

# **1H FY25 Results Analyst Presentation**

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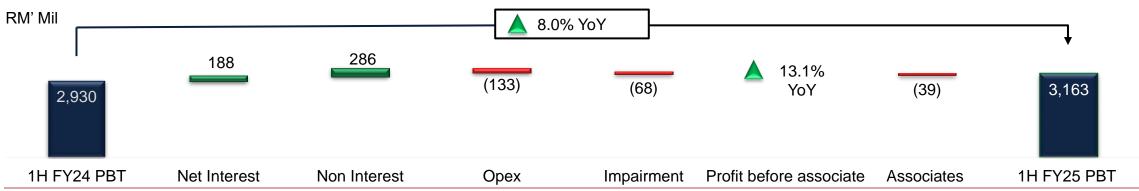
# Financial Highlights: 1H FY25





## **Performance Highlights**

1H FY25 PATAMI driven by improved topline and investment income, especially from insurance



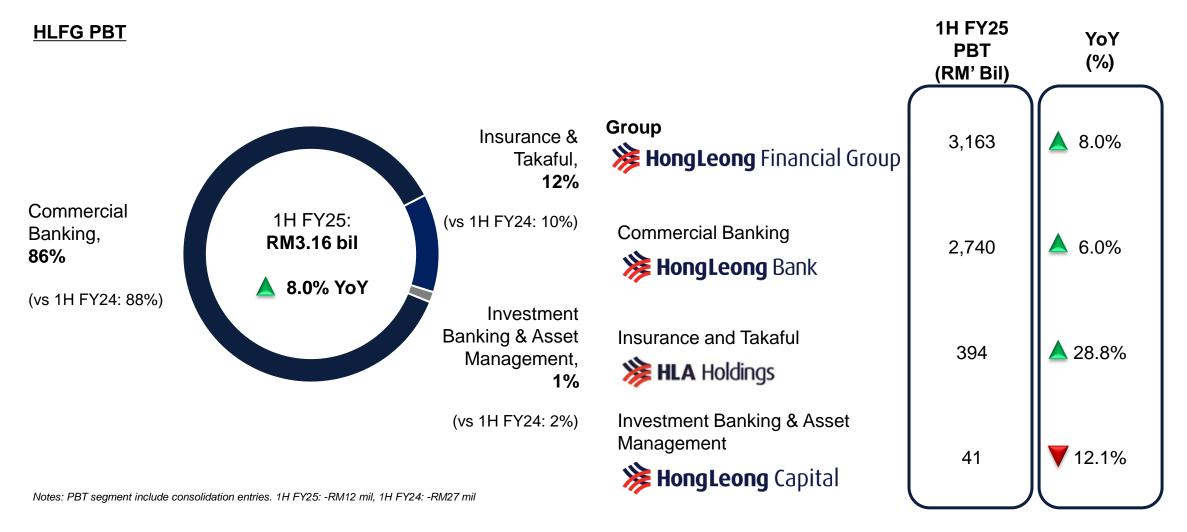
RM' mil	1H FY24	1H FY25	Change % (YoY)
Net Interest Income	2,334	2,522	8.0%
Non-Interest Income	940	1,226	30.4%
Total income	3,274	3,747	14.5%
Operating expenses	(1,248)	(1,381)	10.6%
Operating profit before allowances	2,026	2,366	16.8%
Allowances of loans and other impairments	56	(12)	>100%
Profit before associate	2,082	2,355	13.1%
Share of profits from associates	848	808	(4.7%)
PBT	2,930	3,163	8.0%
PATAMI	1,574	1,687	7.2%

- 1H FY25 revenue grew strongly by 8.0% contributed by both NII and NOII, supported by:
  - NIM expansion
  - o Above-industry loan growth
  - o Fee-income expansion
  - Higher investment gains, especially from insurance.
- OPEX remains under control with 1H FY25 CIR improving to 36.9% as the stronger topline delivered a positive JAWS
- Lower associate contribution from RMB weakening against MYR and BoCD stake dilution arising from Cbond conversion
- 1H FY25 PATAMI improved by 7.2%, translating to strong 1H FY25 annualised ROE of 11.1%

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# PBT by segments

#### Growth driven by Commercial Banking and Insurance & Takaful

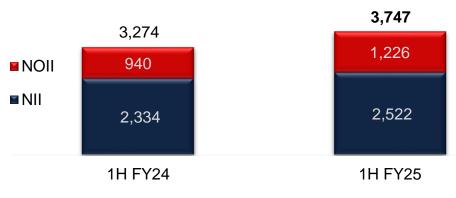




### Net Interest Income & Non-Interest Income

#### Higher NOII ratio of 32.7% supported by robust fee income and investments gains

**Operating Income Breakdown (RM' Mil)** 



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NOII Breakdown (RM' Mil)	
28.7%	32.7%
	1,226
940	
652	766
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1H FY24	1H FY25
IFI F 124  ☐ Islamic Banking & Others ☐ Trading & FX	

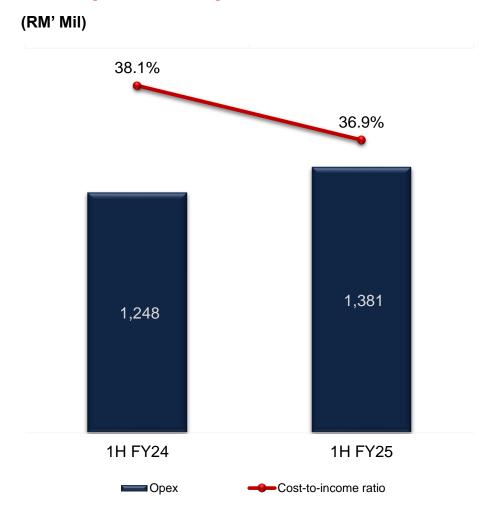
RM' mil	1H FY24	1H FY25	Change % (YoY)
Fee Income*	652	766	17.6%
Trading, Investment & Forex	211	331	56.6%
Islamic Banking and others	77	129	67.3%
Total	940	1,226	30.4%

\*Note: Fee income includes Insurance and Takaful



# **Operating Expense**

CIR improved on positive JAWS to 36.9%, one of the lowest in the industry



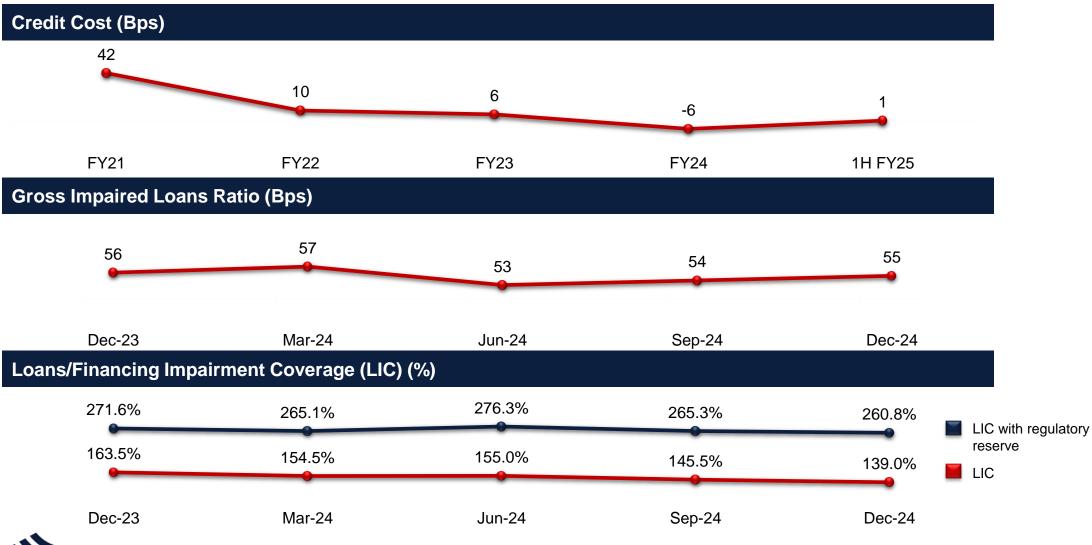
RM' mil	1H FY24	1H FY25	Change % (YoY)
Personnel	708	749	5.7%
Establishment	279	289	3.6%
Marketing	93	137	46.4%
Administration and general (A&G)	167	206	23.1%
Total	1,248	1,381	10.6%

- 1H FY25 Opex +10.6% YoY was attributed to:
  - Higher personnel from higher salaries and allowances of revenue generation workforce for business growth
  - A&G cost increased from higher net credit card fees from increased retail spend and merchant sales volume
  - Marketing expenses increase due to higher performance bonus and incentive from higher sales volume
  - Establishment cost was within expectations.
- 1H FY25 CIR improved by 120 bps to 36.9% on positive JAWS



## **Asset Quality**

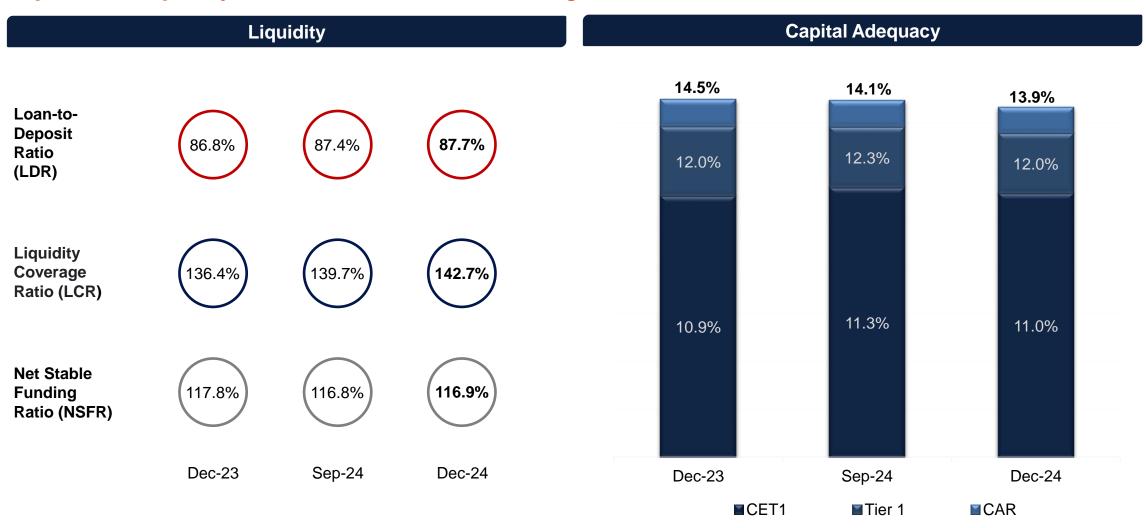
Solid asset quality with a stable GIL ratio and high coverage ratio





# **Liquidity & Capital**

Capital and liquidity remains sound and above regulator thresholds

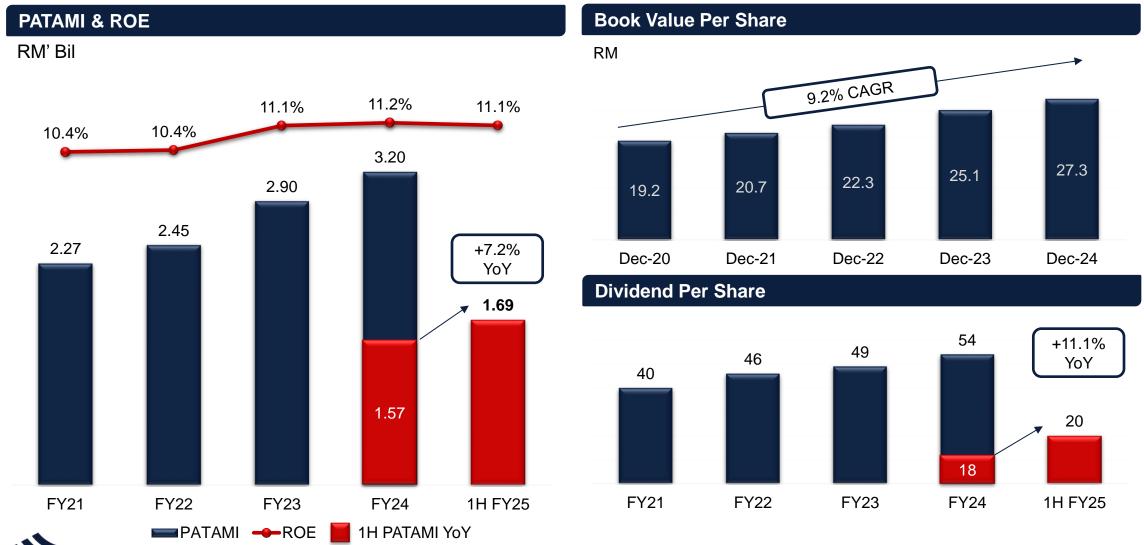




Note: `Capital base & ratio after proposed dividends

### **Shareholder Value**

1H FY25 ROE remains strong at 11.1%, Declared interim dividend of 20sen, 11.1% higher YoY



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# **Commercial Banking: Hong Leong Bank**

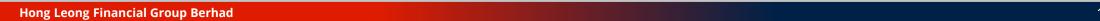
#### Improved performance driven by robust loan growth, improving NIM and higher NOII contributions

Income Statement (RM' mil)	1H FY24	1H FY25	Change % (YoY)
Net Interest Income	2,282	2,472	8.3%
Non-Interest Income	577	757	31.3%
Total income	2,859	3,230	13.0%
Operating expenses	(1,134)	(1,253)	10.5%
Operating Profit	1,725	1,977	14.6%
Allowances for loans and other impairments	57	(12)	>100%
Share of profits from associates	803	775	(3.5%)
PBT	2,584	2,740	6.0%
PAT	2,118	2,238	5.7%
Balance Sheet (RM' bil)	Dec-23	Dec-24	Change % (YoY)
Gross Loan	185.2	199.4	7.7%
Deposits	211.2	226.7	7.4%

Key Operating Ratios	1H FY24	1H FY25	Change % (bps)			
Profitability & Efficiency(%)						
Return on Average Equity	12.2%	11.9%	(30 bps)			
Net Interest Margin	1.85%	1.91%	6 bps			
Cost to Income Ratio	39.7%	38.8%	(87 bps)			
Asset Quality (bps)						
Gross Impaired Loans Ratio	56	55	(1 bps)			
Liquidity and Capital (%)						
CET1	12.9%	13.0%	12 bps			



HLBB received its fourth consecutive award at the annual National Energy Awards 2024 for 'Sustainable Energy Financing by a Domestic & Islamic Bank'



### Insurance & Takaful: HLA Holdings

#### Continued PBT growth momentum driven by both segments, Life Insurance and General Insurance

PBT (RM' mil)	1H FY24	1H FY25	Change % (YoY)
Life Insurance	267	307	14.8%
Family Takaful	8	19	>100%
Singapore	6	12	>100%
Hong Kong	0	17	>100%
Profits from associates	45	33	(25.7%)
PBT*	306	394	28.8%
PAT	211	277	31.4%

<sup>\*</sup> PBT breakdown includes consolidation entries: 1H FY25 PBT = RM5 mil: 1H FY24 PBT = RM-20 mil

Key Operating Ratios	1H FY24	1H FY25	Change % (YoY)	
Life insurance				
HLA Return on Average Equity	10.7%	11.4%	0.7%	

#### Sustainability Updates



100% of HLA investments are classified as does no significant harm to the environment as at Dec-24

Life insurance & Family Takaful, 83% of PBT

RM326 Mil +18.7% YoY



General Insurance, 16% of PBT

RM62 Mil +21.5% YoY

#### **Key Drivers**

- Insurance and takaful PBT of RM394 mil (+28.8% YoY) driven by stronger investment income and higher net insurance service results, mitigating the lower share of profits from its associate, MSIG Insurance (Malaysia).
- Life Insurance and Family Takaful 1H FY25 PBT grew +18.7% YoY driven by HLA's higher investment income and net insurance service results in view of higher average case size and higher takaful margins.
- General Insurance +21.5% YoY driven by rebound in Hong Kong investment income, which offset lower profit contribution from associate.



# Life Insurance & Family Takaful

Higher gross premiums driven by 26.6% y-o-y new business growth





# Life Insurance & Family Takaful

Balanced protection : savings ratio for growth, Continued agent expansion especially in takaful





## Medical Repricing Exercise for HLA & HLMT

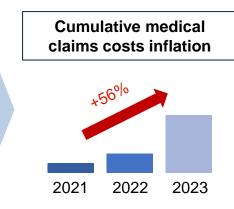
#### Medical premiums deferment not material to the Group

Rising Costs of Medical Treatments and Hospitalisation

Increased utilization of healthcare services

**Aging population** 

**Technological Advancements** 



Estimated increase in Medical Premiums +40% to 70%



#### Affects:

- Individuals
  Delayed/Avoid Medical treatment
- Employers Increased costs for providing health insurance benefits
- Insurers
  Pressure to adjust pricing to manage rising claims

As such, BNM has introduced interim measures for Insurers and Takaful Operators ("ITOs") to manage this increase which HLA and HLMT will implement as follows:

#### Spreading Medical Repricing Quantum



HLA's medical policies revised repricing will be spread by <u>6 % to 10%</u> yearly over <u>5 years</u>



HLMT's medical policies revised repricing will be implemented from FY2026 onwards

#### 2 Deferment

To support older age participants aged 60 and above under the minimum/lowest plan within a medical product, repricing will be deferred by 1 year. Estimated <1% of HLA portfolio is eligible for 1 year deferment.

#### **Estimated HLA 5-year Financial Impact**

 Financial impact of spreading medical repricing is not a material impact towards the Group's profitability

RM'mil	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Impact to MFRS17 CSM Balance	(47.0)	-	-	-	-
Impact to MFRS17 PBT	(6.8)	(8.8)	(7.6)	(6.5)	(5.6)



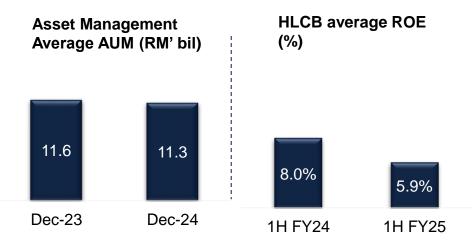
## **Investment Banking: HLCB**

Stockbroking performance remains buoyant, but investment banking and asset management contributions were lower

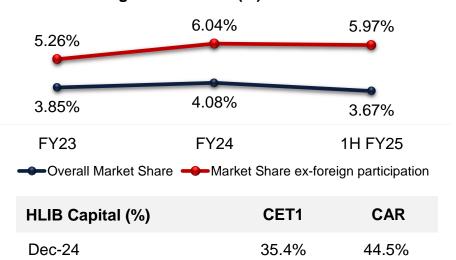
RM' mil	1H FY24	1H FY25	Change % (YoY)
Net Interest Income	25	32	28.4%
Non-Interest Income	89	76	(14.3%)
Total income	114	108	(4.9%)
Operating expenses	(67)	(67)	0.4%
PBT	47	41	(12.1%)
PAT	39	30	(22.7%)
PBT by segment			
Stockbroking	21	25	17.7%
Investment Banking	7	4	(45.1%)
Asset Management	5	4	(29.1%)
Others	13	9	(35.2%)
PBT	47	41	(12.1%)

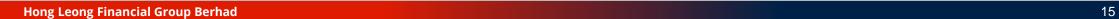
#### Sustainability Updates

HLCB became the first investment banking group in Malaysia to become an
 official signatory to the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials ("PCAF")



#### **Stockbroking Market Share (%)**





# **Closing Remarks**





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# **HongLeong** Financial Group



• The Group's strong performance ex-associate contributions is a testament of our focused execution of strategic priorities in growing our topline, whilst maintaining best-in-class asset quality.



- Remains vigilant on the potential downside risks especially from evolving geopolitical tensions amid escalating protectionist policies
- Malaysia's economic outlook to continue positive momentum from last year to 2025



- The Group remains on-track to deliver improved financial performance and remains focused on:
  - o Grow targeted segments, develop new product offerings, and enhance customer centricity
  - o Maintaining cost discipline and sound asset quality management.
  - Strong capital and liquidity position.



Sustainability and continued investments in technology remains key strategic priorities.



# **Supplementary Information**



# **Key Financial Summary**

RM' mil	1H FY24	1H FY25	Change % (YoY)	1Q FY25	2Q FY25	Change % (QoQ)
Net Interest Income	2,334	2,522	8.0%	1,270	1,251	(1.5%)
Non-Interest Income	940	1,226	30.4%	622	604	(2.9%)
Total income	3,274	3,747	14.5%	1,892	1,855	(1.9%)
Operating expenses	(1,248)	(1,381)	10.6%	(691)	(690)	(0.2%)
Operating profit before allowances	2,026	2,366	16.8%	1,201	1,165	(2.9%)
Writeback/(Allowances) for loans and other impairments	56	(12)	>100%	(7)	(4)	(41.7%)
Share of profits from associates	848	808	(4.7%)	394	414	5.2%
PBT	2,930	3,163	8.0%	1,587	1,575	(0.7%)
PATAMI	1,574	1,687	7.2%	848	839	(1.0%)
EPS (sen)	138.7	148.7	10 sen	74.7	74.0	(0.7 sen)

Balance Sheet	Dec-23	Dec-24	Change % (YoY)	Sep-24	Dec-24	Change % (QoQ)
Book value per share (RM)	25.1	27.3	8.7%	26.3	27.3	3.9%
Dividend per Share (Sen)	18.0	20.0	11.1%	-	20.0	>100%
Gross Loan (RM' Bil)	185.5	199.7	7.6%	194.5	199.7	2.6%
Customer Deposits (RM' Bil)	210.0	224.3	6.8%	218.6	224.3	2.6%

# **Key Financial Summary**

(%)	1H FY24	1H FY25	YoY	1Q FY25	2Q FY25	QoQ
Profitability						
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	11.3%	11.1%	<b>V</b>	11.4%	10.8%	<b>V</b>
Non-interest income / total income	28.7%	32.7%		32.9%	32.5%	<b>V</b>
Cost-to-income Ratio	38.1%	36.9%	$\bigvee$	36.5%	37.2%	
Asset Quality						
LIC (excl. Reg. Reserves)	163.5%	139.0%	$\overline{\mathbf{v}}$	145.5%	139.0%	<b>V</b>
LIC (incl. Reg. Reserves)	271.6%	260.8%	<b>V</b>	265.3%	260.8%	<b>V</b>
Credit Cost	(0.06%)	0.01%		0.01%	0.01%	=
Gross Impaired Loans Ratio	0.56%	0.55%	$\bigvee$	0.54%	0.55%	
Liquidity						
Loan-to-Deposit Ratio (LDR)	86.8%	87.7%		87.4%	87.7%	
Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)	136.4%	142.7%		139.7%	142.7%	
Net Stable Funding Ratio (NFSR)	117.8%	116.9%	<b>V</b>	116.8%	116.9%	
Capital Adequacy						
Common Equity Tier I Capital Ratio (CET1)	10.9%	11.0%		11.3%	11.0%	<b>V</b>



# **HLFG Corporate Structure**





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