

# 55th Annual General Meeting

5 November 2024 Presented by Mr. Kong Kian Beng, Group CFO





#### **Group Financial Performance Overview**

Profit before Interest and Tax

Profit before Tax

Underlying profit before tax\*

Profit after Tax

Basic EPS (sen)

#### Year ended 30 June

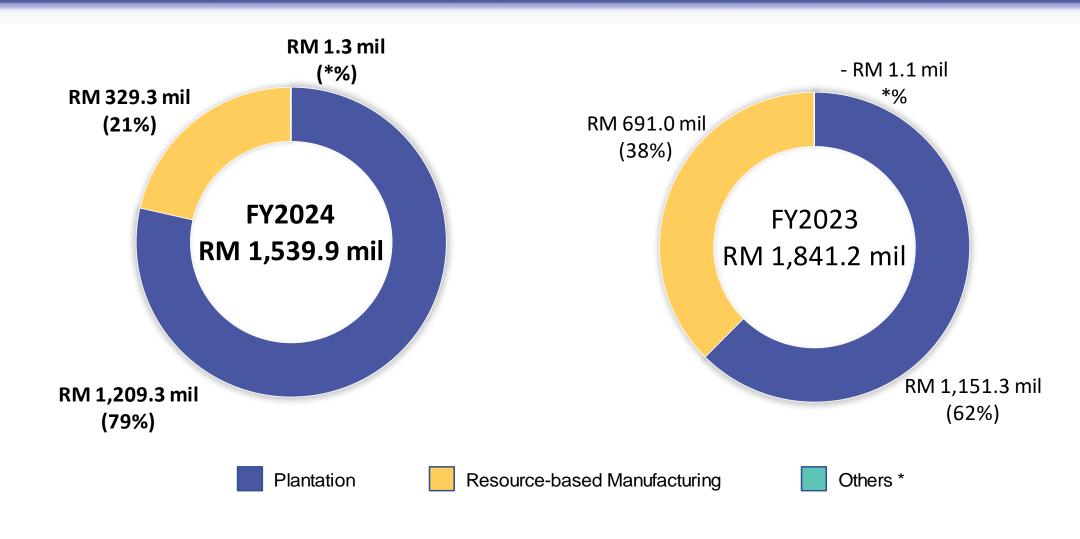
FY2024	FY2023	Variances
<b>RM Million</b>	RM Million	%
9,603.6	11,583.8	(17)
1,535.3	1,815.5	(15)
1,398.5	1,526.0	(8)
1,380.5	1,781.9	(23)
1,116.3	1,130.0	(1)
17.88	17.95	

FY: Financial year

<sup>\*</sup>exclude non-operating items, fair value adjustments or one-off items

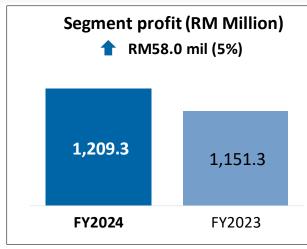


#### **Segment Profit Breakdown**





#### **Segment Profit - Plantation**

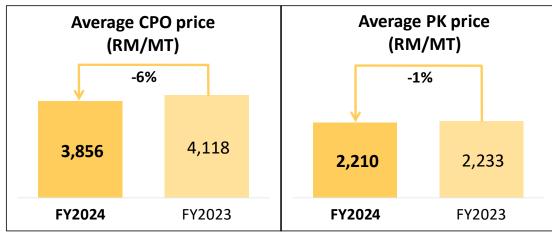


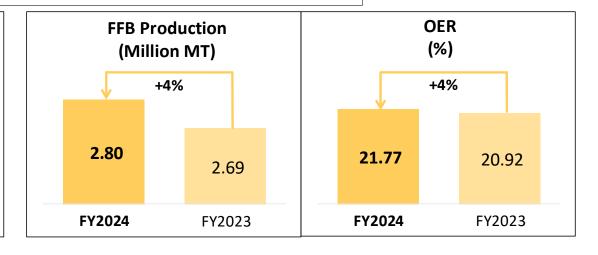
#### **Higher profit mainly due to:**

- Higher FFB production
- Higher OER
- Higher share of associate results

#### partially offset by:

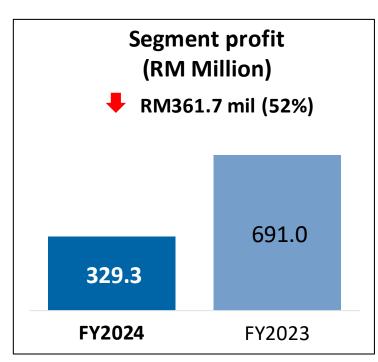
- Lower CPO & PK price realised

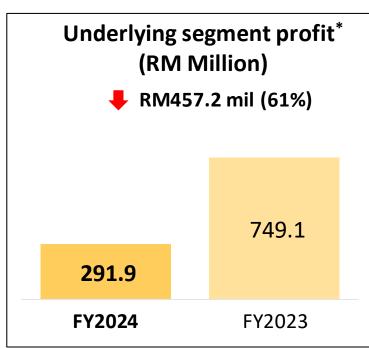






#### **Segment Profit – Resource-Based Manufacturing**





### Lower underlying segment profit mainly due to:

 Lower margins from oleochemical and refining sub-segments

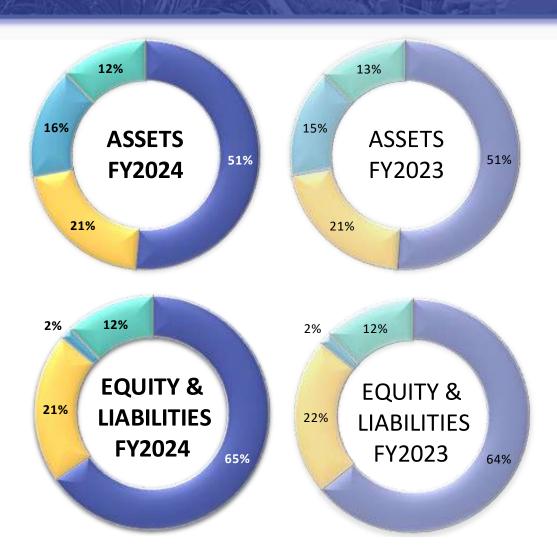
#### mitigated by:

Higher share of associate results

<sup>\*</sup>exclude fair value adjustments



#### **Balance Sheet**





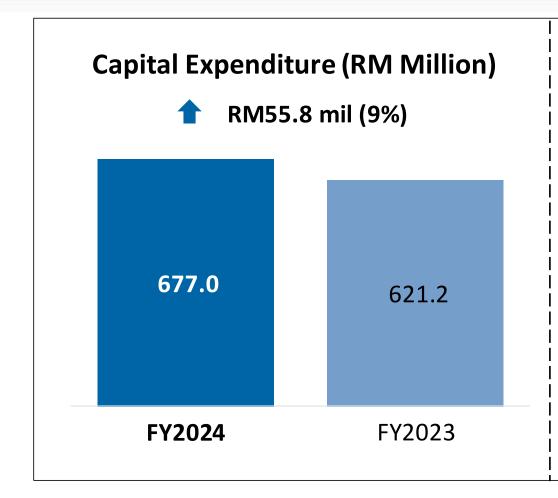
**Net Gearing Ratio** 

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FY2024	FY2023		
<b>RM Billion</b>	<b>RM</b> Billion		
9.2	9.0		
3.7	3.7		
2.8	2.7		
2.2	2.2		
17.9	17.6		
11.7	11.3		
3.7	3.8		
0.3	0.3		
2.2	2.2		
17.9	17.6		
13.55%	13.99%		

Year ended 30 June



### Capital Expenditure FY2024



# Higher capital expenditure mainly due to:

- Mill project (Indonesia), in progress
- Investment in biogas plant



Total Dividend declared for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 is **9.5 sen per share** 

EV2021

	F12U24	
	Dividend RM Million	Dividend per share (sen)
1st interim Payment on 21 March 2024	279.2	4.5
2nd interim Payment on 26 September 2024	310.2	5.0
	589.4	9.5



# Thank You



## IOI's Sustainability Journey Forward "Enhancing Biodiversity Transitioning Together"

Dr. Surina Ismail, Chief Sustainability Officer, IOI Corporation Berhad November 5, 2024





#### **IOI's Approach to Corporate Sustainability**

Vision, Pillars & Commitment to Sustainability

#### **Sustainability Vision**

We should meet the needs of the present without compromising that of the future generations



#### Adopted 6 UNSDGs most relevant to our business













#### Some key new commitments of the IOI Sustainability Policy (IOI SP)

(Previously referred as IOI Sustainable Palm Oil Policy [IOI SPOP])

- Additional statement on the board's direct involvement in overseeing the Group's sustainability matters through the BSC and the GSSC
  - Commitment towards compliance to RSPO, MSPO, ISCC, and ISPO as well as the Supply Chain certification standards for our Resource-Based Divisions and work to strengthen these standards
  - Implement decarbonisation programme to progressively reduce GHG emissions in line with IOI's Pathway to Net-Zero by 2040
  - Protection of natural ecosystem and promote circularity
  - Adopt environmentally friendly and energy efficient processes to ensure efficient use of natural resources and reduce environmental impact
  - Practice responsible water stewardship in accordance with the IOI Group Water Policy
  - Promote children's rights to ensure they are safe from harm and any form of exploitation

#### Governance

Compliance to Policies and Regulations

**Environment** 

Social



#### **IOI's Corporation on Climate Change**

Decarbonization Pathway to Net Zero by 2040

**Task Force on** Climate Related **Finance** Disclosure (TCFD)

#### Governance

- Climate related matter are discussed at the BSC level
- Formation of Climate related Financial Disclosure Committee (CFDC)
- Strategy
  - Technology & Innovation
  - Renewable Energy
  - 7Rs of Circularity



Recover









Reuse

Repurpose





Repair



 IOI's Holistic Climate Transition Action Plan for 2024: Innovation & Technology; Improved efficiency & support actions throughout our operations; Nature-based Solution

- Achieved 42% GHG reduction ahead of short-term target (40% GHG reduction by 2025)
- Some examples of how target was achieved
  - ✓ Methane captured from POME used to run mills
  - ✓ Use of Solar energy instead of fossil fuel in our operations
  - ✓ Repurpose of OPT and EFB for eco-friendly products
  - ✓ Recycling of effluent waste water for non-critical use
- ✓ Aligning GHG calculation to GHG Protocol





#### **IOI's Approach on Environment**

**Enhanced Biodiversity and Ecosystem** 



#### **REGENERATIVE & PRECISION AGRICULTURE**

- Organic Palm Oil 1,128 Ha certified
- Use of beneficial plants & animals in our estates
- Increased OER ex. 25.2 % for Baturong Mill

#### SAFEGUARDING NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS

- Circularity approach helping to manage non-hazardous waste:
- ✓ 98% recycling rate in plantations: largely biomass in nature OPT, EFB, PKS, etc.
- ✓ For Oleochemical increased recycling rate from 39% to 56% (FY2024) through the use of advanced process technologies to reduce chemical waste generation
- Collaboration with Tetra Pak to collect & recycle used beverage cartons

#### ENHANCING BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM

- Fire and Peat Management
- Bukit Leelau Mini Landscape Project zero fires for the past 5 years
- ReLeaf Project Reforest buffer zones within our estates for both environmental and enhance carbon sequestration
- Laran Tree Planting setting aside 84 Ha of rehabilitated flood prone area at Syarimo estate that support biodiversity & increased carbon sequestration helping to achieve our climate goals



#### **IOI's Approach on Social Issues**

Enhancing our Wellbeing and Transitioning Together

#### **Protecting our Workforce Uplifting our People Expanding our Sharing Prosperity** through IOI **Impact** • Preventing Forced Labor Women & Empowerment **Foundation** Harassment Free & Grievance ✓ Launched IOI Group WEC • FPIC Mechanism • IOI Urban Garden Entered final phase of • Community Development; ✓ Increased housing inspection from ✓ Part of "Plant your own **IOI** Pelita resolution ✓ IOI Leadership Youth Camp 36% to 52% resulting in reduced food" project process ✓ Bargain Basement – complaints from workers from 64% Just Transition **Eradicating Child labor** contributed ~ RM1mil since to 48% through education ✓ Engaging employees on 2016 • Ethical Recruitment & Responsible ✓ Benefitting 4,311 our risks posed by climate Health & Education **Employment** workers children in change example on heat ✓ 348 scholarships ✓ Conducting 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit on Sabah waves ✓ 1570 Students adopted via recruitment agencies the student adoption Occupational Safety & Health program ✓ All our refineries & oleochemical facilities plus 6 of our operating units in plantations are ISO45001:2018 certified



#### **IOI's Performance & Recognition**

Global Assessments, Ratings and Awards



#### **Sustainability-related Awards won by IOI**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive Gold Award in the Plantation Sector - Edge Malaysia ESG Awards 2023
- Company of the Year (Best in Green, Education and Social Initiatives) – Plantation category at the Sustainability & CSR Malaysia Awards 2023
- National Occupational Safety & Health Awards 2022/23



#### **CICM Responsible Care Awards**

IOI Pan-Century Oleochemicals Sdn Bhd scored Gold in the Community Awareness and Emergency Response Code as well as Employee Health and Safety Code categories



#### **Sustainalytics**

IOI has further improved from 24.7 to 23.3 in the ESG risk Sustainalytics rating score.



#### **Ecovadis**

IOI Oleo GmbH won fourth consecutive Gold; IOI Oleo Pan-Century won second Gold Sustainability; IOI Esterchem earned a Silver for its first participation.



#### FTSE4Good

FTSE Russell ESG score of 3.6 & among the top 5 subsectors peers (farming and fishing) & achieved a perfect score for Governance & is the sole company among its top subsectors peers to achieve such standing.



#### SPOTT

The percentage score of IOI has increased from 79.7% to 85.3%.



# Thank You for your Attention



# Responses to Minority Shareholders Watch Group's Queries



#### **Operational and Financial Matters**

Q1. The recent announcement of Budget 2025, which includes a minimum wage hike, new crude palm oil ("CPO") export tax structure and revised windfall profit levy, to what extent will it impact the Group's overall cost structure in the financial year ending 2025 ("FY2025")? How will it affect the Group's existing and future strategies?

#### **IOI Response:**

Assuming that the minimum wage hike takes effect on 1 February 2025 and the revised windfall profit levy takes effect on 1st January 2025, and also the new CPO export tax structure is implemented on 1st November 2024, we estimate an increase in operating costs of approximately RM17 million (representing less than 1.5% of net profit) for FY2025. While the revised windfall profit levy is expected to generate savings of about RM5.7 million for FY2025, the increase in minimum wage and the new CPO export tax structure are projected to raise operating costs by RM18.5 million and RM4.2 million, respectively. Additionally, we have not included the proposed employer's share of Employees Provident Fund (EPF) contributions for foreign workers, as the timeline for when this proposal will become mandatory remains uncertain.



#### **Operational and Financial Matters**

#### Q1. (cont'd)

IOI Response (cont'd):

The Group's existing strategy remains intact as we pursue initiatives to reduce our reliance on manual labour. We are enhancing the land-to-worker ratio through mechanisation and digitalisation, in line with our Five-Year Plan launched in 2020. Significant progress has been made, with the mechanised mainline fresh fruit bunch evacuation system now implemented on 99% of suitable estates and approximately 700 mechanised tools deployed for field operations. Looking ahead, the Group will continue to utilise and enhance mechanisation tools while focusing on improving labour productivity to effectively manage rising operating costs.



#### **Operational and Financial Matters**

Q2. India has raised the basic import tax on crude and refined edible oils, including palm oil by 20 percentage points which will effectively increase the total import duty on three oils to 27.5% from 5.5%. Imports of refined palm oil, refined soy oil and refined sunflower oil will attract 35.75% import duty against the earlier duty of 13.75%.

Has the Group experienced weak demand for its products from India customers? If yes, to what extent?

#### **IOI Response:**

India is not our primary market, and we do not engage in direct sales there. However, since the increase in import duty also applies to other competing oils, we believe that demand from India remains supportive. This is particularly evident as we have observed that CPO prices have recently risen to around RM4,500 per metric tonne.



- Q3. The Group's disclosure of its sustainability performance under Bursa's prescribed format (Labour practices and standards), the number of substantiated complaints concerning human rights violations increased from two in FY2023 to eight for FY2024. (page 83 of Sustainability Report 2024)
  - (a) What were the reasons for the significant increase in the number of substantiated complaints concerning human rights violations?

#### **IOI** Response:

The increase in substantiated human-rights complaints in 2024 can be attributed to the growing awareness and strong trust workers have in our grievance mechanisms, as evidenced by the higher number of complaints reported through our IOI Mesra mobile application compared to last year. Majority of these complaints were resolved quickly. However, the more complex cases required us to undertake more comprehensive internal investigations to confirm the facts of the case. Although we aim for zero cases of employee rights violations, we have to recognise that there are more than 120 operating units within our Group managing around 26,000 employees.



#### Q3. (cont'd)

(b) What was the nature of these eight complaints concerning human rights violations?

#### **IOI Response:**

Out of the eight complaints concerning employee rights violations, seven were received through IOI Mesra and one through the Women and Empowerment Committee (WEC). Three complaints were related to rights to dignity and respect, with workers reporting issues such as the use of harsh language, two cases of inequality treatment such as having preferred treatment of one worker over the other, one case of refusal to treat a worker who was hurt and finally, two incidences of sexual harassment that include an external party harassing one of our worker's dependents and harassment between colleagues.



#### Q3. (cont'd)

(c) Under the Company's M3 (Human Rights and Good Labour Practices) (page 34 of Sustainability Report 2024), it was stated that the Company would monitor workers' rights through a human rights due diligence service provider. Did the service provider above highlight the issues in their assessment? If yes, was it triggered before or after the complaints were received?

#### **IOI Response:**

Since 2022, we had engaged a service provider to conduct periodic surveys across six estates in Peninsular Malaysia. Through the survey, the service provider did identify potential issues. The management team then utilised the results of these surveys to address the potential human rights issues. The primary concerns raised were largely attributed to a lack of awareness regarding the company's procedures.



Q3. (cont'd)

(c) (cont'd)

IOI Response (cont'd):

In response to these findings, we implemented training programmes designed to educate workers about their rights and the grievance mechanisms available to them, to all our plantations in Malaysia and Indonesia, demonstrating our commitment to addressing worker rights concerns throughout the company.



#### Q3. (cont'd)

(d) What actions have been taken by the Group to avert or mitigate such human rights violations in future?

#### **IOI** Response:

Employee rights is one of the key focuses of our Board Sustainability Committee and the Group Sustainability Steering Committee. We constantly educate and remind our senior management and operating units' management about employee rights and welfare, and incorporate these as part of their key performance indicators for performance appraisal. At the plantation level, we have implemented the IOI Mesra application, which is widely adopted by our workers. Additionally, we conduct regular employee engagement activities to gather direct feedback from workers regarding any issues related to human rights and their overall well-being. Furthermore, as a company certified by Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO), we undergo annual audits by external certification bodies that assess our compliance with human rights standards and other relevant matters.



- Q4. In the Company's Sustainability Report 2024 (page 79), it was stated that a human rights due diligence assessment was conducted independently by a service provider in selected estates, with only a 17.82% response rate and over 80% positive responses for several key indicators.
  - (a) Please clarify the methodology used for the assessment. Was it conducted via employee questionnaires or interviews?

#### **IOI Response:**

The assessment involved a five-minute mobile survey available in the workers' preferred language and was conducted anonymously. Workers are asked to answer twenty simple questions related to their rights and well-being by pressing 1 (Yes), 2 (No), or 3 (Neutral) on their phones.



#### Q4. (cont'd)

(b) Was the assessment conducted in areas where human rights issues have been reported in Question 3?

#### **IOI** Response:

Yes. The assessment questions cover accessibility to medical treatment, living conditions, discrimination, fair treatment, etc.



#### Q4. (cont'd)

(c) We note that the Company decided not to expand this assessment to its operations in Sabah. We recommend conducting a more comprehensive assessment across all areas, as each location may face unique challenges that differ from one region or estate to another.

#### **IOI** Response:

The decision not to expand this assessment is due to the poor response and enthusiasm by workers regarding the method of the survey utilising the phone. Alternatively, with the trust that has been built through our employee engagement activities, we are considering to conduct a more comprehensive survey regarding specific issues related to specific regions to be led by our human resources departments at the regional and head office.



#### **Corporate Governance Matters**

- Q5. As at 30 August 2024, the Board of Directors ("Board") has 43% female representation and the Board will endeavour to maintain a minimum of 30% women as members of the Board. (page 107 of Annual Report 2024)
  - (a) In terms of Board diversity, what benefits has the Board experienced from the participation of women directors on board? How have these benefits impacted the Board's performance?
  - (b) Are there noticeable changes in the quality or diversity of perspectives in strategic discussions?

#### **IOI Response:**

The representation of women on our Board is reflected in the composition of its committees. Dato' Kong Sooi Lin ("Dato' Kong") chairs the Audit and Risk Management Committee ("ARMC"), Datuk Zurinah binti Pawanteh ("Datuk Zurinah") chairs the Governance, Nominating and Remuneration Committee ("GNRC"), and Dr Nesadurai Kalanithi ("Dr Kalanithi") chairs the Board Sustainability Committee ("BSC").



#### **Corporate Governance Matters**

IOI Response (cont'd):

The participation of women directors on the Board has brought several key advantages that positively impact Board performance, as follows:-

(i) They bring unique viewpoints and varied experiences, fostering a balanced and comprehensive approach to decision-making. This diversity promotes thorough discussions and enhances our Board's ability to assess risks and opportunities, leading to more informed and strategic decisions during Board Meetings and Board Retreat. We also observe that with a 43% representation of women directors on Board, an inclusive and collaborative environment is fostered. This culture further bolsters our Board's capacity to tackle challenges cohesively.



#### **Corporate Governance Matters**

#### IOI Response (cont'd):

- (ii) Dato' Kong and Datuk Zurinah often demonstrate meticulous attention to detail and a structured, process-oriented approach within the ARMC and GNRC. Their contributions have elevated governance standards, reinforcing accountability and enhancing the Group's transparency and integrity.
- (iii) Under Dr Kalanithi's leadership of the BSC, there has been an increased focus on creating long-term, sustainable value. This emphasis has advanced the Group's sustainability initiatives, aligning practices with stakeholder interests and market expectations.