



**CHALLENGER TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED**  
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore on 14 January 1984)  
(Registration No. 198400182K)

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**Half-year results for 6 months ended 30 June 2009**

**CONTINUED GROWTH  
DESPITE ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY**

**Net profit surged 74% on 17% revenue growth**

	<b>1H09 S\$'000</b>	<b>1H08 * S\$'000</b>	<b>Change</b>
Revenue	<b>92,538</b>	79,264	+17%
Profit before tax	<b>7,595</b>	4,495	+69%
Net profit	<b>6,090</b>	3,540	+74%
EPS	<b>2.62</b>	1.53	+71%
Dividend/share	<b>1.20</b>	1.20	-
	<b>As at 30/6/09</b>	<b>As at 31/12/08</b>	
NAV/share	<b>10.52</b>	9.09	+12%

*\* Restated due to the adoption of INT FRS 113 Customer Loyalty Programmes. This has resulted in the restatement of revenue of S\$1,266,000 and income tax expense of \$141,000 in the Group's income statement for the half year ended 30 June 2008.*

**Highlights:**

- **Revenue increased 17% with new stores opened in Singapore and Malaysia since the second half of FY2008.**
- **Net profit surged 74% due to continued growth in retail operations in Singapore, higher forex gain and impairment on goodwill arising from acquisition of a subsidiary during 1H08 (Nil in 1H09).**
- **IT retail business in Singapore to remain as key growth driver supported by our well-established retail network, strong brand equity and loyal customers.**

**Singapore, 13 August 2009** – SGX Mainboard-listed Challenger Technologies Limited (“Challenger” or the “Company”), a leading IT products & services provider in Singapore, today announced its financial results for the half year ended 30 June 2009.

Net profit surged 74% to \$6.1 million in 1H09, up from \$3.5 million in 1H08 on the back of its strong retail performance.

Revenue grew 17% to \$92.5 million in 1H09 from \$79.3 million in 1H08, driven by new stores which opened since the second half of FY2008.

Challenger has opened another new retail store in April 2009 at Tampines One in Singapore. To date, the Group’s retail network has a total of 22 stores comprising 21 stores in Singapore and one store in Malaysia, under Challenger, Matrix and Pixels brands.

Mr. Loo Leong Thye, the Chief Executive of the Company, said, “We are pleased with the growth we had achieved for the period under review. Despite the economic uncertainty, our Group remains cautious but optimistic of our business outlook for the rest of the year.”

“Our expansion of new retail network and continual improving performance of our existing outlets, are key drivers to our growth achieved to date. To sustain growth, we will continue to strategically add new retail outlets in high-traffic areas in Singapore. We have recently secured a 6,100 sq ft store at nex in Serangoon Central, which is due to be opened by the end of next year,” Mr. Loo added.

To reward shareholders for their unwavering support, the Company had declared an interim tax-exempt dividend of 1.2 cent per ordinary share for 1H09. This is payable to shareholders on 28 August 2009.

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## **About Challenger Technologies Limited**

Established in 1984, the Company was listed on the SGX-Sesdaq in January 2004 and subsequently upgraded to SGX-Mainboard in August 2007. Challenger is the leading IT products & services provider in Singapore with extensive network of 22 strategically located retail outlets. The Group currently has two flagship mega stores in Funan Digitalife Mall in Singapore and Mines Shopping Fair in Malaysia, and 11 superstores and nine specialty stores (under Matrix and Pixels brand name) throughout Singapore. The Company offers a diverse range of IT products and services. Today, Challenger has over 160,000 members who regularly patronise its outlets.

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