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## CASH FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP LIMITED

## 時富金融服務集團有限公司\*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock code: 510)

# INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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

The unaudited consolidated results of CASH Financial Services Group Limited ("Company" or "CFSG") and its subsidiaries ("Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2025 together with the comparative figures for the last corresponding period are as follows:

		Unaudite Six months ende	
	Notes	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Revenue	(3)		
Fee and commission income	. ,	16,359	9,394
Interest income	_	6,559	14,761
Total revenue		22,918	24,155
Other income		2,141	262
Other gain		6,281	8,087
Salaries and related benefits		(21,380)	(21,715)
Commission expenses		(4,600)	(2,582)
Depreciation		(4,225)	(5,903)
Finance costs		(2,336)	(4,991)
Other operating expenses	(5)	(17,818)	(16,579)
Loss before taxation		(19,019)	(19,266)
Income tax expense	(6)		
Loss for the period	_	(19,019)	(19,266)

## Unaudited Six months ended 30 June

		30 June	
		2025	2024
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Other comprehensive income for the period	_	-	
Total comprehensive expense for the period	=	(19,019)	(19,266)
Loss attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		(13,913)	(20,096)
Non-controlling interests	_	(5,106)	830
	_	(19,019)	(19,266)
Total comprehensive expense for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		(13,913)	(20,096)
Non-controlling interests	_	(5,106)	830
	_	(19,019)	(19,266)
Loss per share attributable to owners of the Company	(7)		
- Basic (HK cents)	_	(3.37)	(4.66)
– Diluted (HK cents)		(3.37)	(4.66)

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	30 June 2025 HK\$'000	31 December 2024 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Property and equipment		5,123	10,294
Intangible assets		4,041	4,041
Club debentures		660	660
Other assets		4,290	4,428
Rental and utility deposits		1,137	1,137
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		4,806	4,806
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		4,592	4,592
		24,649	29,810
Current assets			
Accounts receivable	(8)	144,074	117,116
Contract assets	(-)	911	911
Loans receivable	(9)	3,720	7,686
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	,	114,595	120,770
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		58,411	40,425
Fixed deposits with original maturity over three months		427	423
Bank balances – trust and segregated accounts		366,527	308,246
Bank balances (general accounts) and cash		74,605	88,488
		763,270	684,115
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	(10)	421,805	351,582
Accrued liabilities and other payables		34,138	23,607
Taxation payable		2,015	2,015
Bank borrowings		64,700	46,025
Amounts due to a fellow subsidiary		13,937	29,805
Provision for restoration		1,630	1,630
Financial liabilities arising from consolidated investment funds		14,574	1,515
Lease liabilities		2,458	5,991
		555,257	462,170
Net current assets		208,013	221,945
Total assets less current liabilities	_	232,662	251,755

	N.	30 June 2025	31 December 2024
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current liabilities			
Loan from a related party		25,029	25,103
Deferred tax liabilities		9,297	9,297
Lease liabilities		285	285
		34,611	34,685
Net assets	_	198,051	217,070
Capital and reserves	_		
Share capital	(11)	17,247	17,247
Reserves		175,620	189,533
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		192,867	206,780
Non-controlling interests		5,184	10,290
Total equity	_	198,051	217,070

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Unaudited Six months ended 30 June 2025

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_				Attributab	le to owners of t	he Company					
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Shares held for Share Award Scheme HK\$'000	Other reserve HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Investment revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HKS'000	Total HK\$'000	Non- controlling interests HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2025	17,247	74,420	(4,405)	60,759	117,788	(19,209)	(650)	(39,170)	206,780	10,290	217,070
Profit (loss) for the period	-	-		-		-	-	(13,913)	(13,913)	(5,106)	(19,019)
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the period		-		-		-	-	(13,913)	(13,913)	(5,106)	(19,019)
At 30 June 2025	17,247	74,420	(4,405)	60,759	117,788	(19,209)	(650)	(53,083)	192,867	5,184	198,051
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	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Shares held for Share Award Scheme HK\$'000	Other reserve	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Investment revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Non- controlling interests HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2024	17,247	74,420	_	60,759	117,788	(13,795)	187	(5,410)	251,196	4,671	255,867
Purchase of shares held for the share award scheme adopted on 1 December 2022 ("Share Award Scheme") Profit (loss) for the period	-	-	(4,405)	- -	-	-	- -	(20,096)	(4,405) (20,096)	830	(4,405) (19,266)
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the period		-	(4,405)	-		-	-	(20,096)	(24,501)	830	(23,671)
At 30 June 2024	17,247	74,420	(4,405)	60,759	117,788	(13,795)	187	(25,506)	226,695	5,501	232,196

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Unaudited		
	Six months ended 30 June		
	2025	2024	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	(25,171)	9,967	
Net cash from (used in) investing activities	(4)	934	
Net cash generated from (used in) financing activities	11,292	(34,602)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(13,883)	(23,701)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	88,488	154,443	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	74,605	130,742	
Bank balances (general accounts) and cash	74,605	130,742	

Notes:

## (1) Basis of preparation

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

Apart from (2) below, the accounting policies and judgements applied by the Group in these consolidated financial statements are the same as those applied by the Group in its consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"), which is also the functional currency of the Company.

## (2) Application of amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following amendments to a HKFRS Accounting Standard issued by the HKICPA, for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Group's annual period beginning on 1 January 2025 for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKAS 21

Lack of Exchangeability

The application of the amendments to a HKFRS Accounting Standard in the current interim period has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

## (3) Revenue

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June		
	Six months e	naea 30 June 2024	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Fee and commission income			
Broking services	7,787	5,015	
Wealth management services	4,418	2,026	
Investment management services	1,384	1,295	
Handling and other services	2,770	1,058	
Total	16,359	9,394	
		dited	
		nded 30 June	
	2025	2024	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Interest income arising from financial assets at amortised cost	6,559	14,761	

## (4) Segment information

The Group is principally engaged in the following activities:

- provision of online and traditional brokerage of securities, futures and options as well as general and life insurance, mutual funds and mandatory provident fund products;
- proprietary trading of debt and equity securities and derivatives;
- provision of margin financing and money lending services; and
- provision of investment management services.

## Reportable and operating segment

The Chief Executive Officer of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), regularly reviews the income from financial services (including broking and wealth management services and proprietary trading activities) and investment management services for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

## Segment revenue and results

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. Segment results represent the profit earned/loss incurred by each segment before unallocated expense. This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

For the six months ended 30 June 2025

	Financial services HK\$'000	Investment management HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Revenue	21,532	1,386	22,918
RESULT Segment loss	(4,160)	(10,421)	(14,581)
Unallocated expense			(4,438)
Loss before taxation			(19,019)
For the six months ended 30 June 2024			
	Financial services HK\$'000	Investment management HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Revenue	22,860	1,295	24,155
RESULT Segment (loss) gain	(22,264)	3,493	(18,771)
Unallocated expense			(495)
Loss before taxation		_	(19,266)

All the segment revenue is derived from external customers.

## (5) Other operating expenses

	Unaudited		
	Six months ended 30 Jun		
	2025	2024	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Handling expenses:			
<ul> <li>dealing in securities</li> </ul>	1,139	562	
<ul> <li>dealing in futures and options</li> </ul>	184	164	
Advertising and promotions expenses	1,857	534	
Telecommunications expenses	3,509	5,432	
Auditor's remuneration	1,710	1,320	
Legal and professional fees	2,441	1,534	
Printing and stationery expenses	524	451	
Repair and maintenance expenses	347	577	
Travelling and transportation expenses	238	104	
Water and electricity expenses	295	279	
Office management fee and rates	1,589	660	
Others	3,985	4,962	
	17,818	16,579	

## (6) Income tax expense

	Una	udited
	Six months 6	ended 30 June
	2025	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current tax:		
Hong Kong	-	_
PRC		
Deferred tax	_	_

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime of Hong Kong Profits Tax, the first HK\$2 million of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%.

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profit for both periods.

Under the Law of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the PRC subsidiaries is 25% for both years.

## (7) Loss per share attributable to owners of the Company

The calculation of basic and diluted loss per share attributable to the owners of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2025 are based on the following data:

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June		
	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000	
Loss			
Loss for the purposes of basic and diluted loss per share	(13,913)	(20,096)	
		udited	
		ended 30 June	
Number of shares	2025	2024	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic and diluted loss per share	412,892,779	431,174,779	

For the six months ended 30 June 2025 and 2024, the computation of diluted loss per share has not taken into account the effects of share options which are anti-dilutive.

## (8) Accounts receivable

	30 June 2025 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2024 HK\$'000 (Audited)
	(Onaudited)	(Audited)
Accounts receivables arising from the business of dealing in securities:		
Clearing houses, brokers and dealers	31,168	33,756
Cash clients	26,120	8,678
	57,288	42,434
Accounts receivables arising from the business of margin		
financing:	122,011	114,506
Less: allowance for impairment	(55,243)	(55,243)
	66,768	59,263
Accounts receivables arising from the business of dealing in futures and options:		
Cash clients T	184	184
Clearing houses, brokers and dealers	19,834	15,285
	20,018	15,469
	144,074	117,166

Accounts receivable from clients, brokers, dealers and clearing houses arising from the business of dealing in securities are repayable on demand subsequent to settlement date. The normal settlement terms of accounts receivable arising from the business of dealing in securities are two days after trade date or at specific terms agreed with clients, brokers, dealers and accounts receivable arising from the business of dealing in futures and options are one day after trade date.

The Group offsets certain accounts receivable and accounts payable when the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the balances and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the balances simultaneously.

No ageing analysis is disclosed as in the opinion of the directors of the Company, the ageing analysis does not give additional value in view of the nature of business in margin financing.

## (9) Loans receivable

	30 June 2025 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2024 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Revolving loans receivables denominated in:		
Hong Kong dollars	4,973	8,939
United State dollars	54	54
Less: allowance for impairment	(1,307)	(1,307)
	3,720	7,686

All loans receivable are variable-rate loans receivable which bear interest at Hong Kong Prime Rate or HIBOR plus a spread for both periods.

Loans receivable included an amount due from a related party bearing interest at HIBOR plus a spread which is similar to the rate offered to other clients. Details of which were as follows:

Mr Cheung Tsz Yui Morton	1,984	2,031	_
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Name	1 January 2025	the period	30 June 2025
	Balance at	during	Balance at
		outstanding	
		amount	
		Maximum	

## (10) Accounts payable

	30 June 2025 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2024 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Accounts payables arising from the business of dealing in securities:		
Cash clients	316,508	260,012
Margin clients	78,279	63,487
Accounts payables to clients arising from the business of dealing		
in futures and options	27,018	28,083
	421,805	351,582

The settlement terms of accounts payable from the business of dealing in securities are two days after trade date, and accounts payable arising from the business of dealing in futures and options contracts are one day after trade date. No ageing analysis is disclosed as in the opinion of directors of the Company, the ageing analysis does not give additional value in view of the nature of this business.

Accounts payable to clients arising from the business of dealing in futures and options are margin deposits received from clients for their trading of these contracts. The required margin deposits are repayable upon the closure of the corresponding futures and options position. The excess of the outstanding amounts over the required margin deposits stipulated are repayable to clients on demand.

Accounts payable to independent financial advisors arising from business of wealth management services are generally settled within 30 days upon receipt of payments from product issuers/clients.

Except for the accounts payable to clients arising from the business of dealing in securities which bear interest at a fixed rate, all other accounts payable are non-interest bearing.

Accounts payable amounting to HK\$366,527,000 (2024: HK\$308,246,000) are payable to external clients and other institutions in respect of the trust and segregated bank balances received and held for clients and other institutions in the course of the conduct of regulated activities. However, the Group does not have a currently enforceable right to offset these payables with the deposits placed.

## (11) Share capital

	Number of shares of HK\$0.04 per share '000	Amount HK\$'000
Ordinary shares Authorised: At 1 January 2025 and 30 June 2025	750,000	30,000
Issued and fully paid: At 1 January 2025 and 30 June 2025	431,175	17,247

## (12) Related party transactions

In addition to the transactions and balances detailed in note (9), the Group had the following transactions with related parties during the period:

		Unaudited Six months ended 30 Ju		
	Notes	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000	
Commission and interest income from Cashflow Credit Limited	(a)	_	_	
Commission income and interest income received from the following directors of the Company:  Dr Kwan Pak Hoo Bankee  Mr Kwan Teng Hin Jeffrey  Mr Cheung Tsz Yui Morton  Mr Law Hin Ong Trevor	(b) (c)	15 - 40 -	4 - 24 3	
	_	55	31	
Interest expense to a related party	_	853	2,004	

#### Notes:

- (a) Cashflow Credit Limited is a subsidiary of Celestial Asia Securities Holdings Limited ("CASH"), the holding company of the Company.
- (b) Mr Cheung Tsz Yui Morton was appointed as director of the Company during the period ended 30 June 2024.
- (c) Mr Law Hin Ong Trevor resigned as director of the Company during the period ended 30 June 2024.

## (13) Capital risk management

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to shareholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The capital structure of the Group consists of debt, which includes the bank borrowings, loan from a related party and lease liabilities, and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising issued share capital, retained earnings and other reserves. The management reviews the capital structure by considering the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. In view of this, the Group will balance its overall capital structure through the issue of new shares and share options as well as the issue of new debt or the redemption of existing debt. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged throughout the period.

Certain group entities are regulated by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission and are required to comply with the financial resources requirements according to the Hong Kong Securities and Futures (Financial Resources) Rules ("SF(FR)R"). The Group's regulated entities are subject to minimum paid-up share capital requirements and liquid capital requirements under the SF(FR)R. Management closely monitors, on a daily basis, the liquid capital level of these entities to ensure compliance with the minimum liquid capital requirements under the SF(FR)R. The Group's regulated entities have complied with the capital requirements imposed by the SF(FR) R throughout both periods.

#### DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of any dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2025 (2024: nil).

#### **REVIEW AND OUTLOOK**

#### **Financial Review**

For the six months ended 30 June 2025, the Group recorded revenue of approximately HK\$22.9 million, representing a decrease of 5.4% compared with HK\$24.2 million for the corresponding period in last year. The Group's main revenue is comprised of approximately HK\$7.8 million in broking income (1H 2024: HK\$5.0 million), HK\$4.4 million in provision of wealth management services (1H 2024: HK\$2.0 million), HK\$1.4 million in asset management income (1H 2024: HK\$1.3 million), HK\$2.8 million in handling and other services income (1H 2024: HK\$1.1 million) and HK\$6.6 million in interest income (1H 2024: HK\$1.8 million).

The average daily turnover of Hong Kong securities market during the first half of 2025 witnessed a 117.6% increase compared to the same period prior year (1H 2025: HK\$240.2 billion; 1H 2024: HK\$110.4 billion), the Group's broking income increased from HK\$5.0 million in 1H 2024 to HK\$7.8 million in 1H 2025.

The Group's income from provision of wealth management services increased from HK\$2.0 million in 1H 2024 to HK\$4.4 million in 1H 2025. New offices were established in the PRC, complementing its expansion in China's three strategic development areas: the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the Yangtze River Delta and the Bohai Rim in northern China. This initiative has not only reinforced the Group's footprint in the PRC but also enabled it to better serve clients in the rapidly growing PRC market through key partnerships with leading financial institutions in the region.

Geopolitical conflicts introduced significant fluctuations in global markets. Despite competitive and economic challenges, our proprietary trading portfolios are focusing on income-producing products and innovative revenue strategies, leading to a modest improvement in income of HK\$1.4 million in 1H 2025 (1H 2024: HK\$1.3 million). The increase of approximately 154.5% in handling and other services income (1H 2025: HK\$2.8 million; 1H 2024: HK\$1.1 million) was mainly due to the increase in consultancy fee received during the period.

Interest income decreased by approximately 55.4% (1H 2025: HK\$6.6 million; 1H 2024: HK\$14.8 million) and finance cost decreased by approximately 54.0% (1H 2025: HK\$2.3 million; 1H 2024: HK\$5.0 million) was mainly attributable to the decreasing market interest rates. Overnight HIBOR decreased from approximately from 4.1% as of 2 January 2025 (as of 2 January 2024: approximately 4.4%) to approximately 0.03% as of 30 June 2025 (28 June 2024: approximately 5.0%). To optimize returns, the Group actively reallocated its idle cash to term deposits during the period.

Commission expenses increased by approximately 76.9% from HK\$2.6 million in 1H 2024 to HK\$4.6 million in 1H 2025. The increase was mainly driven by the increase in wealth management business and corresponding growth in commission expense and the increase in brokerage business. Overall, the Group recorded a net loss of approximately HK\$19.0 million during the period as compared to a net loss of approximately HK\$19.3 million in 1H 2024.

## Impairment Allowances

Impairment allowance consisted of provision for credit losses on accounts receivables arising from margin financing and loans receivables, the Group performs impairment assessment on these financial assets under the impairment framework and methodology of expected credit loss ("ECL") model established by the Group in accordance with HKFRS 9 "Financial instruments". To minimise the credit risk on accounts receivables arising from margin financing and loans receivables, the Credit and Risk Management Committee is responsible for reviewing credit and risk management policies, approving credit limits and to determining any debt recovery actions on delinquent receivables. The assessment is based on close monitoring, evaluation of collectability and on management's judgement, including but not limited to ageing analysis of receivables, the current creditworthiness, account executives concentration analysis, collateral distribution and concentration analysis and the past collection history of each client, and consideration of forward looking factors. In this regard, the directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is maintained at an acceptable level.

## Liquidity and Financial Resources

The Group's total equity amounted to HK\$198.1 million as at 30 June 2025 compared to HK\$217.1 million as at 31 December 2024. The decrease in the total equity was mainly due to the net effect of the reported loss during the period. As at 30 June 2025, the Group's bank borrowings collateralized by clients' pledged securities to the Group of approximately HK\$64.7 million (31 December 2024: HK\$46.0 million). All of the Group's borrowings were denominated in Hong Kong dollars. They were variable-rate borrowings and carried interest with reference to HIBOR or Hong Kong Prime Rate. As at 30 June 2025, the Group's cash and bank balances including fixed deposit and the trust and segregated accounts increased to HK\$441.6 million from HK\$397.2 million as at 31 December 2024. The increase was mainly due to noncore brokerage clients maintaining more cash with the Group due to the volatile equities market during the period. The Group derives its revenue and maintains bank balances in its house accounts mainly in Hong Kong dollars. Bank balances in its house accounts amounting to HK\$41.5 million and HK\$33.1 million at 30 June 2025 were denominated in Hong Kong dollars and other foreign currencies (mainly Renminbi and US dollar) respectively, whereas the bank balances in the trust and segregated accounts were denominated in the same currencies as those of the outstanding balances in the corresponding accounts payable. The liquidity ratio as at 30 June 2025 remained comparable to 31 December 2024 with a decline from 1.48 times to 1.37 times. The gearing ratio as at 30 June 2025, which represents the ratio of interest bearing borrowings of the Group divided by the total equity, increased to 45.3% from 32.8% as at 31 December 2024. On the other hand, the Group have no material contingent liabilities at the end of the period. The Group's treasury policies are to secure healthy liquidity for running its operations smoothly and to maintain a sound financial position at all times throughout the period. Besides meeting its working capital requirements, cash balances and bank borrowings are maintained at healthy levels to meet its customers' investment need while making sure all relevant financial regulations have been fully complied with.

## Foreign Exchange Risks

The Group did not have any material un-hedged foreign exchange exposure or interest rate mismatches at the end of the period.

## Material Acquisitions and Disposals

The Group did not make any material acquisitions or disposals during the period.

## Fund Raising Activities

The Company did not have any fund raising activity during the period under review.

## Capital Commitments

The Group did not have any material outstanding capital commitments at the end of the period.

## **Material Investments**

As at 30 June 2025, the market value of portfolio of investments held for trading amounted to approximately HK\$63.0 million. A net gain on investments held for trading of HK\$6.7 million was recorded for the period.

We do not have any future plans for material investments, nor addition of capital assets.

## Financial and Operational Highlights

## Revenue

	Unaudit		
(HK\$'m)	Six months ende		
	<b>2025</b> 2024		% change
Broking income	7.8	5.0	56.0%
Wealth management income	4.4	2.0	120.0%
Investment management services	1.4	1.3	7.7%
Handling and other services	2.8	1.1	154.5%
Interest income	6.6	14.8	(55.4%)
Group total	23.0	24.2	(5.0%)

## **Key Financial Metrics**

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June			
	2025	2024	% change	
The Group				
Net loss attributable to owners of the Company (HK\$'m)	(13.9)	(20.1)	30.8%	
Loss per share (HK cents)	(3.37)	(4.66)	27.7%	
Total assets (HK\$'m)	787.9	819.1	(3.8%)	
Cash and bank balances (HK\$'m)	74.6	130.7	(42.9%)	
Bank borrowings (HK\$'m)	64.7	36.1	79.2%	
Financial services				
Annualised average fee income from broking per active client				
(HK\$'000)	0.8	0.5	60.0%	
Investment management				
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at FVTPL (HK\$'m)	(4.7)	7.1	(166.2%)	

#### **Industry and Business Review**

#### Financial Services Business - CFSG

#### Economic and Industry Review

In the first half of 2025 (the "period"), while the U.S. Federal Reserve maintained higher interest rates for longer than initially anticipated, inflation showed signs of moderating by the second quarter, easing some pressure on risk assets. In China, the economy grew at a steady pace of 5.3% year-on-year, supported by targeted stimulus measures to boost domestic demand and production.

However, geopolitical tensions—including ongoing trade tariff discussions and lingering inflation concerns—contributed to heightened market volatility, particularly weighing on US equities, while Hong Kong's market demonstrated relative resilience.

Against this backdrop, Hong Kong's equity market activity saw a remarkable surge, buoyed by robust investor sentiment. Despite a challenging geopolitical landscape, the Hang Seng Index emerged as the world's top-performing index, climbing over 20% during the period. Meanwhile, the average daily turnover of the securities market jumped by an impressive 118% year-on-year to HK\$240.2 billion, underscoring Hong Kong's resilience and attractiveness to investors.

The U.S. tariff policy further fuelled Hong Kong's stock market rally, reinforcing the city's status as a tariff-free trade and financing hub. This attracted capital and new listings from mainland Chinese companies looking to navigate US trade barriers, allowing Hong Kong to outperform many global markets despite persistent geopolitical trade frictions.

The IPO market also regained momentum, cementing Hong Kong's position as the world's leading IPO destination, with funds raised through initial public offerings (IPOs) exceeding HK\$100 billion.

In tandem, Hong Kong solidified its standing as a leading international asset and wealth management hub. Assets under management (AUM) grew by 13% year-on-year in 2024, reaching nearly HK\$4 trillion, according to the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC). This surge was driven by an 81% increase in net fund inflows, totalling HK\$705 billion – further testament to Hong Kong's enduring attractiveness as an investment gateway.

## Business Review

During the period, CFSG made significant strides in implementing AI solutions across its operations. In risk management, our systems now provide real-time monitoring of client exposures, enabling more efficient margin calls and risk alerts. The integration of AI into client communications has saved processing time by approximately 40%, allowing our team to focus on higher-value advisory services. Looking ahead, we are preparing to launch innovative AI-powered services, including automated market commentary generation and multilingual video analysis featuring digital avatars. These initiatives will be rolled out in phases, beginning in the third quarter of the year.

In response to the growing demand for innovative financial solutions, the Group has developed Hong Kong's first no-code AI algorithmic trading platform, Quantphemes, democratising professional quantitative trading. The revolutionary "Chat to Strategy" technology of Quantphemes enables investors to create, backtest, and execute sophisticated trading strategies using natural language, while its library of over 100 pre-built strategies allows for instant deployment. Licensed by Hong Kong's SFC with Type 4, 5, and 9 licenses and recognised with the Outstanding AI Algorithmic Trading Platform Award at the 2024 ETNet FinTech Awards, Quantphemes represents a new era in intelligent trading where advanced algorithmic strategies are accessible to all investors.

Our core businesses delivered satisfactory results during the period. The securities and asset management divisions saw total AUM grow by 19% year-on-year, with trading volumes surging 53% across Hong Kong and U.S. equities. The IPO market experienced exceptional growth compared to the same period last year. Notably, CFSG acted as Joint Bookrunner, Capital Markets Intermediary, and Joint Lead Manager for Green Tea Group's IPO.

Our Family Office division expanded its 3I (Insurance, Investment, Immigration) services with notable success. Insurance premiums hit record levels in Q1, driven by innovative marketing campaigns and our mainland client acquisition strategy.

The Investment segment benefited from effective social media promotions, while our Immigration services gained recognition for their expertise in talent visa programmes. The newly established Immigration & Education Centre has become a promising growth area, offering comprehensive planning services and preparing to launch specialised training programmes in the second half of the year.

We continued to strengthen our presence in mainland China, with plans for new offices near the Yangtze River Delta to complement our existing locations. Our marketing efforts—including seminars, roadshows, and social media campaigns—have significantly boosted brand visibility. One of the particularly effective videos explaining private banking benefits garnered over 1.1 million views across Xiaohongshu, WeChat, and Douyin, highlighting our growing digital influence.

Despite macroeconomic challenges, Hong Kong's capital markets proved resilient in the first half of the year. The period also demonstrated our ability to capitalise on the market recovery while advancing our technological capabilities. CFSG remains well-positioned to seize emerging opportunities while navigating potential headwinds.

## Outlook

Looking ahead to the second half of 2025, we expect continued opportunities in Hong Kong's equity markets—particularly the IPO sector—as well as in defensive US equities less exposed to economic downturns.

Our strategic priorities include strengthening cross-border collaboration, expanding our Immigration & Education Centre offerings, and leveraging AI to enhance client services.

As we move forward, we remain committed to delivering innovative solutions and exceptional service, ensuring sustainable growth and value creation for all stakeholders.

#### Algo Trading Business - CAFG

#### Economic and Industry Review

In the first half of 2025, the international commodities trading market experienced elevated volatility, driven by shifting supply chains, geopolitical tensions, and evolving trade policies. Prices across energy, metals, and agricultural commodities remained under pressure, with tariff uncertainties reshaping global trade flows. Liquidity and risk mitigation tools have become increasingly vital as emerging market producers seek capital amid rising competition and supply chain de-risking.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong's equity market saw a strong rebound, emerging as the world's leading capital and fund raising hub. Fundraising activity surged more than sevenfold compared to the same period in 2024, supported by a wave of A+H listings and robust investor demand for Chinese firms seeking global capital access. Regulatory tailwinds and U.S. delisting concerns further accelerated this trend, with momentum expected to continue into the second half of the year.

#### Business Review

Our strategic positioning in asset management continues to deliver solid results. We currently manage one commodity futures fund and advise two equity and CTA portfolios. The CASH Multi Strategy Fund, focused on commodity futures, experienced its largest historical drawdown in early 2025 due to speculative distortions and geopolitical disruptions. However, the fund began recovering in May and June, leveraging arbitrage opportunities amid heightened volatility.

The CASH Prime Value Equity Fund, advised by our team, delivered a 28% return in H1, outperforming the Hang Seng Index and peers. Its quantamental approach and exposure to high-growth sectors such as consumer, tech, and finance proved effective in capturing market upside.

The Qunbo Multi Strategy Select Fund achieved a 13% return, outperforming major benchmarks and ranking in the top quartile among peers. Its short-term CTA strategy demonstrated strong responsiveness to market volatility, particularly during periods of tariff and trade-related news.

## **Business Development**

In the first half of 2025, we made meaningful progress in both product innovation and operational efficiency. The CASH Prime Value Equity Fund underwent a strategic enhancement to its investment mandate, now allowing stock lending and the use of derivatives and futures. These changes are expected to generate additional fee income and provide greater flexibility in managing risk during periods of market stress.

We also initiated the development of a new thematic strategy focused on virtual assets, leveraging our quantitative research capabilities and AI-driven analytics. This initiative is aligned with our long-term vision to diversify product offerings and capture emerging trends in alternative investments.

On the distribution side, we have invested in expanding our internal sales force through structured training programmes and product workshops. These efforts aim to improve client engagement, deepen product understanding, and enhance fundraising effectiveness. We are also strengthening partnerships with external distributors and exploring digital channels to broaden our investor base, particularly among family offices and high-net-worth individuals.

#### Outlook

Looking ahead to the second half of 2025, global markets are expected to remain cautiously optimistic. Easing trade tensions, a softer U.S. dollar, and potential rate cuts in emerging markets provide a supportive environment for diversified portfolios. Commodity markets may continue to experience episodic volatility, offering opportunities for tactical strategies.

Hong Kong equities are likely to maintain their upward trajectory, driven by policy support, improving corporate earnings, and continued stock market momentum. The CASH Prime Value Equity Fund is well-positioned to benefit from this trend, with its expanded mandate offering enhanced flexibility and its data-driven approach enabling timely identification of undervalued opportunities.

The Qunbo Multi Strategy Select Fund is expected to continue capturing short-term commodity price movements, particularly in energy and metals, where geopolitical and macroeconomic factors remain volatile. Its robust risk-adjusted performance in H1 underscores its adaptability and strategic edge.

Meanwhile, the CASH Multi Strategy Fund remains a stable option for investors seeking non-correlated returns. As market uncertainty persists, demand for low-volatility, arbitrage-driven strategies is likely to increase.

Our strategic plan for the remainder of 2025 will be focused on innovation, resilience, and growth. By integrating artificial intelligence into our research and risk management systems, we aim to accelerate strategy development and enhance portfolio robustness. This comprehensive approach positions the company at the forefront of technological and financial advancements, while maintaining its growth trajectory and delivering consistent returns for investors in an evolving market environment.

#### **EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**

As at 30 June 2025, the Group had 94 employees. Our employees were remunerated according to their performance, working experience and market conditions. The total amount of remuneration cost of employees for the period under review was HK\$21 million.

## Benefits

The Company and some of its subsidiaries provide employee benefits including mandatory provident fund scheme, medical insurance scheme, discretionary share options, performance bonus and sales commission for their staff. The Company also provides its employees in the PRC with medical and other subsidies, and contributes to the retirement benefit plans.

#### Training

The Group has implemented various training policies and organised a number of training programs aimed specifically at improving the skills of its employees and generally to increase the competitiveness, productivity and efficiency of the Group including training in areas such as products knowledge, operational techniques, risk and compliance, customer service, selling techniques, graduate development and also professional regulatory training programs as required by regulatory bodies. The Group also arranges for relevant staff, who are licensed persons under the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO"), to attend the requisite training courses to fulfil/comply with the continuous professional training as prescribed in the SFO.

The Group conducts an initial staff orientation for new employees in order to familiarise them with the Group's history and strategy, corporate culture, quality management measures, rules and regulations. This orientation aims to prepare the new employees for the positions by establishing a sense of belongingness and cooperation; by supplying necessary information that resolves an employee's concerns; and by removing any potential barriers for job effectiveness and continuous learning.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES**

As at 30 June 2025, the interests or short positions of each director and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which (a) were recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO; or (b) as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies ("Model Code") were as follows:

## (A) The Company

Long positions in the ordinary shares HK\$0.04 each

Name	Capacity	Personal (Number of shares)	Corporate Interest (Number of shares)	Shareholding (%)
Kwan Pak Hoo Bankee	Beneficial owner and interest in a controlled corporation	26,124,000	277,989,563*	70.53
Kwan Teng Hin Jeffrey	Beneficial owner	4,476,000	_	1.04
Cheung Tsz Yui Morton	Beneficial owner	2,004,000		0.46
		32,604,000	277,989,563	72.03

<sup>\*</sup> The Shares were held by Celestial Investment Group Limited ("CIGL"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Praise Joy Limited (which was 100% beneficially owned by CASH (the holding company of the Company)). Pursuant to the SFO, Dr Kwan Pak Hoo Bankee ("Dr Kwan") was interested in a total of 49.79% shareholding interest in CASH, details of which are disclosed in the heading of "Substantial Shareholders" below. Dr Kwan was deemed to be interested in all these shares held by CIGL as a result of his interests in CASH.

## (B) Associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) – CASH

Long positions in the ordinary shares of HK\$0.20 each

Name	Capacity/nature of interests	No. of shares	No. of underlying shares	Total shares	Approximate Shareholding (%)
Kwan Pak Hoo Bankee	Beneficial owner	598,501	-	598,501	
	Interest in a controlled corporation	39,599,098 Note 1	16,000,000 Note 1	55,599,098	
	_	40,197,599	16,000,000	56,197,599	69.62

#### Notes:

- 1. The shares and the underlying shares were held by Cash Guardian Limited ("Cash Guardian") (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hobart Assets Limited ("Hobart Assets"), which in turn was 100% beneficially owned by Dr Kwan. The underlying shares, represents 16,000,000 shares of CASH would be issued upon the full conversion of the convertible bonds. Pursuant to the SFO, Dr Kwan and Hobart Assets were deemed to be interested in such shares and underlying shares of CASH held by Cash Guardian.
- 2. The percentage was calculated based on 80,720,181 shares of CASH in issue as at 30 June 2025.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2025, none of the directors, chief executive or their associates had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO).

#### SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The share option scheme of the Company ("Share Option Scheme") was adopted pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 8 June 2018. The Share Option Scheme was adopted before the new Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules effective on 1 January 2023. The Company will comply with the new Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules in accordance with the transitional arrangements for the Share Option Scheme.

Details of the movements in the share options to subscribe for the shares in the Company granted to participants under the Share Option Scheme during the six months ended 30 June 2025 are set out below.

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Participants	articipants Date of grant Exercise period	prio Date of grant Exercise period per sha	Exercise price per share (HK\$)	Notes	Outstanding as at 1 January 2025	Lapsed during the year (Note (6))	Outstanding as at 30 June 2025
Employee Participants (Note (4))	29/07/2021	01/08/2021 - 31/07/2025	0.572	(1), (2), (3)	150,000	_	150,000
Related Entity Participants (Note (5))	29/07/2021	01/08/2021 - 31/07/2025	0.572	(1), (2), (3)	375,000		375,000
				_	525,000	_	525,000

## Notes:

- (1) The options are vested in 4 tranches as to 25% exercisable from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022, 25% exercisable from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023, 25% exercisable from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025 respectively.
- (2) The options are subject to the achievement of agreed milestones/performance indicators and/or business budget plan for the relevant year during the option period as approved by the chairman of the Board and/or the Board determined at their sole discretion.
- (3) The options must be exercised within 1 month from the date on which the Board's approval of the vesting of the options.
- (4) Employee Participants include directors and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries.
- (5) Related Entity Participants include directors and employees of holding companies, fellow subsidiaries or associated companies of the Company.
- (6) The lapsed options were due to expiry of the options in accordance with the terms of the share options.
- (7) No option was granted, exercised or cancelled during the period.
- (8) The total number of shares available for issue under the Share Option Scheme is 26,117,477, representing approximately 6.06% of the weighted average number of issued shares as at the date of this announcement.
- (9) The number of options available for grant under the mandate of the Share Option Scheme as at 1 January 2025 and 30 June 2025 were 26,117,477.

#### SHARE AWARD SCHEME

The Company adopted the share award scheme (the "Share Award Scheme") on 1 December 2022. As at 30 June 2025, the trustee held a total of 18,282,000 shares of the Company. As at 1 January 2025 and 30 June 2025, the total number of shares available for grant under the Share Award Scheme was 26,117,477 shares.

No share award has been granted under the Share Award Scheme during the period from the date of adoption to the period ended 30 June 2025.

#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 June 2025, so far as is known to the Directors and chief executive of the Company, the persons/companies (other than a Director or chief executive of the Company) who had, or were deemed or taken to have an interest or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company were as follows:

Name Capacity		Capacity Number of Shares	
Hobart Assets Limited (Note)	Interest in a controlled corporation	277,989,563	64.47
Cash Guardian (Note)	Interest in a controlled corporation	277,989,563	64.47
CASH (Note)	Interest in a controlled corporation	277,989,563	64.47
Praise Joy Limited (Note)	Interest in a controlled corporation	277,989,563	64.47
CIGL (Note)	Beneficial owner	277,989,563	64.47

Note:

This refers to the same number of 277,989,563 shares held by CIGL, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Praise Joy Limited (which was 100% beneficially owned by CASH (the holding company of the Company)). CASH was owned as to a total of approximately 49.79% by Dr Kwan, being approximately 49.05% by Cash Guardian (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hobart Assets Limited, which in turn was 100% beneficially owned by Dr Kwan) and approximately 0.74% by Dr Kwan in his personal name. Pursuant to the SFO, Dr Kwan, Hobart Assets Limited and Cash Guardian were deemed to be interested in all the shares held by CIGL through CASH. The above interest has already been disclosed as corporate interest of Dr Kwan in the section headed "Directors' interests in securities" above.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2025, the directors and chief executive of the Company were not aware of any other parties or corporation (other than a director or chief executive of the Company) who had, or were deemed or taken to have, any interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Directors of the Company have adopted various policies to ensure compliance with the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code ("CG Code") as set out in Part 2 of Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules. During the accounting period from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025, the Company has complied with all the code provisions of the CG Code, except for the following deviations:

- (1) Pursuant to code provision C.2.1, the role of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Dr Kwan, the Chairman and executive director of the board also acted as CEO of the Company during the underlying period. The dual role of Dr Kwan provides a strong and consistent leadership to the Board and is critical for efficient business planning and decisions of the Group. The respective CEOs of each business units of the Group assisted Dr Kwan in performing the CEO's responsibilities. The balance of power and authorities is also ensured by the operation of the board and the senior management, which comprise experienced and high calibre individuals.
- (2) Pursuant to code provision C.1.6, generally independent non-executive directors and other non-executive directors should also attend general meetings. Mr Lo Ming Chi Charles, independent non-executive director of the Company, did not attend the annual general meeting of the Company as he had other engagement.

We will periodically review and improve our corporate governance practices with reference to the latest corporate governance developments.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by directors as set out in Appendix C3 of the Listing Rules. All directors have confirmed, following specific enquiry by the Company, that they fully complied with the required standard of dealings set out therein throughout the review period.

#### **REVIEW OF RESULTS**

The Group's unaudited consolidated results for the six months ended 30 June 2025 have not been reviewed by the auditors of the Company, but have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company.

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

During the six months ended 30 June 2025, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

On behalf of the Board **Bankee P. Kwan**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 27 August 2025

As at the date hereof, the directors of the Company are:—

Executive directors:

Dr Kwan Pak Hoo Bankee, BBS, JP Mr Kwan Teng Hin Jeffrey Mr Cheung Tsz Yui Morton Ms Wong Sze Kai Angela Mr Lai Wai Kwong Daryl Independent non-executive directors:

Mr Cheng Shu Shing Raymond Mr Lo Ming Chi Charles Dr Chan Ho Wah Terence

If there is any inconsistency in this announcement between the Chinese and English versions, the English version shall prevail.

\* For identification purpose only