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Media Release

Hyphens Pharma FY2024 net profit rose 26.5% to S\$10.9 million

- Achieved a record revenue of S\$195.4 million in FY2024, attributed mainly to a 21.6% jump by the Specialty Pharma Principals business
- Recommends a final dividend of 1.50 Singapore cents per share for FY2024, a 74.4% increase from the final dividend of 0.86 Singapore cents per share for FY2023

Singapore, 25 February 2025 – Hyphens Pharma International Limited ("Hyphens Pharma", "凯帆药剂国 际有限公司", or the "Company", and together with its subsidiaries, the "Group"), Singapore's leading specialty pharmaceutical and consumer healthcare group, is pleased to announce its results for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 ("FY2024").

Financial Highlights									
S\$ million	FY2024	FY2023	Change (%)						
Revenue	195.4	170.6	14.6						
Gross Profit	69.5	61.9	12.3						
GP Margin (%)	35.6	36.3	(0.7 ppt)						
Profit Before Tax	13.0	10.6	22.7						
Profit After Tax	10.9	8.6	26.5						
PAT Margin (%)	5.6	5.0	0.6 ppt						

Mr Lim See Wah (林世华), Executive Chairman and CEO of Hyphens Pharma commented: "I am pleased to deliver a good set of results for FY2024, with all business segments putting in a strong performance, especially our Specialty Pharma Principals segment. As we continue to expand into the ASEAN region with more innovative products, onboard more principals, and build up our digitalisation arm including the integrated digital healthcare platform, I remain excited about the future of Hyphens Pharma. We will continue to work hard to steadily execute our strategic plans to grow and become a specialty pharmaceutical and consumer healthcare leader in ASEAN, even as the macroeconomic environment is becoming increasingly challenging and uncertain."

Dividend

After considering the Group's FY2024 performance, business outlook, cashflows and capital expenditure needs, the Board of Hyphens Pharma is proposing a final dividend of 1.50 Singapore cents per share subject to shareholder approval at the upcoming annual general meeting (FY2023: 0.86 Singapore cents per share), or approximately 45.4% of the net profits attributable to shareholders for FY2024.

Financial Review

The Group's FY2024 revenue grew 14.6% to S\$195.4 million from S\$170.6 million in the financial year ended 31 December 2023 (**"FY2023"**) with the newly acquired Ardence Pharma Sdn Bhd (**"Ardence Pharma"**) contributing S\$7.2 million in revenue (FY2023: S\$0.9 million).

Segmental Revenue									
S\$ million	FY2024	FY2023	Change (%)						
Specialty Pharma Principals	124.2	102.2	21.6						
Proprietary Brands	27.6	25.7	7.4						
Medical Hypermart and Digital	43.6	42.7	2.1						
Total	195.4	170.6	14.6						

The Group's Specialty Pharma Principals segment saw its revenue increase by 21.6%, with all geographies contributing to this growth. The Proprietary Brands segment's revenue grew by 7.4%, boosted by higher demand for Ceradan[®] dermatological products, Ocean Health[®] health supplement products, TDF[®]

dermocosmetic products and Novem[®] nutraceutical products. Lastly, revenue from the Medical Hypermart and Digital segment also saw a modest increase of 2.1%.

Gross profit increased by 12.3% to \$\$69.5 million in FY2024, in tandem with increased sales. However, gross profit margin decreased marginally from 36.3% in FY2023 to 35.6% in FY2024 due to increase in cost of sales from the principals and suppliers.

Distribution costs increased by 10.7% to S\$39.7 million in FY2024, in line with the higher sales, while administrative expenses increased by 7.8% to S\$15.2 million in FY2024, mostly due to higher manpower costs and amortisation of intangible assets. Other losses decreased by 26.6% to S\$1.7 million in FY2024 mainly attributed to foreign exchange gains. As a result of its increased shareholding in Ardence Pharma in November 2023, the Group has ceased to account its share of profit from 8 November 2023 and included Ardence Pharma post-acquisition financial results in its consolidated financial statements, which resulted in a reduction in share of profit of an associate by S\$0.5 million in FY2024.

As a result of the above, the Group's net profit after tax rose by 26.5% to \$\$10.9 million in FY2024 from \$\$8.6 million in FY2023, which translated to a basic earnings per share of 3.30 Singapore cents for FY2024 (FY2023: 2.77 Singapore cents).

Business Outlook

Growing the Proprietary Brands

The Group will continue to grow Hyphens' Proprietary Brands and focus on unlocking their brand value, which includes Ocean Health[®], Ceradan[®], TDF[®], and CG 210[®], all of which have experienced robust growth in both sales and brand equity throughout the year.

In September 2024, the Group launched Ceradan[®] Advanced Hand Balm in Singapore—the first and only hand balm with patented pH control technology, specifically designed for hand eczema. Ceradan[®] Advanced Hand Balm was jointly developed with the Agency for Science, Technology, and Research ("**A*STAR**") and is currently sold in major hospital pharmacies.

Ocean Health[®] has continued its strong growth momentum in 2024 despite fierce competition. During the year in review, the Group has successfully expanded the Ocean Health[®] product range into Indonesia,

Malaysia, and Vietnam, creating a solid foundation for Ocean Health[®] to become a truly regional brand. Ocean Health[®] Joyful Gummies have also demonstrated remarkable growth since their successful launch in 2023, and the Group remains optimistic about this product range in 2025.

The Group has also entered into an exclusive license, supply, and commercialisation agreement with MC2 Therapeutics in 2024 for the exclusive rights to register and commercialise Wynzora[®] Cream, along with all future product extensions and/or improvements, for the topical treatment of plaque psoriasis in the 10 ASEAN countries.

Strengthening the Specialty Pharma Portfolio

The Specialty Pharma portfolio remains the key revenue driver of the Group, and Hyphens Pharma will leverage on its deep expertise, as well as its strong regulatory, sales and marketing capabilities in the region to work with its Specialty Pharma principals to achieve mutual success.

Highlights for the Specialty Pharma portfolio in 2024 include:

- Signed an exclusive license, development, and commercialisation agreement with Maruho Co.,
 Ltd. for the exclusive rights to register and commercialise Amenalief[®] in 10 ASEAN countries for the treatment of shingles.
- Achieved significant milestones for the Group's Medical Aesthetics portfolio, with the successful launch of Plinest[®] in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand in 2024 and the addition of NCTF[®], a facial rejuvenation injection designed to improve skin quality and texture to its portfolio. Developed by Laboratoires Fill-Med, NCTF[®] is now available in Singapore and Malaysia.

The Group continues to be on the lookout for new partnership opportunities while continuing to build its Special Pharma portfolio in the region.

Going Digital

The Company's subsidiary, DocMed Technology Pte Ltd ("**DocMed**") powers the Group's pharmaceutical product marketplace ("**POM**"). POM is a business-to-business ("**B2B**") digital pharmacy solutions platform that connects healthcare stakeholders like healthcare practitioners and institutions with industry stakeholders such as pharmaceutical companies and medical consumables manufacturers, to empower

them to meet patients' needs more efficiently. POM has established a presence in Singapore, Malaysia, and Vietnam.

DocMed also powers WellAway, Singapore's first and largest HSA-registered e-pharmacy where licensed doctors can manage e-prescriptions and arrange for direct delivery to patients. In FY2024, WellAway reached the milestone of 100,000 e-prescriptions.

Expanding through Acquisitions

After increasing the Group's stake in Ardence Pharma in November 2023, Ardence Pharma has delivered remarkable performance. This contribution by Ardence Pharma validates Hyphens Pharma's strategy of expansion through prudent and accretive acquisitions. The Group maintains its strategic goal and discipline to continuously look for acquisition targets that can contribute to its accelerated growth, and will continue to seek out such further partnership opportunities to enter new markets, expand its product range, and bring innovation into its business.

Navigating a Challenging Business Environment

Looking ahead, the Group anticipates a challenging operating environment driven by external market factors, including geopolitical tensions, potential trade wars, and economic weakness in certain regions.¹ One key pressure is the rising cost from the Group's principals, which has led to a squeeze on the Group's gross profit margins. Global inflationary trends and increased manufacturing costs have also contributed to higher procurement prices. While Hyphens Pharma continues to work closely with all its partners to optimise cost structures, these external factors remain a headwind in the near term.

In addition, foreign exchange volatility presents another challenge, particularly the depreciation of ASEAN currencies against the EUR and USD, which are the Group's primary payment currencies for supplier transactions. A weaker local currency increases the cost of imports, adding further strain to margins. To mitigate this impact, the Group will continuously explore opportunities to enhance pricing strategies, implement dynamic rates negotiations, and improve operational efficiencies.

¹ <u>https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/WEO/Issues/2025/01/17/world-economic-outlook-update-january-2025</u>

Despite these challenges, the Group remains confident in its ability to navigate market volatility. With its strong fundamentals, a diversified portfolio, and strategic initiatives, the Group will remain resilient and agile. Together with its steadfast focus on long-term growth, Hyphens Pharma is well positioned to ride the waves and continue to deliver value to its stakeholders.

Rewarding Shareholders

We are pleased to propose a final dividend of 1.50 Singapore cents per share for FY2024, which represents a payout of 45.4% of the net profits attributable to shareholders for FY2024, reflecting our commitment to delivering value to investors. This exceeds our established dividend policy of 30% of the net profits attributable to shareholders, demonstrating our confidence in the Group's financial position and future growth. While this enhanced payout acknowledges our strong performance, the Company remains committed to its long-term dividend policy of distributing at least 30% of net profits attributable to shareholders to ensure sustainable returns.

In addition, the Company will continue to propose to shareholders the renewal of the share buy-back mandate at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The share buy-back program allows the Company to enhance shareholder value and reflects the Board's confidence in the Group's long-term growth prospects.

Change in Results Announcements Schedule

Moving forward, we will streamline our financial reporting to focus on half-year and full-year results announcements. As such, we will no longer be publishing quarterly updates. We remain committed to keeping our shareholders informed and engaged, and we look forward to sharing our progress in our upcoming reports. We appreciate the continued support and interest in Hyphens Pharma International Limited.

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Note: This media release is to be read in conjunction with the SGXNET announcement issued on the same day.

About Hyphens Pharma International Limited (www.hyphensgroup.com)

Hyphens Pharma International Limited and its subsidiaries (the "Group") is Singapore's leading specialty pharmaceutical and consumer healthcare group, leveraging on its diverse footprint in ASEAN countries. The Group has a direct presence in Singapore, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines, and is supplemented by a marketing and distribution network covering 14 other markets – Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong S.A.R., Macau S.A.R., Myanmar, South Korea, Sri Lanka and Gulf Cooperation Council countries, including Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.

Singapore is the Group's regional headquarters, where its strategic planning, finance, regulatory affairs, research and development, legal, business development and logistics operations are based. The Group's core business comprises the following segments: Specialty Pharma Principals, Proprietary Brands, and Medical Hypermart & Digital. Besides marketing and selling a range of specialty pharmaceutical products in selected ASEAN countries through exclusive distributorship or licensing and supply agreements with brand principals mainly from Europe and the United States, the Group also develops, markets and sells its own proprietary range of dermatological products and health supplement products. In addition, the Group operates a medical hypermart for healthcare professionals, healthcare institutions and retail pharmacies, to supply pharmaceutical products and medical supplies and an online pharmacy for doctors to prescribe and have medications delivered to their patients' homes.

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HYPHENS PHARMA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (Company Registration No. 201735688C)

Condensed Interim Financial Statements

For the six months and full year ended 31 December 2024

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A. Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

		Group							
	<u>Notes</u>	6 months ended 31 Dec 2024 ("2H2024") \$'000	6 months ended 31 Dec 2023 ("2H2023") \$'000	Change %	12 months ended 31 Dec 2024 ("FY2024") \$'000	12 months ended 31 Dec 2023 ("FY2023") \$'000	Change %		
Revenue	4	95,772	95,884	(0.1)	195,420	170,595	14.6		
Cost of sales		(61,059)	(62,002)	(1.5)	(125,913)	(108,694)	15.8		
Gross profit		34,713	33,882	2.5	69,507	61,901	12.3		
Other income and gains		388	377	2.9	693	735	(5.7)		
Distribution costs		(21,080)	(18,711)	12.7	(39,739)	(35,891)	10.7		
Administrative expenses		(7,868)	(7,640)	3.0	(15,232)	(14,125)	7.8		
Finance costs		(366)	(123)	>100.0	(565)	(278)	>100.0		
Other losses		(285)	(1,624)	(82.5)	(1,705)	(2,322)	(26.6)		
Share of profit of an equity-accounted associate		_	218	(100.0)	_	545	(100.0)		
Profit before tax	6	5,502	6,379	(13.7)	12,959	10,565	22.7		
Income tax expense	7	(524)	(1,324)	(60.4)	(2,104)	(1,985)	6.0		
Profit for the financial period/year, net of tax		4,978	5,055	(1.5)	10,855	8,580	26.5		
Other comprehensive income: Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:									
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations, net of tax		482	129	>100.0	625	(189)	N.M.		
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period/year		482	129	>100.0	625	(189)	N.M.		
Total comprehensive income		5,460	5,184	5.3	11,480	8,391	36.8		
Profit attributable to:									
Equity holders of the Company		4,778	5,000		10,194	8,568			
Non-controlling interests		200	55		661	12			
Total comprehensive income attributable to:	9								
Equity holders of the Company		5,184	5,137		10,760	8,383			
Non-controlling interests		276	47		720	8			
Earnings per share		<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>		<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>			
Basic		1.55	1.62		3.30	2.77			
Diluted ¹		1.52	1.61		3.24	2.77			

N.M.: Not meaningful.

¹ This includes the effects of dilution from share awards granted under Hyphens Performance Share Plan (2H2023 and FY2023: 5,854,418 shares, granted on 8 December 2023).

B. Condensed Interim Statements of Financial Position

	Notes	Gro	oup <u>Company</u>		pany
		31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS					
Non-current assets					
Plant and equipment	11	4,898	4,864	8	9
Intangible assets	10	24,530	23,575	_	_
Investment in subsidiaries	16	-	-	19,986	19,886
Deferred tax assets		234	172		
Total non-current assets		29,662	28,611	19,994	19,895
Current assets					
Inventories	13	34,445	25,529	-	-
Trade and other receivables	12	45,423	41,110	20,600	18,841
Prepayments		2,530	2,056	119	77
Other current financial assets		270	90	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents		23,420	23,369	106	356
Total current assets		106,088	92,154	20,825	19,274
Total assets		135,750	120,765	40,819	39,169
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
<u>Equity</u>					
Share capital	15	35,131	35,216	35,131	35,216
Retained earnings		45,231	37,765	4,654	2,837
Other reserves		(9,464)	(9,995)	-	35
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		70,898	62,986	39,785	38,088
Non-controlling interests		3,568	2,876	_	_
Total equity		74,466	65,862	39,785	38,088
Non-current liabilities					
Deferred tax liabilities		1,024	1,253	_	_
Other financial liabilities, non-current	14	2,573	4,406	_	_
Total non-current liabilities		3,597	5,659		_
Current liabilities					
Income tax payable		2,576	2,535	-	_
Trade and other payables		43,570	44,293	1,034	1,081
Other financial liabilities, current	14	11,541	2,416	-	_
Total current liabilities		57,687	49,244	1,034	1,081
Total liabilities		61,284	54,903	1,034	1,081
Total equity and liabilities		135,750	120,765	40,819	39,169

C. Condensed Interim Statements of Changes in Equity

	Share <u>capital</u> \$'000	Treasury <u>shares</u> \$'000	Retained <u>earnings</u> \$'000	Other <u>reserves</u> \$'000	Attributable to Company <u>Sub-total</u> \$'000	Non- controlling <u>interests</u> \$'000	Total <u>equity</u> \$'000
Group							
Current period:							
Balance at 1 January 2024	35,216	_	37,765	(9,995)	62,986	2,876	65,862
Share-based payment under Hyphens Share Plan	-	_	-	(35)	(35)	-	(35)
Purchase of treasury shares (Note 15)	_	(85)	-	-	(85)	-	(85)
Acquisition of non-controlling interests without a change in control (Note 16)	_	_	(72)	_	(72)	(28)	(100)
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	_	10,194	566	10,760	720	11,480
Dividends paid (Note 8)	_	-	(2,656)	-	(2,656)	-	(2,656)
Balance at 31 December 2024	35,216	(85)	45,231	(9,464)	70,898	3,568	74,466
Previous period:							
Balance at 1 January 2023	35,083	_	43,760	(9,816)	69,027	1,245	70,272
Issue of share capital to non- controlling interests in subsidiary	-	_	_	(29)	(29)	319	290
Issue of new shares pursuant to share awards under Hyphens Share Plan	133	_	-	_	133	-	133
Share-based payment under Hyphens Share Plan	-	_	-	35	35	_	35
Arising from acquisition of a subsidiary	-	_	-	-	-	1,304	1,304
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	_	8,568	(185)	8,383	8	8,391
Dividends paid (Note 8)	_	_	(14,563)	_	(14,563)	_	(14,563)
Balance at 31 December 2023	35,216	_	37,765	(9,995)	62,986	2,876	65,862

C. Condensed Interim Statements of Changes in Equity (cont'd)

	Share <u>capital</u>	Treasury <u>shares</u>	Retained <u>earnings</u>	Other <u>reserves</u>	Total <u>equity</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Company</u>					
Current period:					
Balance at 1 January 2024	35,216	_	2,837	35	38,088
Share-based payment under Hyphens Share Plan	_	_	_	(35)	(35)
Purchase of treasury shares (Note 15)	-	(85)	_	-	(85)
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	_	4,473	_	4,473
Dividends paid (Note 8)	-	_	(2,656)	-	(2,656)
Balance at 31 December 2024	35,216	(85)	4,654	_	39,785
Previous period:					
Balance at 1 January 2023	35,083	_	8,714	-	43,797
Issue of new shares pursuant to share awards under Hyphens Share Plan	133	_	_	_	133
Share-based payment under Hyphens Share Plan	_	_	_	35	35
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	_	8,686	_	8,686
Dividends paid (Note 8)	-	_	(14,563)	_	(14,563)
Balance at 31 December 2023	35,216	_	2,837	35	38,088

D. Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before tax	12,959	10,565
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,043	702
Depreciation of plant and equipment	2,012	2,096
Interest income	(150)	(341)
Interest expense	565	278
Gain on disposal of plant and equipment	(5)	(5)
Fair value gain on derivative instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(181)	-
Fair value gain arising from remeasurement of interest in associate as a result of business combination	-	(165)
Expenses in connection with acquisition of a subsidiary	-	65
Share of profit of an equity-accounted associate	-	(545)
Net effect of exchange rate changes in consolidating foreign operations	672	(166)
Operating cash flows before changes in working capital	16,915	12,484
Trade and other receivables	(4,182)	(9,239)
Prepayments	(474)	(1,130)
Inventories	(8,916)	(3,524)
Trade and other payables	(915)	9,653
Net cash flows from operations	2,428	8,244
Income taxes paid	(2,355)	(2,599)
Net cash flows from operating activities	73	5,645
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of a subsidiary, net of cash acquired	-	(751)
Dividend received from an associate	-	123
Purchase of plant and equipment (Note A)	(1,183)	(304)
Purchase of intangible assets	(1,998)	(896)
Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment	10	7
Interest received	150	341
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(3,021)	(1,480)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid to equity owners	(2,656)	(14,563)
Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities	(1,340)	(1,185)
Interest paid	(565)	(278)
Proceeds from borrowings	8,995	_
Repayment of borrowings	(1,250)	(1,250)
Acquisition of non-controlling interests (Note 16)	(100)	-
Treasury shares acquired	(85)	_
Net cash flows from/(used in) financing activities	2,999	(17,276)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	51	(13,111)
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of the year	23,369	36,480
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of the year	23,420	23,369

E. Notes to Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

A. Purchase of plant and equipment

	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000
Acquisitions of certain assets under plant and equipment under lease contracts	874	3,591

F. Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

1. General

Hyphens Pharma International Limited (the "Company") is a public limited company incorporated and domiciled in Singapore. The Company is listed on the Catalist Board (the "Catalist") of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements as at and for the six months and full year ended 31 December 2024 are presented in Singapore dollars (which is the Company's functional currency) and they cover the Company and the subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group").

The Company's principal activities are those of an investment holding company and the provision of management services. The principal activities of the subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 4 on segment and revenue information.

The financial information contained in this announcement has neither been audited nor reviewed by the auditors.

The latest audited annual financial statements were not subject to an adverse opinion, qualified opinion or disclaimer of opinion.

2. Basis of preparation

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the six months and full year ended 31 December 2024 have been prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) ("SFRS(I)s") 1-34 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Accounting Standards Council Singapore. The condensed interim financial statements do not include all the information required for a complete set of financial statements. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the Group's financial position and performance of the Group since the last interim financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2024.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year which were prepared in accordance with SFRS(I)s, except for the adoption of new and amended standards as set out in Note 2.1.

2.1. New and amended standards adopted by the Group

A number of amendments to SFRS(I)s have become applicable for the current reporting period. The Group did not have to change its accounting policies or make retrospective adjustments as a result of adopting those standards.

2.2. Use of judgements and estimates

In preparing the condensed interim financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenue and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Information about critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is included in the following note:

• Note 4 – Revenue recognition

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next interim period are included in the following notes:

- Note 10 Assessment of impairment of goodwill
- Note 12 Expected credit loss allowance on trade receivables
- Note 13 Allowance on inventories

3. Seasonal operations

The Group's businesses are not affected significantly by seasonal or cyclical factors during the financial year.

4. Segment and revenue information

The Group is organised into the following main business segments:

- (1) Specialty pharma principals segment ("Specialty pharma principals") which is in the business of marketing and selling a range of specialty pharmaceutical products with exclusivity in the relevant ASEAN countries.
- (2) Proprietary brands segment ("Proprietary brands") which is in the business of developing, marketing and selling its own proprietary range of dermatological products and health supplement products.
- (3) Medical hypermart and digital segment ("Medical hypermart and digital") which is a wholesaler of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies in Singapore, which the Group positions itself as a medical hypermart for healthcare professionals, healthcare institutions and retail pharmacies.

These operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments. They are managed separately because each business requires different strategies.

4.1 Reportable segments

4.1.1 **Profit or loss from continuing operations and reconciliations**

	Specialty pharma principals				Medical hypermart and digital		Unallocated		Total	
	2H2024 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	2H2024 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	2H2 <mark>024</mark> \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	2H2 <mark>024</mark> \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	2H2024 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000
Revenue by segment	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ UUU	\$ 000	\$ UUU	\$ UUU	φ 000	\$ 000
Total revenue by segment	60,540	60,198	13,290	13,837	21,942	21,849	-	-	95,772	95,884
Total revenue	60,540	60,198	13,290	13,837	21,942	21,849	_	_	95,772	95,884
EBITDA	6,912	5,577	1,440	2,463	(664)	(171)	(254)	103	7,434	7,972
Finance costs	_	_	_	-	_	_	(366)	(123)	(366)	(123)
Depreciation and amortisation	(317)	(184)	(207)	(216)	-	-	(1,042)	(1,070)	(1,566)	(1,470)
Profit/(loss) before tax	6,595	5,393	1,233	2,247	(664)	(171)	(1,662)	(1,090)	5,502	6,379
Income tax expense									(524)	(1,324)
Profit, net of tax									4,978	5,055

The unallocated expenses mainly included the Group's corporate expenses such as employee benefits expenses, statutory and regulatory expenses.

4.1.1 Profit or loss from continuing operations and reconciliations (cont'd)

	Specialty pharma principals				Medical hypermart <u>and digital</u>		Unallocated		<u>Total</u>	
	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000
Revenue by segment										
Total revenue by segment	124,245	102,195	27,546	25,651	43,629	42,749	-	_	195,420	170,595
Total revenue	124,245	102,195	27,546	25,651	43,629	42,749	_	_	195,420	170,595
EBITDA	14,808	9,511	3,826	3,839	(1,365)	243	(690)	48	16,579	13,641
Finance costs	-	_	-	-	-	-	(565)	(278)	(565)	(278)
Depreciation and amortisation	(623)	(288)	(419)	(414)	-	-	(2,013)	(2,096)	(3,055)	(2,798)
Profit/(loss) before tax	14,185	9,223	3,407	3,425	(1,365)	243	(3,268)	(2,326)	12,959	10,565
Income tax expense									(2,104)	(1,985)
Profit, net of tax									10,855	8,580

The unallocated expenses mainly included the Group's corporate expenses such as employee benefits expenses, statutory and regulatory expenses.

4.1.2 Assets and reconciliations

	Specialty princ	•	<u>Proprieta</u>	ry brands	Medical h <u>and d</u>	ypermart ligital	Unallo	cated	Tot	tal
	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000
Total assets for reportable segments Unallocated:	60,716	53,087	30,801	22,715	10,848	13,108	_	_	102,365	88,910
Plant and equipment	-	_	-	-	_	_	4,898	4,864	4,898	4,864
Prepayments	_	_	_	_	_	_	2,530	2,056	2,530	2,056
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	_	-	-	23,420	23,369	23,420	23,369
Other receivables	-	_	-	-	-	-	2,267	1,476	2,267	1,476
Other financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	270	90	270	90
Total Group assets	60,716	53,087	30,801	22,715	10,848	13,108	33,385	31,855	135,750	120,765

4.1.3 Liabilities and reconciliations

	Specialty pharma <u>principals</u> <u>Proprietary brands</u>		Medical hypermart and digital Una		Unallo	cated	Tot	Total		
	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000
Total liabilities for reportable segments Unallocated:	27,648	27,258	2,660	3,193	9,269	10,674	_	-	39,577	41,125
Income tax payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,576	2,535	2,576	2,535
Financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,114	6,822	14,114	6,822
Trade and other payables	_	_	_	_	_	_	5,017	4,421	5,017	4,421
Total Group liabilities	27,648	27,258	2,660	3,193	9,269	10,674	21,707	13,778	61,284	54,903

4.1.4 Other material items and reconciliations

	Specialty princ	•	Proprieta	ry brands	Medical h and d	••	Unallo	cated	То	tal
	2H2024 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	2H2024 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	2H2024 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	2H2024 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	2H2024 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000
Allowance for impairment on trade receivables and inventories loss	145	220	416	279	193	129	-	_	754	628
Expenditures for non- current assets	27	_	176	50	_	_	819	6,104	1,022	6,154

	Specialty princ		<u>Proprietar</u>	y brands	Medical h and d	ypermart ligital	Unallo	cated	To	tal
	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000
Allowance for impairment on trade receivables and inventories loss	320	219	650	467	388	208	_	_	1,358	894
Expenditures for non- current assets	168	212	1,831	74	_	_	2,056	6,286	4,055	6,572

4.2 Disaggregation of revenue

biology regation of revenue	Group							
	2H2024	2H2023	FY2024	FY2023				
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000				
Types of goods or service:								
Sale of goods	95,273	95,427	194,456	169,697				
Commission income	191	194	409	386				
Marketing services fee and advertisement	293	250	532	497				
Other revenue	15	13	23	15				
Total revenue	95,772	95,884	195,420	170,595				
Geographical information:								
Singapore	45,039	43,378	90,894	84,996				
Vietnam	25,297	29,249	57,110	49,012				
Malaysia	12,831	9,495	25,784	17,225				
Others	12,605	13,762	21,632	19,362				
Total revenue	95,772	95,884	195,420	170,595				

Judgement is required in determining when the control of the inventories have passed to the distributors. Management has reviewed the Group's distribution agreements and arrangements with the distributors and concluded that the control of the inventories is passed to the distributors upon delivery unless for those inventories specified under consignment arrangements. The distributors are considered as a principal and not an agent because the distributors are independent operating parties that bear both the credit risk of their customers and inventory risk of the purchased goods. Accordingly, revenue is recognised based on point in time when delivery of goods has been made.

5. Financial assets and financial liabilities

Set out below is an overview of the financial assets and financial liabilities of the Group as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023:

	Group		<u>Com</u>	pany	
	31 Dec 31 Dec 2024 2023		31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Financial assets:					
Financial assets at amortised cost	69,113	64,569	20,706	19,197	
	69,113	64,569	20,706	19,197	
Financial liabilities:					
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	57,684	51,115	1,034	1,081	
	57,684	51,115	1,034	1,081	

6. Profit before taxation

6.1 Significant items

	Group					
	2H2024	2H2023	FY2024	FY2023		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
Income						
Government grants	140	27	357	209		
Interest income	67	166	150	341		
Fair value gain on derivative instruments at fair value through profit or loss	181	-	181	-		
Fair value gain arising from remeasurement of interest in associate as a result of business combination	-	165	-	165		
Expenses (income/ gain)						
Advertising and promotional expenses	5,494	4,428	9,262	8,867		
Allowance for inventories obsolescence	146	199	489	291		
Depreciation and amortisation	1,566	1,470	3,055	2,798		
Employee benefits expenses	14,764	13,524	29,063	25,347		
Foreign exchange translation (gains)/ losses	(467)	975	347	1,413		
Inventories written off	568	412	774	580		
Research and development expenses	272	212	403	439		
Allowance for/(reversal of) impairment on trade receivables	21	(22)	76	(15)		
Bad debts written off	19	38	19	38		

6.2 Related party transactions

There are no material related party transactions apart from those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements. Intragroup transactions and balances that have been eliminated in these consolidated financial statements.

7. Taxation

Components of income tax expense recognised in profit or loss:

	Group				
	2H2024 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	FY2024 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	
Current tax expense					
Current tax expense	1,216	1,614	2,922	2,525	
Over adjustment in respect of prior periods	(579)	(192)	(579)	(268)	
Deferred tax income					
Deferred tax income	(113)	(98)	(239)	(272)	
Total income tax expense	524	1,324	2,104	1,985	

8. Dividends

	Group		
	FY2024	FY2023	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Dividends paid during the reporting year:			
Final exempt (1-tier) dividends paid of 0.86 cents (FY2023: 1.11 cents) per share	2,656	3,432	
Interim exempt (1-tier) dividends paid of Nil cents (1H2023: 3.60 cents) per share	_	11,131	
Proposed dividends on ordinary shares: Final exempt (1-tier) proposed dividends of 1.50 cents (FY2023: 0.86 cents) per share	4,633	2,659	

Proposed dividends on ordinary shares are subject to approval by shareholders at the annual general meeting ("**AGM**") and are not recognised as a liability as at 31 December. There are no income tax consequences on the reporting entity. The proposed dividend is payable in respect of all ordinary shares in issue at the end of the reporting year and including any new qualifying shares issued up to the date the dividend becomes payable. The dividend payable date and the record date will be announced separately.

9. Net asset value

	Gro	oup	<u>Company</u>	
	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
Net asset value per ordinary share (Singapore cents per share)	22.95	20.37	12.88	12.32

10. Intangible assets

		<u>Group</u> Distribution	
	Goodwill	rights and trademarks	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 31 December 2023			
Cost	16,389	11,984	28,373
Accumulated impairment and amortisation	(993)	(3,805)	(4,798)
Net book value at 31 December 2023	15,396	8,179	23,575
Year ended 31 December 2024 Cost:			
As at 1 January 2024	16,389	11,984	28,373
Additions		1,998	1,998
Balance as at 31 December 2024	16,389	13,982	30,371
Accumulated impairment and amortisation:			
As at 1 January 2024	993	3,805	4,798
Amortisation for the year	-	1,043	1,043
Balance as at 31 December 2024	993	4,848	5,841
Net book value at 31 December 2024	15,396	9,134	24,530

The goodwill was tested for impairment at the end of the reporting year. An impairment loss is the amount by which the carrying amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of a cash-generating unit ("CGU") has been measured based on the fair value less cost of disposal method or the value in use method (whichever is higher) as appropriate for the separate CGUs.

The value in use was measured by management. The value in use is a recurring fair value measurement (Level 3). The quantitative information about the value in use measurement using significant unobservable inputs for the CGU are consistent with those used for the measurement last performed.

11. Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment	Group								
	Plant and equipment \$'000	Hardware and software \$'000	Fixtures and equipment \$'000	Motor vehicles \$'000	Total \$'000				
<u>Cost:</u> At 1 January 2023	5,120	1,811	3,562	314	10,807				
Arising from acquisition of a subsidiary	_	_	21	33	54				
Additions	3,591	78	138	88	3,895				
Disposals	(3,889)	(134)	(8)	(66)	(4,097)				
Foreign exchange adjustments	(10)	(4)	(8)	(2)	(24)				
At 31 December 2023	4,812	1,751	3,705	367	10,635				
Additions	874	819	319	45	2,057				
Disposals	(425)	(115)	(135)	(46)	(721)				
Foreign exchange adjustments	7	3	5	_	15				
At 31 December 2024	5,268	2,458	3,894	366	11,986				
Accumulated depreciation:									
At 1 January 2023	3,839	1,016	2,784	151	7,790				
Depreciation for the year	1,226	188	631	51	2,096				
Disposals	(3,889)	(133)	(7)	(66)	(4,095)				
Foreign exchange adjustments	(9)	(3)	(6)	(2)	(20)				
At 31 December 2023	1,167	1,068	3,402	134	5,771				
Depreciation for the year	1,544	234	164	70	2,012				
Disposals	(425)	(115)	(130)	(46)	(716)				
Foreign exchange adjustments	12	2	7	-	21				
At 31 December 2024	2,298	1,189	3,443	158	7,088				
Carrying value:									
At 1 January 2023	1,281	795	778	163	3,017				
At 31 December 2023	3,645	683	303	233	4,864				
At 31 December 2024	2,970	1,269	451	208	4,898				

11. Plant and equipment (cont'd)

	<u>Company</u>				
	Hardware and software \$'000	Fixtures and equipment \$'000	Total \$'000		
<u>Cost:</u>					
At 1 January 2023	7	221	228		
Additions	8	_	8		
At 31 December 2023	15	221	236		
Additions	4	_	4		
At 31 December 2024	19	221	240		
Accumulated depreciation:					
At 1 January 2023	4	187	191		
Depreciation for the year	2	34	36		
At 31 December 2023	6	221	227		
Depreciation for the year	5	_	5		
At 31 December 2024	11	221	232		
Carrying value:					
At 1 January 2023	3	34	37		
At 31 December 2023	9		9		
At 31 December 2024	8	_	8		

12. Trade and other receivables

	<u>Grou</u>	<u>up</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>pany</u>
	31 Dec 31 Dec 2024 2023		31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade receivables:				
Outside parties	43,445	39,848	_	—
Less: Allowance for impairment	(290)	(214)	_	_
Subsidiaries	_	_	430	353
Net trade receivables – subtotal	43,155	39,634	430	353
Other receivables:				
Staff advances	13	11	_	_
Deposits to secure services	699	720	_	_
Subsidiaries	_	_	20,130	18,488
Goods and services tax receivables	136	80	_	—
Other receivables	1,420	665	40	—
Other receivables – subtotal	2,268	1,476	20,170	18,488
Total trade and other receivables	45,423	41,110	20,600	18,841

12. Trade and other receivables (cont'd)

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Com</u>	<u>pany</u>
	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000
Movements in above allowance:		Ţ		
At beginning of the year	214	229	_	_
(Reversed)/charge to profit or loss included in (other income and gains)/other losses	76	(15)	_	_
At end of the year	290	214		

The expected credit losses (ECL) on the above trade receivables are based on the simplified approach to measuring ECL which uses a lifetime ECL allowance approach for all trade receivables recognised from initial recognition of these assets. These assets are grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due for measuring the ECL. The allowance matrix is based on the historical observed default rates (over a period of 36 months) over the expected life of the trade receivables and is adjusted for forward-looking estimates. At every reporting date the historical observed default rates are updated and changes in the forward-looking estimates are analysed.

The receivables have common risk characteristics as compared to previous years. There were no significant bad debts noted in the previous years. The Group assesses the credit risk of major customers and risk of default rates of the customers using audited financial statements, management accounts, and available press information about the customers and applying experienced credit judgement.

The amounts are written off when there are indications that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery or the failure of a debtor to make contractual payments over an extended period. There is no collateral held as security and other credit enhancements for the trade receivables.

13. Inventories

	Group		
	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	
Raw materials and supplies	1,184	1,308	
Finished goods and goods for resale ⁽¹⁾	33,261	24,221	
	34,445	25,529	
Inventories are stated after allowance.			
Movement in allowance:			
At beginning of the year	817	875	
Charge to profit or loss included in other losses	489	291	
Used	(218)	(349)	
At end of the year	1,088	817	
The amount of inventories included in cost of sales	125,402	108,294	
The inventories written off charged to profit or loss included in			
other losses	774	580	

13. Inventories (cont'd)

Management applied judgement in determining the appropriate allowance for inventories by taking into consideration various factors, including the recent sales experience, the ageing of inventories, other factors that affect inventory obsolescence and subsequent events. Possible changes in these estimates could result in revisions to the stated value of the inventories.

There are no inventories pledged as security for liabilities.

⁽¹⁾ Included in finished goods and goods for resale are inventories under consignment with distributors amounted to \$8,168,000 (2023: \$390,000).

14. Borrowings

	Group				
	31 De	ec 2024	31 De	ec 2023	
	Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Repayable in one year or less, or on demand:					
Bank borrowings	-	10,258	_	1,250	
Lease liabilities	46	1,237	50	1,116	
Subtotal	46	11,495	50	2,366	
Repayable after one year:					
Bank borrowings	-	729	-	1,979	
Lease liabilities	12	1,832	59	2,368	
Subtotal	12	2,561	59	4,347	
Total	58	14,056	109	6,713	

Details of any collaterals:

All banking facilities are covered by corporate guarantee provided by the Company and its subsidiaries Hyphens Pharma Pte. Ltd. or Pan-Malayan Pharmaceuticals Pte Ltd.

Secured lease liabilities relate to leased assets under finance leases. All leases are on fixed repayment basis and no arrangements have been entered into for contingent rental payments. The obligations under finance leases are secured by the lessor's charge over the leased assets.

15. Share capital

	Group and (Number of <u>shares issued</u> '000	Company Share <u>capital</u> \$'000	Treasury <u>shares</u> \$'000	<u>Total</u> \$'000
Ordinary shares of no par value:				
Balance at 1 January 2023 Issuance of new shares pursuant to share awards under Hyphens Performance	308,776	35,083	_	35,083
Share Plan	422	133		133
Balance at 31 December 2023	309,198	35,216	-	35,216
Purchase of treasury shares	(321)		(85)	(85)
Balance at 31 December 2024	308,877	35,216	(85)	35,131

During the financial year, the Company purchased 321,200 treasury shares (2023: nil).

Save as disclosed above, there has been no change in the Company's share capital since 31 December 2023.

The total number of issued shares as at 31 December 2024 was 309,198,200 (31 December 2023: 309,198,200), of which 321,200 were held by the Company as treasury shares (31 December 2023: nil).

As at 31 December 2024, the treasury shares held by the Company represented 0.1% (31 December 2023: nil) of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares).

The Company did not hold any other convertible instruments as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

The Company's subsidiaries do not hold any shares in the Company as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

16. Acquisition of non-controlling interests

On 15 July 2024, the Group acquired an additional 0.24% interest in DocMed Technology Pte. Ltd. ("**DocMed**"), increasing its ownership from 89.76% to 90.00%. The carrying amount of DocMed's net assets in the Group's consolidated financial statements on the date of the acquisition was \$11,657,000.

	\$'000
Carrying amount of NCI acquired	28
Consideration paid to NCI	100
Decrease in equity attributable to owners of the Company	(72)

17. Subsequent events

There are no known subsequent events which have led to adjustments to this set of interim financial statements.

G. Other Information Required by Catalist Rule Appendix 7C

1. A review of the performance of the Group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the Group's business.

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

	2H2024	2H2023	Change	FY2024	FY2023	Change
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Revenue by business segments						
Specialty pharma principals	60,540	60,198	0.6	124,245	102,195	21.6
Proprietary brands	13,290	13,837	(4.0)	27,546	25,651	7.4
Medical hypermart and digital	21,942	21,849	0.4	43,629	42,749	2.1
	95,772	95,884	(0.1)	195,420	170,595	14.6

	2H2024 S\$'000	2H2023 S\$'000	Change %	FY2024 S\$'000	FY2023 S\$'000	Change %
Revenue by geographical locations						
Singapore	45,039	43,378	3.8	90,894	84,996	6.9
Vietnam	25,297	29,249	(13.5)	57,110	49,012	16.5
Malaysia	12,831	9,495	35.1	25,784	17,225	49.7
Others	12,605	13,762	(8.4)	21,632	19,362	11.7
	95,772	95,884	(0.1)	195,420	170,595	14.6
			-			

2H2024 compared to 2H2023

<u>Revenue</u>

The Group's revenue experienced a slight reduction of 0.1% or S\$0.1 million from S\$95.9 million in 2H2023 to S\$95.8 million in 2H2024.

The drop in revenue was attributable to reduced revenue in proprietary brands segment, mitigated by increased revenue in the other two business segments:

- Specialty pharma principals segment achieved the same level of revenue compared to 2H2023 with a marginal S\$0.3 million growth. The increased demand in Singapore and Malaysia, was offset by reduction in sales in Vietnam and other geographies.
- Proprietary brands segment experienced a reduction in sales by 4.0% or S\$0.5 million, mainly driven by lower demand for Ceradan® dermatological products and Ocean Health® health supplement products.
- Revenue from the medical hypermart and digital segment grew by 0.4%.

Gross profit

Gross profit rose by 2.5% or S\$0.8 million from S\$33.9 million in 2H2023 to S\$34.7 million in 2H2024.

Gross profit margin improved from 35.3% in 2H2023 to 36.2% in 2H2024 due to change in sales mix in FY2024. The Group has made a conscious effort to grow the portfolios with higher gross profit margins.

Other income and gains

Other income and gains increased by 2.9% or S\$0.01 million from S\$0.38 million in 2H2023 to S\$0.39 million in 2H2024, mainly due to S\$0.18 million fair value gain on derivative instruments at fair value through profit or loss, offset by absence of S\$0.17 million fair value gain in associate before business combination.

Distribution costs

Distribution costs increased by 12.7% or S\$2.4 million from S\$18.7 million in 2H2023 to S\$21.1 million in 2H2024, mainly from increase in advertising and promotion expenses of S\$1.1 million and increase in manpower related costs of S\$1.2 million.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses increased by 3.0% or S\$0.2 million from S\$7.6 million in 2H2023 to S\$7.8 million in 2H2024 mainly due to increase in manpower related cost and amortisation of intangible assets.

Finance costs

Finance cost increased by 197.6% or S\$0.2 million from S\$0.1 million in 2H 2023 to S\$0.3 million in 2H2024 mainly due to increase in interest expenses on short-term revolving loans of S\$9.0 million.

Other losses

Other losses decreased by 82.5% or S\$1.3 million from S\$1.6 million in 2H2023 to S\$0.3 million in 2H2024 mainly due to more favourable exchange differences in the 2H2024 which resulted in a foreign exchange gain of S\$1.4 million, offset by increase in inventory provision and write-off of S\$0.1 million.

Share of profit of an equity-accounted associate

As a result of the increased shareholding in Ardence Pharma in November 2023, the Group ceased to account its share of profit from 8 November 2023 and included Ardence Pharma post-acquisition financial results in its consolidated financial statements. This resulted in a reduction in share of profit of an associate by S\$0.2 million in 2H2024.

Profit before tax

Profit before tax decreased by 13.7% or S\$0.9 million from S\$6.4 million in 2H2023 to S\$5.5 million in 2H2024, mainly due to increase in distribution expenses, administrative expenses, partially offset by the improved gross profit and exchange gains as explained above.

Income tax expense

Income tax expense decreased by S\$0.8 million from S\$1.3 million in 2H2023 to S\$0.5 million in 2H2024 as Group enjoys tax benefits from in-licensing of new pharmaceutical products during the year.

Profit after tax

As a result of the foregoing, the Group's net profit after tax decreased by 1.5% or S\$0.1 million from S\$5.1 million in 2H2023 to S\$5.0 million in 2H2024.

FY2024 compared to FY2023

<u>Revenue</u>

The Group's revenue increased by 14.6% or S\$24.8 million from S\$170.6 million in FY2023 to S\$195.4 million in FY2024. The newly acquired Ardence Pharma contributed S\$7.2 million in revenue.

All three business segments contributed to the revenue increase:

- Specialty pharma principals segment led the growth with 21.6% increase in revenue. The growth was contributed by all geographies.
- Proprietary brands segment grew by 7.4%, contributed by higher demand for Ceradan® dermatological products, Ocean Health® health supplement products, TDF® dermocosmetic products and Novem® nutraceutical products.
- Revenue from the medical hypermart and digital segment increased by 2.1%.

Gross profit

Gross profit increased by 12.3% or S\$7.6 million from S\$61.9 million in FY2023 to S\$69.5 million in FY2024.

Gross profit margin had decreased marginally from 36.3% in FY2023 to 35.6% in FY2024 due to increase in cost of sales from the principals and suppliers.

Other income and gains

Other income and gains decreased by 5.7% or S\$0.04 million from S\$0.73 million in FY2023 to S\$0.69 million in FY2024 mainly due to reduced interest income coupled with absence of S\$0.17 million fair value gain in associate before business combination, offset by S\$0.18 million fair value gain on derivative instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

Distribution costs

Distribution costs increased by 10.7% or S\$3.8 million from S\$35.9 million in FY2023 to S\$39.7 million in FY2024, in tandem with the higher sales achieved.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses increased by 7.8% or S\$1.1 million from S\$14.1 million in FY2023 to S\$15.2 million in FY2024 mainly increase in manpower related cost and amortisation of intangible assets.

Finance costs

Finance cost increased by 103.2% or S\$0.3 million from S\$0.3 million in FY2023 to S\$0.6 million in FY2024 mainly due to increase in interest expenses on short-term revolving loans of S\$9.0 million.

Other losses

Other losses decreased by 26.6% or S\$0.6 million from S\$2.3 million in FY2023 to S\$1.7 million in FY2024 due mainly to foreign exchange gains.

Share of profit of an equity-accounted associate

Share of profit from associate related to share of profit from Ardence Pharma. As a result of the increased shareholding in Ardence Pharma in November 2023, the Group ceased to account its share of profit from 8 November 2023 and included Ardence Pharma post-acquisition financial results in its consolidated financial statements. This resulted in a reduction in share of profit of an associate by S\$0.5 million in FY2024.

Profit before tax

Profit before tax increased by 22.7% or S\$2.4 million from S\$10.6 million in FY2023 to S\$13.0 million in FY2024, mainly due to increase in gross profit coupled with less than proportional increase in expenses.

Income tax expense

Income tax expense increased by 6% or S\$0.1 million from S\$2.0 million to S\$2.1 million despite the more than proportional increase in profit before tax. This is due to the tax benefits enjoyed by the Group from in-licensing of new pharmaceutical products during the year.

Profit after tax

As a result of the foregoing, the Group's net profit after tax increased by 26.5% or S\$2.3 million, from S\$8.6 million in FY2023 to S\$10.9 million in FY2024.

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

The comparative performance for both the assets and liabilities are based on the Group's financial statements as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

Non-current assets

The Group's non-current assets increased by S\$1.1 million from S\$28.6 million as at 31 December 2023 to S\$29.7 million as at 31 December 2024 primarily due to increase in intangible assets arising from increase in distribution rights and trademarks arising from inlicensing of Wynzora® during the year.

Current assets

The Group's current assets increased by S\$13.8 million from S\$92.2 million as at 31 December 2023 to S\$106.0 million as at 31 December 2024 mainly due to increase in trade and other receivables and inventories by S\$4.3 million and S\$8.9 million respectively.

Non-current liabilities

The Group's non-current liabilities decreased by S\$2.1 million from S\$5.7 million as at 31 December 2023 to S\$3.6 million as at 31 December 2024 mainly due to shifting of a portion of the term loan and office lease from non-current liabilities to current liabilities.

Current liabilities

The Group's current liabilities increased by S\$8.5 million from S\$49.2 million as at 31 December 2023 to S\$57.7 million as at 31 December 2024. This was mainly due to borrowing of short-term revolving loans of S\$9.0 million.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

FY2024

The Group generated net cash of S\$0.07 million from operating activities in FY2024, mainly due to operating cash inflows before changes in working capital of S\$16.9 million, netting off working capital outflows of S\$14.5 million and income taxes paid of S\$2.4 million.

The net working capital outflows were due to (i) increase in inventories of S\$8.9 million; (ii) increase in trade and other receivables and prepayments of S\$4.7 million; and (iii) decrease in trade and other payables of S\$0.9 million.

Net cash flows used in investing activities during FY2024 amounted to S\$3.0 million, mainly attributable to acquisition of intangible assets for S\$2.0 million, plant and equipment additions of S\$1.2 million, partially offset by S\$0.2 million interest received.

Net cash inflows from financing activities amounted to S\$3.0 million during FY2024, mainly due increase in new bank borrowing of S\$9.0 million, partially offset by dividend payment of S\$2.7 million, lease payment of S\$1.3 million and bank borrowing repayment of S\$1.3 million.

2. Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results

There was no forecast or a prospect statement.

3. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the Group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the Group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months

Growing our Proprietary Brands

Growing Hyphens' Proprietary Brands and unlocking their brand value will remain a key area of focus for the Group. Hyphens' brands, including Ocean Health®, Ceradan®, TDF®, and CG 210®, have experienced robust growth in both sales and brand equity throughout the year.

In September 2024, we launched Ceradan® Advanced Hand Balm in Singapore—the first and only hand balm with patented pH control technology—jointly developed with the Agency for Science, Technology, and Research ("A*STAR").

Ocean Health® has continued to achieve strong growth throughout the year despite fierce competition. It has successfully expanded into Indonesia, Malaysia, and Vietnam, establishing a solid foundation to become a truly regional brand. Ocean Health® Joyful Gummies have also demonstrated remarkable growth since their launch, and we remain very excited about this product range in 2025.

We are pleased with the new additions to our proprietary portfolio in 2024. In March 2024, the Group entered into an exclusive license, supply, and commercialization agreement with MC2 Therapeutics, securing the exclusive rights to register and commercialize Wynzora® Cream—along with all future product extensions and/or improvements—for the topical treatment of plaque psoriasis in the 10 ASEAN countries.

Strengthening Specialty Pharma Portfolio

The Specialty Pharma portfolio remains the key revenue driver of the business. Hyphens Pharma works closely with our specialty pharma principals on product registration and commercialization. With our strong regulatory, sales, and marketing capabilities, we position ourselves as the ASEAN expert, working alongside our specialty pharma principals to achieve mutual success in the region.

2024 has been a fruitful year for our Specialty Pharma portfolio:

- We signed an exclusive license, development, and commercialization agreement with Maruho Co., Ltd. for the exclusive rights to register and commercialize Amenalief® in 10 ASEAN countries for the treatment of shingles.
- We achieved significant milestones in our Medical Aesthetics portfolio. Plinest® was successfully launched in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand during the year. Additionally, NCTF®—a facial rejuvenation injection designed to improve skin quality and texture, developed by Laboratoires Fill-Med—was added to the portfolio in 2024. The product is now available in Singapore and Malaysia.

Going Digital

DocMed Technology Pte Ltd ("**DocMed**") powers the Group's pharmaceutical product marketplace ("**POM**"). POM is a business-to-business ("**B2B**") digital pharmacy solutions platform that connects healthcare stakeholders—including healthcare practitioners and institutions—with industry stakeholders such as pharmaceutical companies and medical consumables manufacturers, enabling them to meet patients' needs more efficiently. POM has established a presence in Singapore, Malaysia, and Vietnam.

DocMed also powers WellAway, Singapore's first and largest HSA-registered e-pharmacy, where licensed doctors can manage e-prescriptions and arrange for direct delivery to patients. In 2024, WellAway reached the milestone of 100,000 e-prescriptions.

Expanding through Acquisitions

After increasing the Group's stake in Ardence Pharma in November 2023, Ardence Pharma has delivered remarkable performance. This contribution by Ardence Pharma validates Hyphens Pharma's strategy of expansion through prudent and accretive acquisitions. The Group has the strategic goal and the discipline to continuously looking for acquisition targets that contribute to the accelerated growth the Group is trying to achieve. We seek out partnership opportunities to enter new markets, widen our product offerings and bring innovation into the business.

Navigating a Challenging Business Environment

Looking ahead, we anticipate a challenging operating environment driven by external market factors, including geopolitical tensions, potential trade wars, and economic weakness in certain regions.² One of the key pressures we face is the rising cost of our principals, which has led to a squeeze on the Group's gross profit margins. Global inflationary trends and increased manufacturing costs have contributed to higher procurement prices. While we continue to work closely with our partners to optimize cost structures, these external factors remain a headwind in the near term.

² https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/WEO/Issues/2025/01/17/world-economic-outlook-update-january-2025

In addition, currency fluctuations present another challenge, particularly the depreciation of ASEAN currencies against the EUR and USD, our primary payment currencies for supplier transactions. A weaker local currency increases the cost of imports, adding further strain to our margins. To mitigate this impact, we continuously explore opportunities to enhance pricing strategies, implement dynamic rates negotiations, and improve operational efficiencies.

Despite these challenges, we remain confident in our ability to navigate market volatility. Our strong fundamentals, diversified portfolio, and strategic initiatives will enable us to stay resilient and agile. With a steadfast focus on long-term growth, we are well-positioned to ride the waves and continue delivering value to our stakeholders.

Rewarding Shareholders

We are pleased to propose a dividend of 1.50 Singapore cents per share for FY2024, which represents a payout of 45.4% of the net profits attributable to shareholders, reflecting our commitment to delivering value to investors. This exceeds our established dividend policy of 30% of the net profits attributable to shareholders, demonstrating our confidence in the Group's financial position and future growth. While this enhanced payout acknowledges our strong performance, the Company remains committed to its long-term dividend policy of distributing at least 30% of net profits attributable to shareholders to ensure sustainable returns.

In addition, the Company will continue to propose to shareholders the renewal of the share buyback mandate at the upcoming AGM. A share buy-back program allows the Company to enhance shareholder value and reflects the Board's confidence in the Group's long-term growth prospects.

Change in Results Announcements Schedule

Moving forward, we will streamline our financial reporting to focus on half-year and full-year results announcements. As such, we will no longer be publishing quarterly updates. We remain committed to keeping our shareholders informed and engaged, and we look forward to sharing our progress in our upcoming reports. We appreciate the continued support and interest in Hyphens Pharma International Limited.

4. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend recommended for the current financial period reported on? Yes

	FY2024
Name of Dividend	Final Dividend Exempt (1-tier)
Type of Dividend	Cash
Total number of issued ordinary shares (excludes	308,877,000
treasury shares)	
Dividend per share	1.50 cents

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year? **Yes**

	FY2023
Name of Dividend	Final Dividend Exempt (1-tier)
Type of Dividend	Cash
Total number of issued ordinary shares (excludes	309,198,200
treasury shares)	
Dividend per share	0.86 cents

(c) Date payable

To be announced later.

(d) Record date

To be announced later.

5. If the Group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions ("IPT"), the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). If no IPT mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect

The Group does not have a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions.

6. Confirmation that the issuer has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers (in the format set out in Appendix 7H) under Catalist Rule 720(1)

The Company confirms that it has procured undertakings from all its Directors and Executive Officers (in the format set out in Appendix 7H) under Catalist Rule 720(1).

7. Breakdown of sales

		Group	
	FY2024 S\$'000	Change %	
Revenue reported for first half year	99,648	74,711	33.4
Net profit after tax for first half year	5,877	3,525	66.7
Revenue reported for second half year	95,772	95,884	(0.1)
Net profit after tax for second half year	4,978	5,055	(1.5)

8. Breakdown of the total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year.

Annual dividend	FY2024 S\$'000	FY2023 S\$'000
Ordinary dividend – Interim	-	11,131
Ordinary dividend – Final *	4,633	2,659
	4,633	13,790

* The final dividend for FY2024 is subject to shareholders' approval at the AGM.

9. Disclosure of person occupying a managerial position in the issuer or any of its principal subsidiaries who is a relative of a director or chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the issuer pursuant to Rule 704(10). If there are no such persons, the issuer must make an appropriate negative statement.

Pursuant to Rule 704(10) of the Catalist Rules, the Company confirms that during FY2024 and up to the date hereof, there has not been any person occupying a managerial position in the Company or any of its principal subsidiaries who is a relative of a director or chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the Company.

10. Disclosures on acquisition or sale of shares pursuant to Rule 706A of the Catalist Rules

On 15 July 2024, the Company's shareholding interest in DocMed Technology Pte. Ltd. ("**DocMed**") has changed from 89.76% to 90.00% following transfer of 8,488 shares from DocMed's former Chief Executive Officer, Mr Chen Funn Yii Timothy, for a consideration of S\$100,000. The consideration value was based on same share subscription price which Mr Chen had paid in June 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Flora Zhang Chief Financial Officer

25 February 2025

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