million), mainly due to the following:

- a) Increase in brokerage income by 44.9% to RM7.08 million in Q3 2024 (Q3 2023: RM4.88 million) due to higher volume and value of stockbroking activities; and
- b) Increase in margin and other interest income arising from better margin utilisation and interest rates, resulting an increase in revenue of 13.0% to RM4.92 million in Q3 2024 (Q3 2023: RM4.36 million).

PBT for this segment decreased by 3.8% to RM3.12 million in the Q3 2024 (Q3 2023: RM3.24 million) due to higher operating expenses incurred.

ii. Property holding

Overall revenue for this segment dropped to RM0.04 million in Q3 2024 (Q3 2023: RM0.41 million).

Consequently, this segment has recorded loss before tax of RM0.22 million in Q3 2024 (Q3 2023: PBT of RM0.11 million).

iii. Money lending

Revenue for this segment increased by 27.4% to RM1.93 million in Q3 2024 (Q3 2023: RM1.51 million) due to higher interest income generated.

Consequently, this segment has resulted higher PBT of RM1.45 million in Q3 2024 (Q3 2023: RM0.78 million), furthermore lower operating expenses incurred for the quarter.

iv. Investment holdings and others

Overall revenue for this segment, increased to RM1.34 million in Q3 2024 (Q3 2023: RM1.32 million).

This segment has recorded higher loss before tax of RM1.06 million in Q3 2024 (Q3 2023: RM0.79 million).

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B1. Review of Group Results (Cont'd)

Year-to-date ended 30 September 2024 (“YTD 2024”) compared with year-to-date ended 30 September 2023 (“YTD 2023”)

Overall revenue registered for the Group was higher by 31.2% to RM42.63 million in YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: RM32.49 million).

Consequently, PBT has increased by 25.7% to RM10.67 million in YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: RM8.49 million).

The operating segment analysis are as follows:

v. Stock and securities broking

Overall revenue for this segment increased by 31.9% to RM36.15 million in YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: RM27.41 million), mainly due to the following:

- a) Increase in brokerage income by 47.9% to RM19.99 million in YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: RM13.52 million) due to higher volume and value of stockbroking activities; and
- b) Increase in margin and other interest income arising from better margin utilisation and interest rates, resulting an increase in revenue of 14.4% to RM13.72 million in YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: RM11.99 million).

Consequently, PBT for this segment increased by 25.0% or RM1.92 million to RM9.59 million in the YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: RM7.67 million).

vi. Property holding

Overall revenue for this segment dropped to RM0.63 million in YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: RM1.25 million).

Consequently, this segment has recorded loss before tax of RM0.01 million in YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: PBT of RM0.48 million).

vii. Money lending

Revenue for this segment increased by 30.7% to RM6.35 million in YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: RM4.86 million) due to higher interest income generated.

Consequently, this segment has resulted higher PBT of RM5.08 million in YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: RM2.63 million), furthermore lower operating expenses incurred to-date.

viii. Investment holdings and others

Overall revenue for this segment, increased to RM23.01 million in YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: RM6.91 million) mainly due to higher dividend income received of RM20.0 million in YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: RM3.00 million).

Consequently, this segment has recorded higher profit before tax of RM16.01 million in YTD 2024 (YTD 2023: RM0.71 million).

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B2. Material Changes in Profit for the Current Quarter as Compared to the Results of the Preceding Quarter

	Current Quarter 30-Sept-2024	Preceding Quarter 30-June-2024	Change	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%
Revenue	14,903	14,914	(11)	(0.1)
Profit before tax	3,294	4,932	(1,638)	(33.2)

The Group recorded marginally lower revenue by 0.1% in Q3 2024 as compared to Q2 2024.

Consequently, the Group recorded lower PBT of RM3.29 million in Q3 2024 (Q2 2024: RM4.93 million) is mainly due to, amongst others, higher one off income in Q2 2024.

B3. Prospects

Malaysia's advance reading of gross domestic product (GDP) grew at a rate of 5.3% in the third quarter of 2024, following a robust 5.9% growth in the preceding quarter. The improvement the economy was bolstered by all major sectors alongside with the (i) stronger domestic spending, (ii) stability and gradual improving labour market conditions, (iii) progressive income growth, (iv) execution of multi-year projects from approved investments, (v) resumption of global technology upcycle and (vi) recovery in tourism spending.

The growth exceeded expectations of 4.0-5.0% year-on-year increase put forward in an advance estimate by the National Statistics Department as well as in a Bloomberg survey of economists.

In its latest outlook tabled under Budget 2025, Bank Negara announced Malaysia economics growth for 2024 has revised upward to 4.8%-5.3% for 2024, driven by resilient domestic expenditure with additional support from the recovery in external demand.

Moving into the final quarter of 2024, the Group expect prospects to remain stable for remainder of the year in line with the positive outlook of domestic economy as the Group remains proactively in strengthening its position by broadening products range and services tailored to market demands. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Group are cautiously optimistic of the Group's performance for the remaining financial year.

B4. Profit Forecast or Profit Guarantee

The Group did not issue any profit forecast or profit guarantee for the year.

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B5. Taxation

	All figures in RM'000			
	Quarter ended 30-Sept		Year-to-date ended 30-Sept	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
a) Income Tax				
Current year tax expense	912	877	2,718	2,206
Previous years under/(over) provision	40	31	40	(6)
	952	908	2,758	2,220
b) Deferred Tax				
Relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences arising from unutilised business loss	283	195	1,231	463
Tax expense/(credit) for the financial year	1,235	1,103	3,989	2,663

The Group's effective tax rate for the current quarter and year ended 30 September 2024 is higher than the statutory income tax rate mainly due to expenses not deductible for tax purposes and deferred tax assets not recognised for losses incurred by the Company.

B6. Status of Corporate Proposals

The corporate proposals announced but not completed as at 27 November 2024 is as per below event.

On 15 November 2023, Apex Development Sdn. Bhd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group entered into a Sale and Purchase Agreement ("SPA") with New Era Edu Sdn. Bhd. to dispose 0.4737 hektar freehold land in Kajang, Negeri Selangor together with One (1) unit of Eleven (11) Storey Commercial Building known as "Menara Apex" bearing postal address of No. 1, Jalan Semenyih, Kajang, 43000 Selangor (collectively referred to as "the Property") for a total sales consideration of RM55.0 million.

Initially, the proposed disposal is expected to be completed within six (6) months from the Unconditional date, which is the date where all conditions precedent of the SPA are being fulfilled, subject to further extension.

On 28 May 2024, both parties have mutually agreed to further extend the Conditional Period of the SPA until 15 December 2024.

B7. Group Borrowings

The Group's borrowings as at 30 September 2024 : -

	RM'000
Bank Overdraft - Secured	27,053
Revolving Credit - Secured	15,000
Total short-term borrowings	42,053

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B8. Material Litigation

There was no material litigation till 21 November 2024, being the date not earlier than 7 days from the date of announcement of this interim financial report, which in the opinion of the directors would have a material adverse effect on the financial results of the Group.

B9. Dividends

The Board of Directors does not recommend payment of dividend in respect of the year-to-date ended 30 September 2024.

B10. Earnings per Share

The basic earnings per share have been calculated based on the following:

	Quarter ended 30-Sept		Year-to-date ended 30-Sept	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Net profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the parent (RM'000)	2,059	2,233	6,677	5,826
No of ordinary shares in issued ('000)	213,563	213,563	213,563	213,563
Less: treasury shares ('000)	(10,923)	(10,923)	(10,923)	(10,923)
Adjusted number of ordinary shares ('000)	202,640	202,640	202,640	202,640
Basic earnings per share (Sen)	1.02	1.10	3.29	2.87

Diluted earnings per share:

The Company has not issued any dilutive potential ordinary shares and hence, the diluted earnings per share is equal to the basic earnings per share.

B11. Audit Report

The Audit Report of the Company's preceding Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 was subjected to qualified "except for" opinion.

Kindly refer to note A9 and the Group's financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2023 for more detail on the auditors' report as well as the relevant announcement to Bursa relating to the Audit for more details.

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B12. Profit before tax is arrived at after (charging)/crediting:

	All figures in RM'000			
	Quarter ended 30-Sept		Year-to-date ended 30-Sept	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
- Interest expenses	(749)	(48)	(1,361)	(69)
- Depreciation	(619)	(518)	(1,688)	(1,169)
- Dividend income	55	99	55	106
- Gain/(loss) on marketable securities	(117)	1,072	528	835
- Interest income	1,524	595	3,911	1,918
- Provision/(write-back) of impairment loss for receivables	335	(1)	846	(2)
- Provision/(reversal) of diminution in marketable securities	263	26	194	(83)
- Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	(140)	83	(108)	38

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