



# Financial Performance

#### **Key Financial Highlights**

YoY: FY23 1H vs FY24 1H HoH: FY23 2H vs FY24 1H

> Sales Volume

+17.7%

**+8.5**%

нк\$2,197м

Revenue

+12.0%

+7.0%

нк\$2,121м

**EBITDA** 

-22.7%\*

+30.1%

нк\$209м

\*If exclude ESS, a djusted EBITDA decreased by 7.8%

Net Profit

-79.6%\*

+10x

нк\$21м

\*If exclude ESS, a djusted Net Profit decreased by 65.3%

Interim EPS

0.6
HK Cent

Interim DPS

0.5 HK Cent

Payout Ratio

83%

ROE

1.8%

Gearing Ratio 33.6%

ROIC\* **10.0**%

\* From Bloomberg as of November 30<sup>th</sup> 2023

EC Healthcare

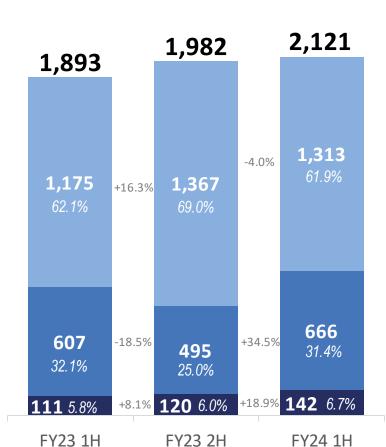
#### **Revenue Mix**

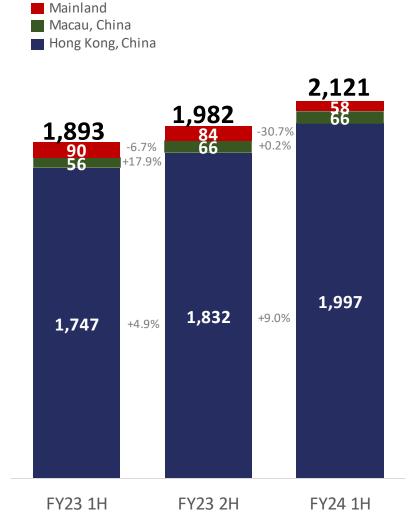
HK\$ M

Medical<sup>1</sup>

Aesthetic Medical and Beauty and Wellness

Other<sup>2</sup>





HK\$ M

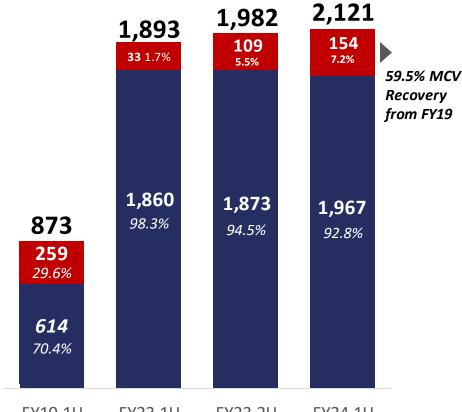


Cross Border Mainland China Visitors (MCV) in HK & Macau

HK Locals & Macau Locals & Mainland China Locals

**3.906 10.392 18.391 10.392 18.391 18.391** 

**ж**нк\$11.0К **ж**нк\$8.4К **ж**нк\$10.4К **ж**нк\$8.4К



1. Including dental services

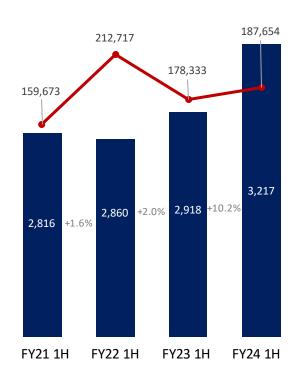
2. Including multi-channel networking and related services and veterinary services

#### Average Spending Per Visit Per Business Segment based on sales volume\*



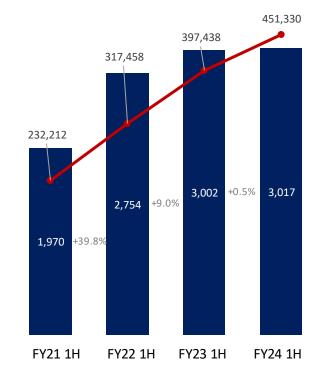
#### **Aesthetic Medical**

- No. of Customer Visit
- ASP (HK\$) per Visit



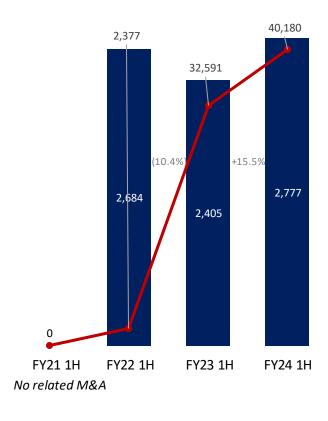
#### Medical

- No. of Customer Visit
- ASP (HK\$) per Visit



#### **Veterinary**

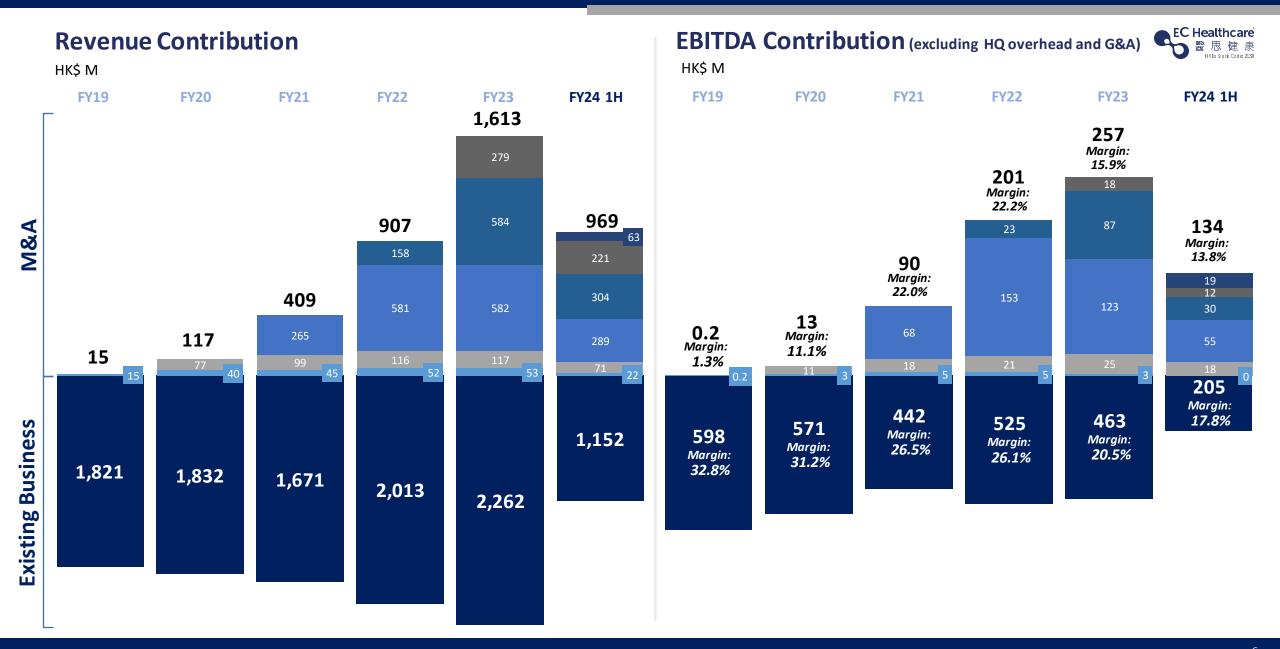
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- ASP (HK\$) per Visit



<sup>\*</sup> include Aesthetic Medical & retail Medical only

		FY19	Margin Squeeze	FY23 1H	FY23 2H	FY24 1H		Roll-up Strategies	Projected FY24 2H	Projected FY25
Revenue		100%	Gradual revenue mix change from only 28% to 62% medical	100%	100%	100%		<ul> <li>Medical inflation</li> <li>Increasing GDP and medical expenditure</li> <li>M&amp;A and organic growth</li> </ul>	100%	100%
Cost of inventories & Consumables		12.3%	<ul> <li>Revenue mix shifting to medical</li> <li>Inflation on medical consumables</li> </ul>	13.6%	14.9%	15.7%		<ul> <li>Central procurement to offset inflationary pressure</li> <li>Upstream supplier partnership and integration</li> </ul>	15.6%	15.4%
Rental & related expenses *		9.5%	• Expansion from 398,000 sq feet to 698,000 sq feet	11.2%	11.0%	10.1%		<ul> <li>Consolidating overlapping &amp; synergetic service points with net GFA reduction of 69,446 sqft</li> <li>Ramping-up new stores before further expansion</li> </ul>	10%	8.7%
Marketing & advertising expenses		8.3%	Increase in social media reliance and advertising costs	5.1%	3.8%	5.1%		<ul><li>CRM to enhance CLV</li><li>Outsourcing supporting function</li></ul>	5%	5%
Employee benefit expenses		24.1%	<ul> <li>Expansion of headcount from 1,742 to 3,090</li> <li>Share option expenses of \$32M</li> </ul>	25.2%	30.8%	25.2%		<ul> <li>Headcount trim from 3,090 to 2,715 headcount</li> <li>Reversal of share option expenses of \$7M</li> <li>Workflow optimization and AI automation</li> </ul>	22.7%	23.2%
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Administrative & other expenses		5.4%	<ul> <li>Increase to support organic growth</li> <li>Investments on IT system and infrastructure</li> </ul>	5.4%	6.6%	5.1%		<ul> <li>Productivity focus</li> <li>Outsourcing of non-core admin function</li> </ul>	4.9%	4.9%
<b>EBITDA Margir</b>	1	<b>27.1</b> %		14.3%	<b>8.1</b> %	9.8%	,		11.5%	13.5%
Depreciation of owned PP&E		2.6%	Expansion on organic growth	3.5%	3.6%	4.0%		Assume limited organic expansion	4.2%	4.0%
Amortisation of IA		0.7%	• Increase with M&A transactions	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%		Assume no M&A	2.4%	2.2%
Finance costs		0.1%	• Increasing cost of capital	1.7%	1.6%	1.9%		• Interest rate already peak	2.1%	2.0%
Net Margin		20.8%		<b>5.6</b> %	0.1%	1.0%			2.0%	4.0%

\* Including depreciation of right-of-use assets



HK\$ M	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24 1H
M&A	0.2	13	90	201	257	134
<b>EBITDA</b> Existing Business	598	571	442	525	463	205
(recap) Sub-total	598	584	532	726	720	339
HQ Overhead and G&A	88	124	135	190	283	130
Impairment	7	-	-	-	7	-
Reported EBITDA	503	460	397	536	430	209
Amortisation	13	13	32	71	98	51
Depreciation	49	70	78	96	137	85
Finance Cost	3	18	24	49	64	39
Net Profit	385	310	226	270	107	21



#### **M&A Strategy**









STABLE HIGH EBITDA



MARGIN Intangible Assets

нк\$666м

Goodwill

Weighted Avg. % stake

**71**%

Weighted Avg. PE multiple

**9.7**x

Weighted Avg. PS multiple

**1.6**x

Weighted Avg. net profit guarantee period

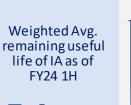
**4.8** years

Number of fully integrated M&As

12/24

Return on Invested Capital

10.0%



**7.4** years



#### **Capital Management**



#### Capital Structure as at 30 Sep 2023

TOTAL DEBT HK\$806M

GEARING RATIO<sup>1</sup> 33.6%

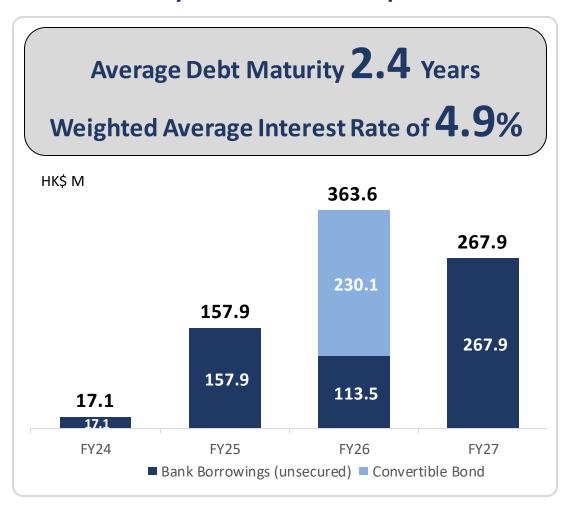
UNDRAWN
FACILITIES
HK\$1,120M

CASH ON HAND<sup>2</sup>
HK\$662M

HK\$1.0 billion of Sustainability-Linked Loan was signed in May 2023

- 1. Total debt excluding lease liabilities relating to properties leased for own use divided by total equity
- 2. Cash and equivalents

#### **Debt Maturity Profile as at 30 Sep 2023**





# Operation & Strategy Highlight





No. of Service Points 166



**Full Time** 

Registered **Doctors** 

329

No. of Specialist Disciplines



Repurchase

Rate<sup>2</sup>

77.8%

**Existing Customer** Revenue Contribution<sup>3</sup> 68.5%



Customers' Satisfaction Rate<sup>4</sup> 99.98%



**Number of Cross Brand Customers**<sup>5</sup> 24.53%

**Total GFA** -1.1% HoH

698,000 sqft



No. of Customer Visit<sup>1</sup> 679,164



Avg. Spending per Customer Visit<sup>1</sup>

нк\$3,122

1. Based on sales Volume for period excluding non-retail brands 2. Customers of FY23 contribution in FY24 divided by the total revenue in FY23 3. Revenue ccontribution by existing customers to the total revenue for the year 5. Number of customers who purchased services from more than one brand for the year divided by total number of customers for the 4. 100% minus the percentage of material unfavourable feedback of total revenue for the year

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Excluding new M&A from FY24 / 25

- Surecare & new distribution business
- Excluding new organic expansion in FY24 / FY25
- AMAH Vet Hospital



Saving against FY23 Baseline

Registered Practitioner & Employee Benefit Expenses

Headcount reduced by 498

- Backoffice 166
- Frontline 332

1HFY24 vs 1HFY23

HK\$**28**M

 Realizing benefits from 1H24 actions with minor headcount reduction, offset by year-end bonus & additional frontline

2HFY24 vs 2HFY23

HK\$**64**M

FY24 vs FY23 HK\$**92**M

- Full year effect from FY24 headcount reduction
- Factored in salary increase & additional manpower to ramp up baseline operation

FY25 s FY23

HK\$**150**M

2 Rental & Related Expense

- Rental reduction 97,534 sq ft
- Space reduction 3,423 sq ft
   Dental (1); Aesthetics & Beauty (1)
   Office (1);

#### HK\$**6**M

- Rental reduction: 5,000 sq ft
- Space return: 48,134 sq ft
   Dental (3); Medical (4);
   Aesthetics & Beauty (1)

HK\$**9**M

#### HK\$**15**M

- Full year effect from previous rental rates & space reduction
- Space return: 17,889 sq ft Medical (1); Office (1)

HK\$**45**M

COGS

- Service Mix
- Cost Optimization

HK\$2M

HK\$2M

HK\$**4**M

 Kick start centralized procurement with inflation pressure

HK\$OM

Administrative & Other Expenses

 Tight control on one-off expenditure

HK\$**27**M

• BPR & automation

**HK\$3**M

HK\$30M

- Pressing on tight cost control with inflation pressure
- Scaling up digital transformation with strategic outsourcing

HK\$30M

FY24 Target
HK\$85M

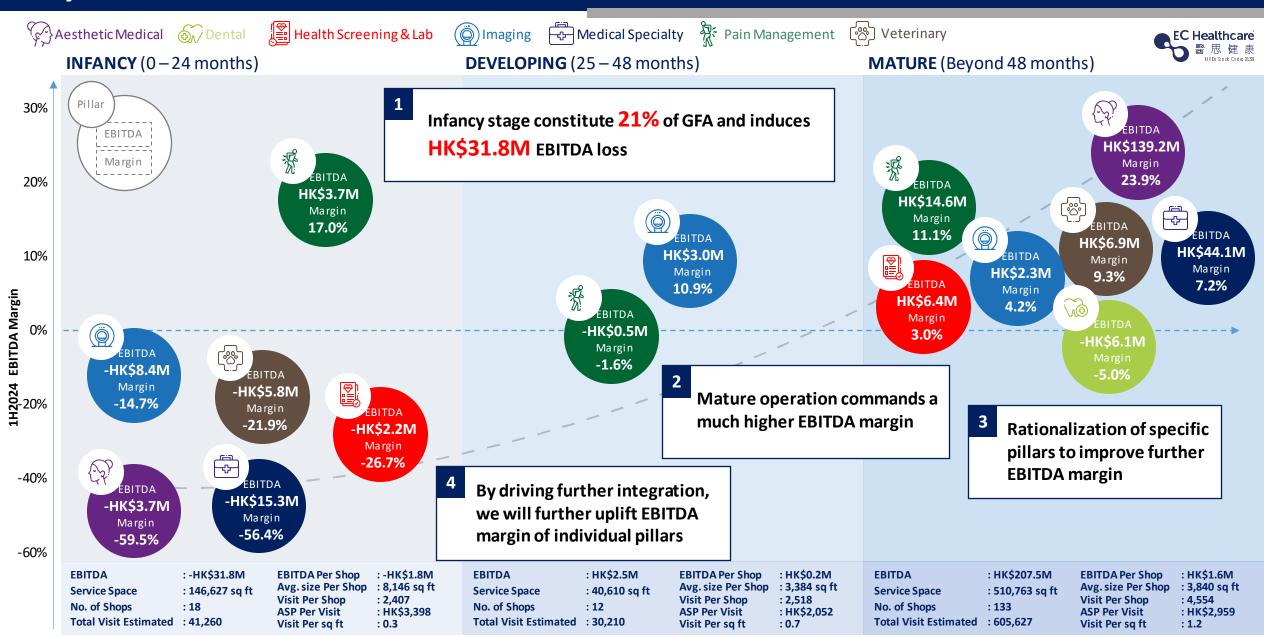
**FY24 Projected** 

1H: нк\$63м 2H: нк\$78м

HK\$**141**M

(+66% vs target)

FY25 Projected HK\$25M



#### **BEFORE**

#### **NOW**





IT



**SERVICE** 



**BRANDING** 



**CULTURE** 



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT







OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE







DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION



#### **1 Business Development**

- 2022 Hong Kong's medical expenditure represents a HK\$243B, spanning across public, insurance, corporate medical and direct customers.
- Leverage on our comprehensive proposition, invested in capacity building with one-stop service model to gain larger market share

#### **Operational Excellence**

- Scalability & Productivity-Focused
- Leverage on technology to step up integration and consolidation of overlapping & synergetic operations in proximity

#### **3 Digital Transformation**

- Leverage data and digital tech to optimize customer services and operational processes
- Co-create innovative service and products via stronger connectivity with TTIPP partners





• B2C	Cross-Pillar Product Proposition to enhance CLV
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• B2B (Corporate) 24x7 self-service booking, wellness and medical

B2I (Insurance) Branding, Differentiated Product & Service and Savings

B2G (Government) Primary Healthcare Blueprint, Public-Private Partnership

Talent Productivity Cost per service/ customers

 Asset Utilization Rent & Equipment (Imaging, Lab, Day Procedure Centre)

Cost Efficiency Centralization

Process Efficiency Automation, Business Process Re-engineering

Governance Operational Standard, Safety & Data Privacy

Omni-Channel Marketing Personalization, speed to market, lower cost

of acquisition / conversion

Procurement Inventory management

Customer Experience Booking, Registration,

Cross Pillar Referral Workflow



#### **Technology**

**Telecommunication** 

**Insurance** 

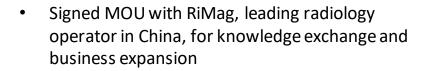
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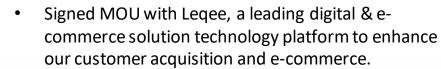
**Pharmaceutical** 













 Establish and deepen various strategic partnerships with exclusive product offerings & services in Hong Kong & Macau





 Signed MoU with KERRY LOGISTIC to centralise our warehouse, inventory and logistics management



## Outlook

#### **Chairman Message & Key Role**





#### **EC Healthcare Market Outlook and Growth Prospects**





#### **Market Trends**

- Cautious economic outlook amid prolonged inflation and uncertainties
- Growing healthcare needs driven by aging populations and technology



### Favorable Government Policies and Regulations

- Primary Healthcare Blueprint promoting public-private partnerships
- Streamlined drug and device approvals by NMPA and GDMPA
- CEPA strengthening cross-border healthcare cooperation



- GBA population projected to reach 88M by 2030
- HK population estimated to grow to 7.5-8.5M in 20 years
- Healthcare spending as a percentage of GDP:
  - Mainland China: 5.6%
  - Hong Kong: 8.5%
  - OECD countries: 9.2% (e.g. US 16.6%, France 12.2%, Germany 12.7%)
- Growing Healthcare Spending per Capita in HK:
  - Current: HK\$32,804
  - CAGR: 9.5%



#### **Cost Efficiency Initiatives**

- Attracting healthcare talent to HK through:
  - HK Medical Registration Amendment Bill
  - Enhanced Supplementary Labor Scheme (ESLS)/foreign labour import
  - Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals (ASMTP)
- Establishment of HKUST medical school boosting local supply
- Supplementary labor programs to supplement talent needs



### Positioned for Long-Term Growth

- Leveraging policy support and demand drivers
- Optimizing talent pipeline to manage largest cost
- Continuing to deliver innovative services across the GBA

Outlook: Despite short-term uncertainties, underlying fundamentals and initiatives underway indicate significant opportunities for sustainable growth ahead.



Q&A



## Appendix

#### **Key Financial Metrics**



	For the six months ended 30 September			
	FY23 1H	FY24 1H	Changes	
Basic Earnings per share (HK cents)	6.8	0.6	(91.2%)	
EBITDA margin	14.3%	9.8%	(4.5 p.pt)	
Net profit margin	5.6%	1.0%	(4.6 p.pt)	
Dividend per share for the year (HK cents)	5.8	0.5	(91.4%)	
Return on equity <sup>1</sup>	8.7%	1.8%	(6.9 p.pt)	
Return on average total assets <sup>2</sup>	4.2%	0.4%	(3.8 p.pt)	
Financial position	31 Mar 23	30 Sep 23		
Current ratio	0.85x	0.88x	3.5%	
Gearing ratio (Debt <sup>3</sup> divided by equity)	30.3%	33.6%	+3.3 p.pt	
Quick ratio	0.80x	0.81x	1.3%	
Cash Conversion Cycle (days)				
Average creditors' turnover days	59	39	(33.9%)	
Average debtors' turnover days	17	21	23.5%	
Average inventory turnover days	62	55	(11.3%)	

#### Notes:

- 1. Profit for the period( annualised) or year divided by total equity
- 2. Profit for the period (annualised) or year divided by average of total asset at the beginning of the financial year and end of the period
- 3. Total debt excluding lease liabilities relating to the properties leased for own use

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