

# **INNATURE BERHAD**

(Registration No. 199401034915 (320598-X))

# INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023

28th FEBRUARY 2024

### **UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS**

	Note	Quarter ended 31.12.2023		12 month	31.12.2022
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue		37,130	40,819	135,325	149,398
Operating expenses					
Changes in inventories		(12,185)	(13,511)	(43,111)	(50,455)
Rental expenses		(1,077)	(783)	(3,644)	(4,980)
Employee expenses		(9,005)	(9,329)	(38,409)	(36,282)
Distribution expenses		(655)	(618)	(2,470)	(2,529)
Advertising and promotion expenses		(1,053)	(1,001)	(3,788)	(3,647)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(4,937)	(4,296)	(18,972)	(17,820)
Royalty expenses		(373)	(408)	(1,354)	(1,398)
Other operating expenses		(2,475)	(2,735)	(10,471)	(4,713)
Total operating expenses		(31,760)	(32,681)	(122,219)	(121,824)
Profit from operations		5,370	8,138	13,106	27,574
Other income		175	715	329	1,300
Finance income		382	447	1,873	931
Finance costs		(482)	(324)	(1,498)	(1,181)
Profit before tax ("PBT")	20	5,445	8,976	13,810	28,624
Tax expenses	21	(823)	(2,352)	(3,306)	(7,289)
Profit after tax ("PAT")		4,622	6,624	10,504	21,335
Profit attributable to owners of the Company		4,622	6,624	10,504	21,335
Basic earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company (sen)	22	0.65	0.94	1.49	3.02
Other selected financial data:					
Gross profit (1)		24,945	27,308	92,214	98,943
Gross profit margin		67.2%	66.9%	68.1%	66.2%
PBT margin		14.7%	22.0%	10.2%	19.2%
PAT margin		12.4%	16.2%	7.8%	14.3%

<sup>(1)</sup> computed based on revenue less changes in inventories (cost of goods sold).

The unaudited consolidated statements of profit or loss should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached in this interim financial report.

### UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Quarte	r ended	12 months ended			
	Note	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022		
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000		
		4.600	c co.	40.504	24 225		
PAT		4,622	6,624	10,504	21,335		
Other comprehensive income, net of tax							
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit							
<u>or loss</u>							
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign							
operation, representing other comprehensive							
income for the period		(935)	(1,140)	402	852		
Total comprehensive income for the period		3,687	5,484	10,906	22,187		
Total comprehensive income attributable to owners							
of the Company		3,687	5,484	10,906	22,187		

# UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Assets			
Plant and equipment		10,432	8,114
Right-of-use assets		28,308	19,922
Intangible assets		51,927	52,297
Deferred tax assets		1,473	538
Receivables and deposits		6,850	6,391
Total non-current assets		98,990	87,262
Inventories		37,879	28,767
Receivables, deposits and prepayments		5,928	7,221
Current tax assets		81	-
Other investments	23	6,642	16,246
Cash and cash equivalents		40,154	42,681
Total current assets		90,684	94,915
Total assets		189,674	182,177
Liabilities			
Provision for restoration costs		1,954	1,906
Payables and accruals		-	2
Deferred tax liabilities		78	_
Lease liabilities		15,195	9,938
Total non-current liabilities		17,227	11,846
Provision for restoration costs		232	260
Loans and borrowings	24	-	27
Lease liabilities	24	14,260	10,842
Contract liabilities		565	692
Payables and accruals		10,932	7,954
Current tax liabilities		992	1,878
Total current liabilities		26,981	21,653
Total liabilities		44,208	33,499
Net assets		145,466	148,678
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# **UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONT'D)**

	Note	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Equity			
Share capital		50,326	50,326
Reserves		95,140	98,352
Total equity		145,466	148,678
Other selected financial data:			
Number of ordinary shares ('000)		705,881	705,881
Net assets per share (sen)		20.61	21.06
Net gearing ratio (times) *		(0.32)	(0.40)

<sup>\*</sup> computed based on net borrowings (total bank borrowings less cash and cash equivalents and other investments) divided by total equity. Negative net gearing ratio denotes a net cash position.

# **UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	Note	Share capital RM'000	Non-distributable Business combination reserve RM'000	Translation reserve	Distributable Retained earnings RM'000	Total equity RM'000
At 1st January 2022		50,326	4,636	403	88,771	144,136
Profit for the period		-	-	-	21,335	21,335
Foreign currency translation						
differences for foreign operation,						
representing other comprehensive						
income for the period		-	-	854	-	854
Total comprehensive income for the				054	24 225	22.400
period		-	-	854	21,335	22,189
Dividend declared	8	-	-	-	(17,647)	(17,647)
At 31st December 2022		50,326	4,636	1,257	92,459	148,678
At 1st January 2023		50,326	4,636	1,257	92,459	148,678
Profit for the period		-	-	-	10,504	10,504
Foreign currency translation						
differences for foreign operation,						
representing other comprehensive						
income for the period		-	-	402	-	402
Total comprehensive income for the						
period		-	-	402	10,504	10,906
Dividend declared	8	-		-	(14,118)	(14,118)
At 31st December 2023		50,326	4,636	1,659	88,845	145,466

The unaudited consolidated statements of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached in this interim financial report.

### **UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

		12 month	ns ended
1	Note	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before tax		13,809	28,624
Adjustments for:			
Changes in lease payments arising from rent concessions		-	(11)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		18,972	17,820
Unrealised foreign exchange loss/(gain)		96	(53)
Plant and equipment written off		193	253
Fair value gain on other investments		-	(195)
Gain on disposal of other investment		(77)	-
Gain on disposal of plant and equipment		(201)	-
Finance income		(1,873)	(931)
Finance costs		1,498	1,181
Writedown of inventories		182	205
Operating cashflow before changes in working capital		32,600	46,893
Changes in working capital:			
Inventories		(9,118)	5,369
Receivables, deposits and prepayments		946	(941)
Payables, accruals and contract liabilities		3,054	(6,467)
Provision for restoration costs		15	(116)
Cash generated from operations		27,497	44,738
Income tax paid		(5,121)	(7,048)
Net cash generated from operating activities		22,376	37,690
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of plant and equipment		(7,181)	(3,444)
Proceed from disposal of plant and equipment		235	-
Net cashflow from disposal of a subsidiary		-	1,957
Withdrawal of other investments		9,803	26,613
Interest received		1,862	641
Net cash generated from investing activities		4,719	25,767

# UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONT'D)

		12 months ended		
	Note	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	
		RM'000	RM'000	
Cash flows from financing activities				
Dividends paid	8	(14,118)	(17,647)	
Repayment of hire purchase		(27)	(159)	
Repayment of lease liabilities		(14,218)	(13,534)	
Interest paid for lease liabilities		(1,498)	(1,177)	
Interest paid for hire purchase		-	(4)	
Net cash used in financing activities		(29,861)	(32,521)	
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(2,766)	30,936	
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held		239	446	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		42,681	11,299	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period		40,154	42,681	
Cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:				
Cash and bank balances		17,813	42,681	
Deposits placed with licensed banks		22,341		
		40,154	42,681	

The unaudited consolidated statements of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached in this interim financial report.

### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim financial statements ("Interim Financial Report") of InNature Berhad ("InNature" or the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") is unaudited and has been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard ("MFRS") 134: Interim Financial Reporting issued by Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB"), International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") 134: Interim Financial Reporting issued by International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), and Paragraph 9.22 of Main Market Listing Requirements issued by Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") ("Listing Requirements").

The Interim Financial Report should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes in this Interim Financial Report.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied by the Group in the Interim Financial Report are the same as those applied by the Group in its audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, except for the adoption of the new and amended MFRS and Issues Committee ("IC") Interpretations which are relevant to the Group during the current financial period. The adoption of the new and amended MFRS and IC Interpretations did not have a material effect on the financial performance or position of the Group.

#### 3. AUDITORS' REPORT ON PRECEDING ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The auditors' report of the Group's consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 was not subject to any qualification.

#### 4. SEASONAL AND CYCLICAL FACTORS

Being in the retail industry, the Group's operations are subject to peaks and troughs in revenue generation throughout the year. Generally, the Group records higher sales during major festive and school holiday seasons in the respective country of which the Group operates.

#### 5. UNUSUAL ITEMS

Save as disclosed elsewhere in this Interim Financial Report, there were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows of the Group during the current financial period.

### 6. CHANGES IN ESTIMATES

There were no major changes in estimates that have had material effect on the results of current financial period.

#### 7. DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES

There were no issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities during the current financial period.

### 8. DIVIDENDS

The following dividends were recognised by the Company:

	RM per share RM	Total amount RM'000	Payment date
Company			
12 months ended 31.12.2023			
In respect of FY2022:			
- Final dividend	0.02	14,118	31.03.2023
12 months ended 31.12.2022 In respect of FY2021:			
- Final dividend	0.015	10,588	31.03.2022
In respect of FY2022:			
- Interim dividend	0.01	7,059	30.09.2022
	-	17,647	_

On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, the Company declared a final dividend of 1.0 sen per ordinary share for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 ("FY2023"). Shareholders who are on the Register of Members at the close of business on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 will be entitled for the dividend. The expected dividend payment date is 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

#### 9. CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

There was no change to the composition of the Group during the current financial period.

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# 10. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Company		
Corporate guarantees granted to a subsidiary for credit facilities	1,000	1,000
Bank guarantees granted to subsidiaries for tenancy agreements	832	795
	1,832	1,795

### 11. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Group		
Plant and equipment		
Approved but not contracted for	15,151	21,922
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Contracted but not commenced	4,151	1,912

### 12. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

31.12.2023 31.12.2023 31.12.2023 31.12.2023 31.12.2023 RM'000 RM'000 RM'000 RM'000 RM'000 RM'000 RM'000 RM'000		Quarter	ended	12 months ended		
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	<b>Group</b> Rental of office and retail outlets <sup>(1)</sup>	160	142	643	594	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> The Group rented office and several retail outlets in Malaysia from an entity in which certain Directors of the Company have interests. The transaction was entered into in the normal course of business under normal trade terms.

#### 13. STATUS OF CORPORATE PROPOSAL

There is no corporate proposal announced but not completed as at the date of this Interim Financial Report.

### 14. UTILISATION OF PROCEEDS FROM IPO

The utilisation of proceeds from IPO as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 is as follows:

Utilisation of proceeds	Proposed utilisation RM'000	Actual utilisation up to 31.12.2023 RM'000	Transfer RM'000	Balance unutilised RM'000	Estimated timeframe for utilisation from Listing date
(i) Capital expenditure	34,500	(19,349)	-	15,151	Within 48 months
(ii) Working capital	837	(1,188)	351	-	Within 36 months
(iii) Business development	5,700	(5,700)	-	-	Within 48 months
(iv) Listing-related expenses	6,370	(6,019)	(351)	-	Within 3 months
Total	47,407	(32,256)	-	15,151	_

The utilisation of proceeds should be read in conjunction with the IPO Prospectus dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020, and the Company's announcement on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The unutilised balance of RM351,000 allocated for listing-related expenses were transferred to working capital in 2020.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024, the Company announced that it has extended the timeframe for utilisation of proceeds from IPO allocated for capital expenditure for an additional 24 months from the original timeframe of 48 months, i.e. up to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The extension of time is necessary because the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the Group's plan for the capital expenditure.

#### 15. MATERIAL LITIGATION

There is no material litigation involving the Group subsequent to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and up to the date of this Interim Financial Report.

### **16. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Group does not have reportable segments as the principal activities of entities within the Group are essentially relate to the marketing of The Body Shop ("TBS") and Natura products. Segment information of the Group is presented on the basis of geographical segments, based on the geographical location of customers, assets and liabilities.

Please refer to Note 17 on the Group's segment financial results and financial position.

#### 17. PERFORMANCE REVIEW

### 4Q2023 vs 3Q2023

	Quarter ended				
	31.12.2023	30.09.2023	30.06.2023	31.03.2023	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Group					
Revenue	37,130	32,023	33,747	32,425	
PAT					
- core	4,761	1,707	2,078	2,643	
- reported	4,622	1,066	1,812	3,003	
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Core PAT excludes the following items:					
- MFRS 16	(155)	(2)	(30)	(74)	
- one-off gains	-	(3)	-	281	
- service charges income from Natura	-	-	-	153	
- business development expenses	16	(636)	(236)	-	
	(139)	(641)	(266)	360	

The Group recorded 15.9% revenue growth quarter-on-quarter in 4Q2023 in line with year-end festivities. The revenue growth was broad-based across all its markets, where this has contributed to the expansion of core PAT by 178.9% for the reporting quarter. The Group registered profits in all its markets for 4Q2023.

MFRS 16 charges were higher in 4Q2023 as a result of leases for new stores as well lease renewal for existing stores.

Business development expenses represent costs incurred by the Group in assessing the feasibility of business opportunities. The Group adjusted its business development expenses in 4Q2023 based on actual billings. Total business developments expenses of the Group for FY2023 were RM856k.

### 4Q2023 vs 4Q2022

		4Q2	023		4Q2022			
	Malaysia	Vietnam	Cambodia	Group	Malaysia	Vietnam	Cambodia	Group
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue								
The Body Shop	28,351	7,877	902	37,130	32,181	7,688	950	40,819
Natura	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-
	28,351	7,877	902	37,130	32,181	7,688	950	40,819
PAT								
The Body Shop	4,475	355	44	4,874	5,918	645	115	6,678
Natura	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	7
	4,475	355	44	4,874	5,925	645	115	6,685
Corporate	(113)	-	-	(113)	(261)	-	-	(261)
Core PAT	4,362	355	44	4,761	5,664	645	115	6,424
MFRS 16	(140)	(15)	-	(155)	(67)	33	1	(33)
Non-core items	16	-	-	16	233	-	-	233
Reported PAT	4,238	340	44	4,622	5,830	678	116	6,624

The Group's operating environment in 4Q2023 remained challenging with ongoing macro headwinds impacting consumer sentiment. Overall, Group revenue declined 9.0% (10.1% on constant currency) vs 4Q2022, as shown in the table below:

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	4Q2023			
	Malaysia	Vietnam	Cambodia	Group
Revenue				
- reported	-11.9%	2.5%	-5.1%	-9.0%
- constant currency	-11.9%	-2.5%	-13.3%	-10.1%
- same store	-5.8%	-7.9%	-20.9%	-6.7%

Core PAT of the Group was 25.9% lower vs 4Q2022, mainly as a result of softer topline, higher operating expenses and lower forex gain. Geographically, the Group was profitable across all its markets for the reporting quarter.

Non-core items in 4Q2022 comprised service charges income from Natura (RM270k) and business development expenses (RM37k).

Total store count of the Group (including pop-up stores) stood at 121 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, lower by 1 vs 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 following the closure of a kiosk in Malaysia upon the expiry of lease term.

### FY2023 vs FY2022

		FY2023			FY2022			
	Malaysia RM'000	Vietnam RM'000	Cambodia RM'000	Group RM'000	Malaysia RM'000	Vietnam RM'000	Cambodia RM'000	Group RM'000
Revenue								
The Body Shop	105,659	26,028	3,638	135,325	115,618	28,698	3,642	147,958
Natura	-	-	-	-	1,440	-	-	1,440
	105,659	26,028	3,638	135,325	117,058	28,698	3,642	149,398
PAT								
The Body Shop	12,816	(983)	205	12,038	20,395	899	424	21,718
Natura	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	27
	12,816	(983)	205	12,038	20,422	899	424	21,745
Corporate	(849)	-	-	(849)	(736)	-	-	(736)
Core PAT	11,967	(983)	205	11,189	19,686	899	424	21,009
MFRS 16	(169)	(93)	3	(259)	64	26	3	93
Non-core items	(426)	-	-	(426)	233	-	-	233
Reported PAT	11,372	(1,076)	208	10,504	19,983	925	427	21,335

The Group's performance in FY2023 was affected by the challenging retail landscape across all its markets. Overall, Group revenue declined 9.4% (9.9% on constant currency) vs FY2022, as shown in the table below:

	FY2023				
	Malaysia	Vietnam	Cambodia	Group	
Revenue					
- reported	-9.7%	-9.3%	-0.1%	-9.4%	
- constant currency	-9.7%	-11.0%	-4.8%	-9.9%	
- same store	-11.1%	-17.3%	-19.3%	-12.6%	

Core PAT of the Group declined 46.7% in FY2023, mainly as a result of lower revenue and higher operating expenses, in particular staff costs. Geographically, both Malaysia and Cambodia recorded lower core PAT, whereas Vietnam was in the red.

The Group continues to expand its retail store network strategically. The following table shows the movement in the Group's retail store network for FY2023:

	Retail Store Count				
	Malaysia	Vietnam	Cambodia	Group	
Retail stores at 1.1.2023	73	38	3	114	
Opening	3	2	-	5	
Conversion from pop-up to full-fledged store	1	-	-	1	
Closure	(1)	(4)	-	(5)	
Retail stores at 31.12.2023	76	36	3	115	
Pop-up stores at 31.12.2023	2	4	-	6	
Retail + pop-up stores at 31.12.2023	78	40	3	121	

### **Balance Sheet**

	31.12.2023							
	Malaysia	Vietnam	Cambodia	Group	Malaysia	Vietnam	Cambodia	Group
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Assets								
The Body Shop	148,117	34,940	6,448	189,505	135,169	33,622	5,860	174,651
Corporate	169	-	-	169	7,526	-	-	7,526
Total assets	148,286	34,940	6,448	189,674	142,695	33,622	5,860	182,177
Liabilities								
The Body Shop	30,291	12,548	1,046	43,885	22,035	10,412	894	33,341
Corporate	323	-	-	323	158	-	-	158
<b>Total liabilities</b>	30,614	12,548	1,046	44,208	22,192	10,412	894	33,499
Net assets	117,672	22,392	5,402	145,466	120,503	23,210	4,965	148,678

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, the Group's financial position remains in net cash, with cash and other investments of RM46.8 million, and net assets of RM145.5 million.

Total assets of the Group increased 4.1% / RM7.5 million to RM189.7 million, contributed mainly by higher inventory balance (+RM9.1 million), MFRS16 right-of-use assets (+RM8.4 million) and fixed assets (+RM2.3 million), but was mitigated by lower cash and other investments (-RM12.1 million) following dividend payment.

Total liabilities of the Group increased 32.0% / RM10.7 million to RM44.2 million, driven primarily by higher MFRS16 lease liabilities (+RM8.7 million).

#### 18. PROSPECTS

We will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the founding of The Body Shop Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur in 1984. In the context of continued economic and geopolitical uncertainty, we remain confident of our ability in navigating challenges, having received assurance from the brand principal to continue supporting our business growth despite their ongoing restructuring in the UK. Our priority in 2024 would be to ignite growth in all our markets, focusing on customer recruitment, productivity improvement of existing stores, and acceleration of digital channels' contribution through strategic marketing initiatives.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, we expect the Group to achieve better results for the full year of 2024, though quarter-on-quarter performance will be subject to seasonal fluctuations.

### 19. PROFIT FORECAST / PROFIT GUARANTEE

The Group did not issue any profit forecast or profit guarantee in any form of public documentation and/or announcement.

### 20. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

Profit before tax is arrived at after crediting/(charging) the following income/(expenses):

	Quarter ended		12 month	s ended
	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Group				
Revenue				
- Retailing	37,105	40,800	135,240	149,341
- Consultancy fees	25	19	85	57
	37,130	40,819	135,325	149,398
(Loss)/gain on foreign exchange				
- realised	150	452	(62)	772
- unrealised	(38)	(36)	(96)	53
	112	416	(158)	825
Rental expenses				
- before MFRS 16 adjustments	(5,068)	(4,654)	(19,361)	(19,700)
- less: minimum lease payments (MFRS 16				
adjustments)	3,991	3,871	15,717	14,720
	(1,077)	(783)	(3,644)	(4,980)
Depreciation and amortisation				
- plant and equipment	(1,176)		(4,086)	(3,994)
- intangible assets	(95)		(387)	(384)
- right-of-use assets (MFRS 16 adjustments)	(3,666)	(3,572)	(14,500)	(13,443)
	(4,937)	(4,296)	(18,973)	(17,821)
Inventories written down	(72)	(41)	(182)	(205)
Income arising from disposal of a subsidiary - service				
charges income (post-completion obligation)	-	270	153	270
Contribution from a trade supplier	-	-	-	2,250
Finance income comprises interest income from				
- bank balances and fixed deposits	382	397	1,873	800
- fixed income funds	-	50	-	131
	382	447	1,873	931
Finance costs comprise interest expenses on		<u> </u>		
- hire purchase	- ()	- (22.1)	-	(4)
- lease liabilities (MFRS 16 adjustments)	(482)	(324)	(1,498)	(1,177)
	(482)	(324)	(1,498)	(1,181)

Save as disclosed above and elsewhere in this Interim Financial Report, the other disclosure items pursuant to Paragraph 16, Part A of Appendix 9B of the Listing Requirements are not applicable.

### 21. TAX EXPENSES

	Quarter ended		12 month	s ended
	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Group				
Tax expenses				
- arising from Malaysia	920	2,044	3,767	6,910
- arising outside Malaysia	(97)	308	(461)	379
	823	2,352	3,306	7,289
Effective tax rate (%)	15.1%	26.2%	23.9%	25.5%

Effective tax rate ("ETR") is computed by dividing tax expenses with profit before tax for the financial period. ETR for the current financial period is lower year-on-year, mainly as a result of overprovision of deferred tax in prior year.

## 22. EARNINGS PER SHARE ("EPS")

	Quarter	ended	12 month	s ended
	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	4,622	6,624	10,504	21,335
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	705,881	705,881	705,881	705,881
Basic EPS (sen)	0.65	0.94	1.49	3.02

Diluted earnings per ordinary share is not presented as the Group has no shares or other instruments with potential dilutive effects as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

### 23. OTHER INVESTMENT

Curation	RM'000	RM'000
Group Fixed deposits of more than 3 months but less than 12 months	6.642	9.349
Fixed income funds	-	6,897
	6,642	16,246

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# 24. LOANS AND BORROWINGS

	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Group		
Current		
RM denominated hire purchase (unsecured)	-	27

### 25. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Save as disclosed elsewhere in this Interim Financial Report, there is no material event impacting the Group subsequent to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and up to the date of this Interim Financial Report.