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To: Shareholders

The Board of Directors of DBS Group Holdings Ltd ("DBSH" or "the Company") reports the following:

Trading Update for the First Quarter Ended 31 March 2025

Details of the financial results are enclosed.

Dividends

The Board has declared:

(i) An interim one-tier tax-exempt dividend of 60 cents for each DBSH ordinary share for the first quarter of 2025 (the "1Q25 Interim Dividend"); and

(ii) A one-tier tax exempt capital return dividend of 15 cents for each DBSH ordinary share ("Capital Return Dividend").

The estimated dividend payable is $2,130 million.

The DBSH Scrip Dividend Scheme will not be applied to the 1Q25 Interim Dividend and Capital Return Dividend.

The DBSH ordinary shares will be quoted ex-dividend on 16 May 2025 (Friday). The payment date for the 1Q25 Interim Dividend and Capital Return Dividend will be on or about 27 May 2025 (Tuesday).

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of DBSH will be closed from 5.00 p.m. on 19 May 2025 (Monday) up to (and including) 20 May 2025 (Tuesday) for the purpose of determining shareholders' entitlement to the 1Q25 Interim Dividend and Capital Return Dividend.

By order of the Board

Marc Tan
Group Secretary

8 May 2025
Singapore

More information on the above announcement is available at www.dbs.com/investor

First-quarter profit before tax at record SGD 3.44 billion as total income grows 6% to new high of SGD 5.91 billion; net profit at SGD 2.90 billion with ROE at 17.3%

DBS Group achieved record profit before tax of SGD 3.44 billion in first-quarter 2025, slightly higher than a year ago, as total income reached a new high from robust business growth. General allowances of SGD 205 million were taken as a prudent measure to strengthen GP reserves in light of recent developments that have added to macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainty. Net profit was 2% lower at SGD 2.90 billion due to higher tax expenses from the implementation of the 15% global minimum tax.

Total income rose 6% to SGD 5.91 billion from balance sheet growth, record fee income and treasury customer sales driven by wealth management, as well as the strongest markets trading income in 12 quarters. The cost-income ratio was stable at 37%. Asset quality was resilient with the NPL ratio at 1.1% and specific allowances at 10 basis points of loans.

Compared to the previous quarter, net profit was 10% higher. Group net interest income rose 1% on a day-adjusted basis from balance sheet growth, while non-interest income grew 25% driven by higher fees, treasury customer sales and markets trading. Expenses fell 8% partly due to non-recurring items in the previous quarter while specific allowances halved.

The Board declared an ordinary dividend of SGD 60 cents per share and a Capital Return dividend of SGD 15 cents per share for the first quarter.

Quarter-on-quarter performance

Commercial book net interest income declined 1% on a day-adjusted basis to SGD 3.72 billion as a nine-basis-point decline in net interest margin to 2.68% from lower interest rates was mitigated by balance sheet growth.

Loans rose 2% or SGD 7 billion in constant-currency terms to SGD 435 billion. Non-trade corporate loans increased 3% or SGD 8 billion from broad-based growth across the region and a range of industries. Trade loans fell 1% or SGD 1 billion while housing and other consumer loans were stable.

Deposits rose 3% or SGD 18 billion to SGD 576 billion led by a 5% or SGD 13 billion increase in Casa. The Casa ratio improved to 53%.

Commercial book net fee income rose 32% to a record SGD 1.28 billion led by wealth management and loan-related fees. Wealth management fees increased 39% to a new high of SGD 724 million driven by higher sales of investment products and bancassurance from a constructive market environment and seasonal factors. Loan-related fees rose 79% to a record SGD 227 million with increased deal activity.

Commercial book other non-interest income of SGD 548 million was stable compared to the previous quarter, which included property disposal gains. Treasury customer sales rose 32% to a new high.

Markets trading income more than doubled to SGD 363 million as interest rate, FX and equity derivative activities benefited from market volatility and as funding costs fell.

Expenses of SGD 2.21 billion were 8% lower partly due to non-recurring items in the previous quarter.

Profit before allowances rose 19% to SGD 3.69 billion.

Year-on-year performance

Commercial book net interest income rose 2% as a nine-basis-point decline in net interest margin was more than offset by balance sheet growth. Loans grew 3% in constant-currency terms led by non-trade corporate loans, while deposits were 6% higher.

Net fee income increased 22% as wealth management fees grew 35% from strong market sentiment and higher assets under management, while loan-related fees rose 23% with increased activity.

Commercial book other non-interest income was 12% lower. The decline was driven by non-recurring items, while treasury customer sales grew 11% to a record.

Markets trading income increased 48%, partly reflecting lower funding costs.

Expenses rose 6% from higher staff costs. The cost-income ratio was stable at 37%.

Profit before allowances increased 6%.

Balance sheet

Asset quality remained resilient. Non-performing assets fell 3% from the previous quarter to SGD 4.86 billion as new non-performing asset formation was lower than in recent quarters while upgrades were higher. The NPL ratio was stable at 1.1%. Specific allowances were SGD 120 million or 10 basis points of loans. Given the recent escalation in macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainty, general allowances of SGD 205 million were prudently taken to strengthen GP reserves to SGD 4.16 billion. Allowance coverage stood at 137% and at 230% after considering collateral.

Liquidity remained healthy. The liquidity coverage ratio of 145% and net stable funding ratio of 115% were both well above regulatory requirements.

The reported Common Equity Tier-1 ratio was 17.4% based on transitional arrangements, while the pro-forma ratio on a fully phased-in basis was 15.2%. The leverage ratio of 6.5% was more than twice the regulatory minimum of 3%.

DBS CEO Tan Su Shan said, “We had a strong start to the year with broad-based business growth led by wealth management, and ROE above 17% despite the impact of the global minimum tax. Recent escalations in trade tensions have heightened macroeconomic risks and market volatility. As uncertainty persists, we will stay nimble to capture opportunities while prudently managing risks. We have strengthened our general allowance reserves, and together with our strong capital and liquidity positions, we have a solid foundation to continue supporting customers.”

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	1st Qtr 2025	1st Qtr 2024	% chg	4th Qtr 2024	% chg
Selected income statement items ($m)					
Commercial book total income	**5,542**	5,311	4	5,347	4
Net interest income	**3,719**	3,647	2	3,831	(3)
Net fee and commission income	**1,275**	1,043	22	968	32
Treasury customer sales and other income	**548**	621	(12)	548	-
Markets trading income	**363**	246	48	158	>100
Net interest income	**(38)**	(142)	73	(103)	63
Non-interest income	**401**	388	3	261	54
Total income	**5,905**	5,557	6	5,505	7
Expenses	**2,214**	2,079	6	2,395	(8)
Profit before allowances and amortisation	**3,691**	3,478	6	3,110	19
Amortisation of intangible assets	**6**	6	-	5	20
Allowances for credit and other losses	**325**	135	>100	209	56
ECL Stage 3 (SP)	**120**	113	6	229	(48)
ECL Stage 1 and 2 (GP)	**205**	22	>100	(20)	NM
Share of profits/losses of associates and JVs	**77**	51	51	70	10
Profit before tax	**3,437**	3,388	1	2,966	16
Net profit	**2,897**	2,956	(2)	2,622	10
Citi Integration	-	(5)	NM	-	-
Provision for CSR[1]	-	-	-	(100)	NM
Reported net profit	**2,897**	2,951	(2)	2,522	15
Selected balance sheet items ($m)					
Customer loans	**435,295**	424,833	2	430,594	1
Constant-currency change			*3*		*2*
Total assets	**840,823**	783,208	7	827,219	2
of which: Non-performing assets	**4,861**	5,221	(7)	5,036	(3)
Customer deposits	**575,663**	547,197	5	561,730	2
Constant-currency change			*6*		*3*
Total liabilities	**772,080**	719,336	7	758,386	2
Shareholders' funds	**68,697**	63,683	8	68,786	0
Key financial ratios (%)[2, 3]					
Net interest margin – Group	**2.12**	2.14		2.15	
Net interest margin – Commercial Book	**2.68**	2.77		2.77	
Cost/income ratio	**37.5**	37.4		43.5	
Return on assets	**1.42**	1.56		1.30	
Return on equity[4, 5]	**17.3**	19.4		15.8	
NPL ratio	**1.1**	1.1		1.1	
Total allowances/ NPA	**137**	125		129	
Total allowances/ unsecured NPA	**230**	223		226	
SP for loans/ average loans (bp)	**10**	10		20	
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET-1) ratio[6]	**17.4**	14.7		17.0	
Fully phased-in CET-1 ratio[7]	**15.2**	NA		15.1	

	1st Qtr 2025	1st Qtr 2024	% chg	4th Qtr 2024	% chg
Per share data ($)[3, 8]					
Per basic and diluted share					
– earnings[2]	**4.11**	4.16		3.64	
– reported earnings	**4.11**	4.15		3.60	
– net book value[5]	**23.81**	21.55		23.38	

Notes:
1 Refers to provision for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) commitment to DBS Foundation and other charitable causes
2 Excludes impact arising from Citi Integration and provision for CSR
3 Return on assets, return on equity, ECL Stage 3 (SP) for loans/average loans and per share data are computed on an annualised basis
4 Calculated based on net profit attributable to the shareholders net of dividends on other equity instruments
5 Non-controlling interests and other equity instruments are not included as equity in the computation
6 CET-1 ratio as at 31 Mar 2025 and 31 Dec 2024 were computed based on the Basel III reforms implemented from 1 July 2024 under transitional arrangements
7 Calculated based on the Basel III reforms output floor at 72.5% when fully phased-in on 1 January 2029
8 The weighted average number of ordinary shares used for per share data computation have been adjusted retrospectively for the 258 million bonus shares issued on 26 April 2024 as if the bonus issue had occurred on 1 January 2024
NM Not Meaningful
NA Not Applicable

Pillar 3 and LCR disclosures document and the Main Features of Capital Instruments document are published in the Investor Relations section of the Group website: (https://www.dbs.com/investors/default.page) and (https://www.dbs.com/investors/fixed-income/capital-instruments) respectively