

SUSTAINING GROWTH ENHANCING VALUE

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year ended 31 December 2016

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develop more sustainable products and services.

(a) providing entrepreneurial leadership;

(b) setting and approving policies and strategies of the Group; In our journey forward, we seek to strengthen our position

within the industrial share of the unanagement of the goals and areas and capabilities the Management of packets and the past.

Like a series of connected links, our passion for excellence, (d) reviewing the remuneration packages of the Directors and key executives; quality and innovation remains unbreakable.

(e) reviewing and approving the financial performance of the Group including its guarterly and full year financial results announcements;

With our commitment of "Sustaining Strength and Enhancing

Value "Alberg Pisagens Bring their inshapendant audgengent foliversified knowledge and experience to bear on issues of strategy, performance, resource and standards of conduct. Chairman's Statement

#### **Board Processes**

12 Financial Highlights

To assist in the execution of its responsibilities, the Board has established a number of Board Committees including a Nominating Committee, a Remuneration Committee and an Audit Committee. The effectiveness of each committee is constantly monitored. The Board has also established a framework for the management of the Group including a system of internal control. The members of the Board Committees as at the date of this Report Board Pages of Outroetow:

	Audit	Nominatingporate Remunation		
Name of Director	Committee <sup>(1)</sup>	Committee <sup>(2)</sup>		
Ooi Hoe Seong	Chairman	21 Corpore Member	ate Governance Report Member	
Toh Hock Ghim	Member	Chairman anci	al Statementser	
Ling Chi	Member	Member	Chairman	
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#### Notes:

- (1) The Audit Committee was reconstituted on 5 April 2012 and 7 February 2013. For further details on the members of the Audit Committee during FY2012, please refer to the section entitled "Accountability and Audit Audit Committee" of this Report.

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# CHAIRMAN'S **STATEMENT**



"AS WE TRANSITION INTO
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FOCUS TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE
AND PROFITABLE BUSINESS MODEL
FOR DESIGN STUDIO GROUP."

TAN SIOK CHIN
Non-Executive Chairman

# Dear Shareholders,

I am delighted to present Design Studio Group's Annual Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 ("FY2016").

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Our trend for profitability and value creation continued in FY2016 as we closed the year with a profit net of tax of S\$20.5 million, an increase of 21.7% from S\$16.8 million in FY2015. This is a particularly robust result given the challenging

business landscape which continues to be afflicted by geopolitical uncertainties, weak economies and soft consumer demand. More importantly, our performance is testament to the resilience of our business model, which focuses on customer service, operational excellence and cost efficiency.

For the full year to 31 December 2016, we delivered revenue of S\$179.0 million, a 7.2% increase from S\$166.9 million in FY2015. This increase was primarily due to higher revenue contribution from the Hospitality & Commercial division, partially offset by lower revenues from the Residential Property division.



JW Marriott Hartel Hiegernee South Beach
Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach

JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach: Image courtesy of JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach

The Board's primary role includes but is not limited to the following:

(a) providing entrepreneurial leadership;

Taking (a) closer look at the performance of our key setting and approving policies and strategies of the Group; markets, Singapore continues to be our largest 20.7% in FY2015 to 22.3% for FY2016, primarily due to market caccountified the Management's performance; total revenue. Revenue from singapore declined during the financial year. The Group's marketing 14.1% (d) r S\$200 million from Satton parkitigus of the Directorio during the financial year. The Group's marketing million in FY2015, as the Group completed fewer residential (e) reviewing and approving the financial performance of the Group including its quarterly and full property projects during the year. S\$10.3 million in FY2015 to \$\$8.9 million in FY2016.

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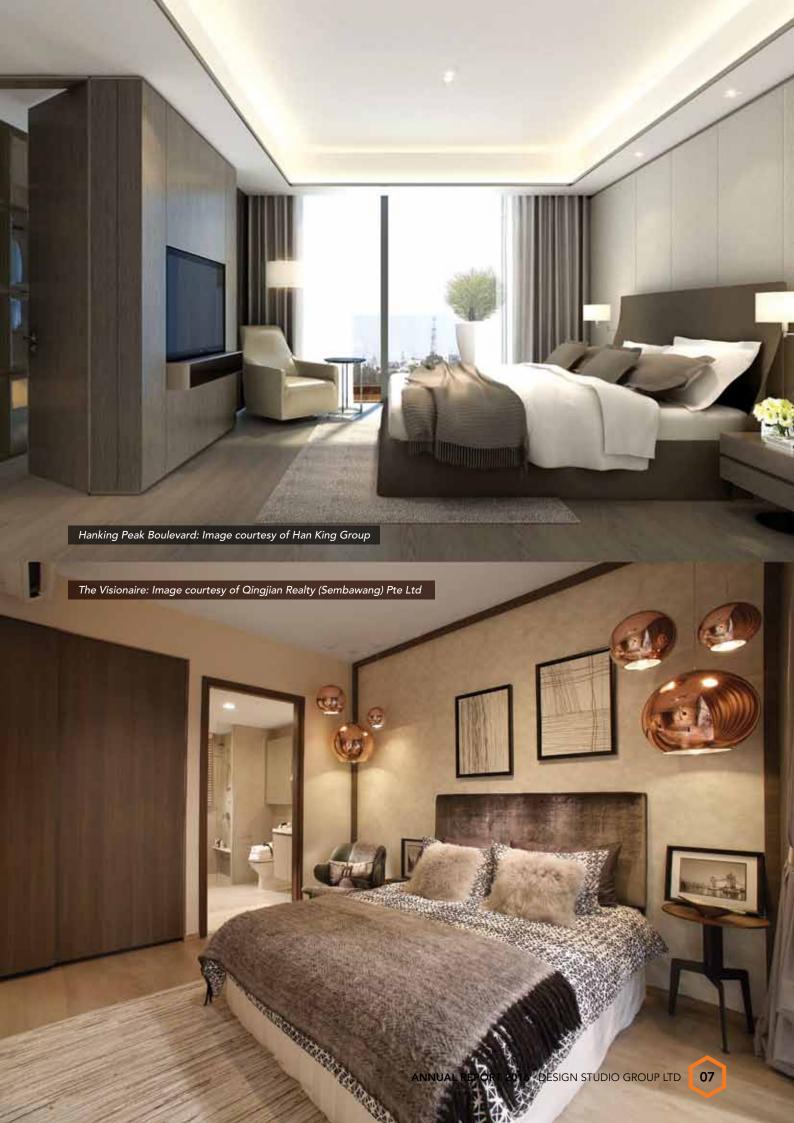
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Ms Kelly Ng Chai Choey, Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary, submitted her resignation, effective 31 March 2017, to pursue other interests. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to thank Ms Ng for her valuable contribution to the success of the Company, both as an executive and as a director. She has delivered an outstanding job, strengthening the Group's leadership, and our financial and corporate functions over a number of years. We wish her well in her future endeavours. The Group appointed Mr Chua Wui Lik as Chief Financial Officer on 3 April 2017. Mr Chua was previously Group Financial Controller of Intraco Limited, and Chief Financial Officer of KS Distribution Pte Ltd.

During the year, we bid farewell to Mr Muhammad Umar Saleem, who stepped down as Non-Executive Director and member of the Audit Committee on 21 September 2016. I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to Mr Muhammad Umar Saleem for his invaluable contribution during his six-year tenure in office. As part of this transition, I welcomed Mr Hamish Gordon Tyrwhitt to the Board on 29 June 2016 as a Non-Executive Director and as a member of the Audit Committee on 21 September

2016. Mr Tyrwhitt is concurrently the Group Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Depa United Group.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to my fellow Directors for their wise counsel and astute leadership in successfully navigating the Group through volatile and challenging business environments.

I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the management and employees of Design Studio Group, whose courage, diligence and commitment to excellence have allowed us to continually reach new heights. To our shareholders, customers, and business partners, thank you for your continued trust and unwavering support.

I am confident that with your continued support, we will overcome the challenges ahead and build on our leadership position for greater success.

## Tan Siok Chin (Ms)

Non-Executive Chairman



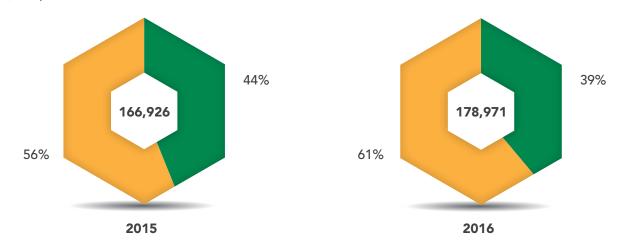




# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

# Group revenue by business segments

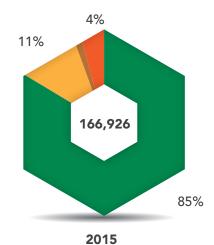
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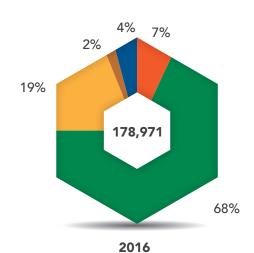


YEAR	Residential property projects	Hospitality and commercial projects	
2015	73,591	92,941	394
2016	68,907	109,990	74

# Group revenue by geography

(in S\$'000)



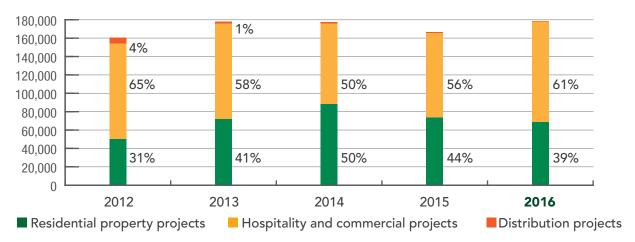


YEAR	Singapore	Malaysia	People's Republic of China	United Arab Emirates	Others
2015	141,760	17,652	340	73	7,101
2016	121,765	34,403	3,438	7,298	12,067

# FINANCIAL **SUMMARY**

# Group revenue by business segments

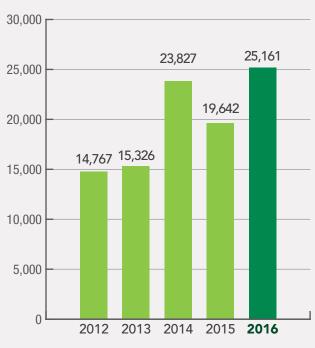
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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Residential property projects	49,949	71,974	88,391	73,591	68,907
Hospitality and commercial projects	103,990	104,011	88,839	92,941	109,990
Distribution projects	6,692	2,112	578	394	74
	160,631	178,097	177,808	166,926	178,971

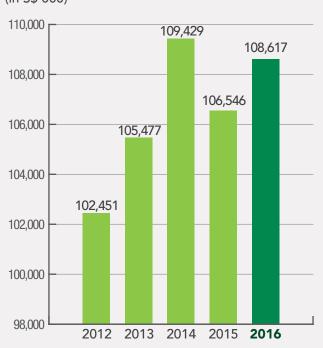
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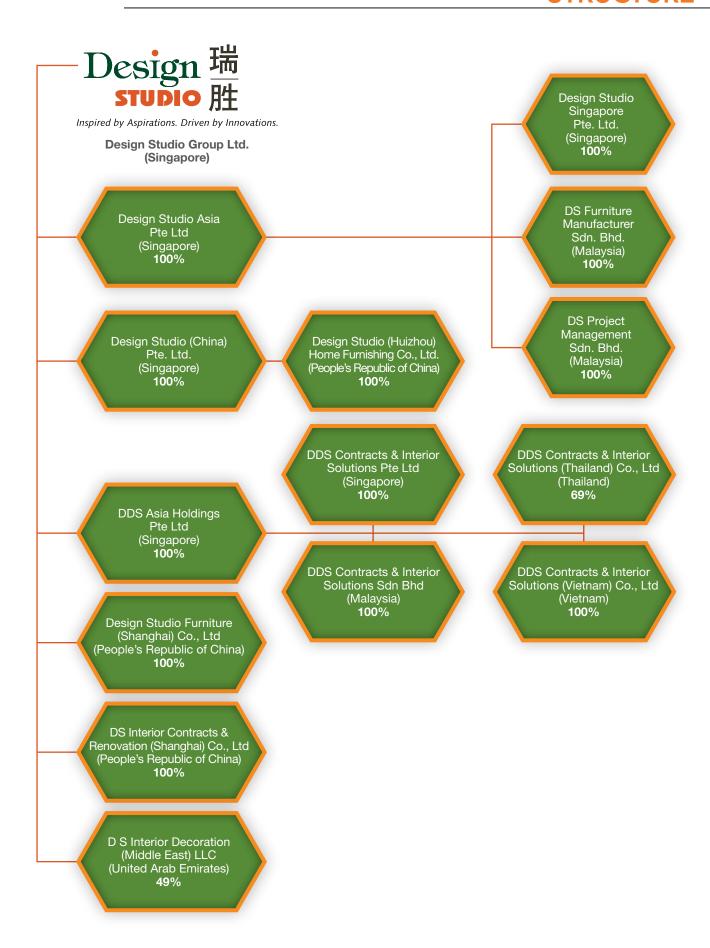
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# Shareholders' equity

(in S\$'000)





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Tan Siok Chin** *Non-Executive Chairman* 

Tan Siok Chin was appointed as an Independent Director of our Company on 1 January 2006 and on 1 June 2012, she was appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of the Board. Ms Tan practices as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore. She is a Director of ACIES Law Corporation, a firm of advocates and solicitors heading its corporate practice group.

Ms Tan has over two decades of experience in legal practice. Her main areas of practice are corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets and commercial matters.

Ms Tan is also an independent director of several other public companies listed on the SGX-ST. Ms Tan graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Law (Honours) degree



**Edgar Ramani**Director and Chief Executive Officer

Edgar Ramani was appointed a Director of our Company on 22 February 2017 and the Chief Executive Officer of Design Studio Group on 23 February 2017. He is responsible for the Group's overall strategic direction, growth, business development and operations for the Group.

He is a civil engineer with extensive experience in delivering turnkey resource and infrastructure projects throughout Australia, South East Asia, India and the Middle East

Prior to joining Design Studio, he was the Chief Executive, Asia of UGL Limited. He was responsible for leading UGL's business in the Asian region. Before that, he was a Project Director at Leighton Asia (CIMIC Group) managing large scale projects across a number of countries. He was responsible for managing Leighton's first offshore oil & gas projects in Saudi Arabia, Australia and Singapore for Saudi Water and Electric Company, Apache and Shell respectively. He also managed the startup of one of Asia's longest road tunnel EPC projects in the Himalayan region of Northern India.

Edgar commenced his career with Rinker Group in Brisbane and later with Clough Engineering in Australia and Indonesia.

Edgar holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Hons) from the University of Queensland.



Roderick David Maciver
Non-Executive Director

Roderick David Maciver was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of our Company on 9 November 2015. Mr Maciver is Depa Limited's Vice Chairman.

Mr Maciver has over 40 years of experience in the construction industry in the Middle East, including periods as a Managing Director for Wimpey International and Managing Director, Operations for both Tarmac International and more recently Carillion International. Since retiring from full time employment in 2006, Mr Maciver has worked as an advisor for various companies including Kempe Engineering Pty Ltd, Al-Futtaim Group Real Estate and for the past eight years Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC).

Mr Maciver holds an HNC in Building (Structural Engineering Stream).



Ong Tiew Siam Independent Director

Ong Tiew Siam was appointed as our Independent Director on 1 March 2007. He has more than 37 years of experience in finance and administrations. He graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy) (Honours) degree in 1975 from the Nanyang University of Singapore. He is a fellow member of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants and member of the Singapore Institute of Directors. Mr Ong also sits on the board of several listed companies.



Hamish Gordon Tyrwhitt
Non-Executive Director

Hamish Gordon Tyrwhitt was appointed as Non-Executive Director of Design Studio on 29 June 2016. Mr Tyrwhitt is the Group Chief Executive Officer of Design Studio's largest shareholder, the Depa Group, one of the world's leading providers of interior solutions. Since November 2016 he has also held the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Arabtec Group, one of the leading construction and engineering groups in the Middle East and North Africa.

Mr Tyrwhitt has three decades of senior leadership experience in the global engineering and construction sectors. Most recently, he was CEO of Asia Resource Minerals Plc, a coal mining company listed in London. Prior to this he was CEO of Australian Securities Exchange-listed Leighton Group (now known as CIMIC Group) with annual revenues of around USD20 billion and operations in more than 20 international markets. In his previous roles, Mr Tyrwhitt supervised the delivery of numerous multi-billion dollar projects, and as Managing Director for Leighton Asia, he ran the business across all of Asia based from their headquarters in Hong Kong.

# CORPORATE INFORMATION

### **Board of Directors**

Tan Siok Chin Non-Executive Chairman

& Independent Director

Edgar Ramani Director &

Chief Executive Officer

Hamish Gordon Tyrwhitt Non-Executive Director Roderick David Maciver Non-Executive Director Ong Tiew Siam Independent Director

#### **Audit Committee**

Ong Tiew Siam Chairman

Hamish Gordon Tyrwhitt

Tan Siok Chin

#### **Remuneration Committee**

Tan Siok Chin Chairman

Ong Tiew Siam

Roderick David Maciver

### **Nominating Committee**

Ong Tiew Siam Chairman

Tan Siok Chin Roderick David Maciver

# **Company Secretary**

Hazel Chia Luang Chew

### **Management Team**

Edgar Ramani Chief Executive Officer

Jeremy Koh Kah Liam Director

Chew Keng Meng Chief Operating Officer of

**DDS Singapore** 

Jack Chen Vun Loong Chief Operating Officer of

DDS Malaysia

George Soh Chin Chyun Project Director of

**DDS** Group

Chan Pheng Chun General Manager, Projects of

Design Studio Singapore

Shirley Gan Shi Khim General Manager of

Design Studio Huizhou

Mak Soon Heng General Manager of

Design Studio Malaysia

### **Auditors**

Ernst & Young LLP

Partner: Yong Kok Keong (appointed on 29 May 2015)

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Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation

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