



**Q & M DENTAL GROUP REPORTS 269% INCREASE IN
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS
FOR 2nd QUARTER 2017**

**NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS (EXCLUDING OTHER
GAINS / (LOSSES) INCREASED BY 29% TO \$4.28 MILLION, FROM \$3.32
MILLION**

- Deconsolidation of Aidite and Aoxin from subsidiaries to associates in December 2016 and April 2017 respectively.
- Interim dividend of 0.7 cents per ordinary share.

Singapore, 14 August 2017 – Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (“Q & M” or the “Group”), a leading private dental healthcare group in Asia, posted an increase of 29% in net profit attributable to shareholders (excluding other Gains / (Losses) to \$4.28 million for the 3 months ended 30 June 2017 (“**2Q17**”), from \$3.32 million for the previous corresponding quarter in 2016 (“**2Q16**”). Furthermore, the Group accrued less profits belonging to Aidite and Aoxin due to their deconsolidation from subsidiaries to associates in December 2016 and April 2017 respectively.

Before excluding other Gains / (Losses), the Group’s total net profits attributable to shareholders increased by 269% to \$13.64 million for 2Q17, from \$3.7 million for 2Q16.

Revenue from the Group’s dental and medical clinics for 2Q17 decreased by 7% to \$27.3 million, from \$29.3 million in 2Q16. The decrease of \$2 million was mainly due to the deconsolidation of Aoxin from a subsidiary to an associate in April 2017.

There was no revenue from dental supplies manufacturing as Aidite was deconsolidated in December 2016 and is now an associate of the Group.

As at 30 June 2017, the Group has a total of 73 dental outlets, 4 medical outlets and 1 aesthetic centre in operation, compared to 68 dental outlets, 4 medical outlets, 1 aesthetic centre as at the end of 2Q16 in Singapore.

As at 30 June 2017, the Group has a total of 9 dental outlets in Malaysia and 1 dental outlet in China compared to 8 dental outlets in Malaysia and 3 dental hospitals and 8 dental outlets as at the end of 2Q16 in China. The decrease in dental outlets in China is due to the spin-off and separate listing of Aoxin in April 2017.

The Group’s net profit attributable to shareholders (excluding other gains/losses) increased by 29% to \$4.28 million for 2Q17 from \$3.32 million in 2Q16. As at 30 June 2017, the Group has cash and cash equivalents of \$36.2 million.

The Directors of Q & M are pleased to announce an interim dividend of 0.7 cents per ordinary share. The interim dividend will be paid on 8 September 2017.

Dr. Ng Chin Siau, Group Chief Executive Officer said: “The market conditions remain challenging but we remain focused on the expansion of the Group’s Singapore dental clinics and has initiated a strategy to add clinics organically. We also remain active in looking for opportunities in the region with the recent announcement for the proposed acquisition of Shenzhen Superline. We are well-positioned to cater to the rising demand for dental healthcare services.

The spin-offs of Aidite (in December 2016) and Aoxin (in April 2017) have resulted in a deconsolidation from subsidiaries to associate and the Group no longer accounts for their revenue. We are pleased to announce a record high interim dividend of 0.7 cents per ordinary share to thank our shareholders for their support.”

This news release is to be read in conjunction with the Group’s announcement posted on SGXNET on 14 August 2017.

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