HONG KONG ADSPEND REPORT Q1 2023
Local Adspend in Q1 2023 reached 6.85 billion with an increase of 22% YOY

According to admanGo, the first quarter of 2023 saw a remarkable surge in advertising spending in Hong Kong, reaching a total value of HKD 6.85 billion with a YOY increase of 22%. This considerable growth in local adspend can be attributed to the lowered comparison base last year due to the impact of the fifth wave of the pandemic. During the first quarter of 2023, as the preventative measures against the outbreak gradually eased, life in Hong Kong gradually returned to normal. In addition, the implementation of the Quarantine-Free Travel between Hong Kong and mainland China in early January of this year resulted in an increased exchange of people and opportunities for local businesses to expand into the mainland tourist market. The decline in pandemic cases has boosted market confidence, compelling enterprises to increase their advertising investments to improve brand recognition and drive sales, ultimately leading to an upsurge in local adspend in the first quarter. With the issuance of new consumption vouchers in mid-April and the upcoming Labour Day Golden Week in May poised to provide further opportunities for various industries, Hong Kong advertising market is expected to continue on a steady growth trajectory.

In terms of media, adspend for Free Newspapers and Outdoor increased by 39% and 20% YOY respectively. In the Digital Media sector, Mobile and Social Media adspend recorded YOY increase of 44% and 23% respectively in the first quarter.

### Top 10 Industries (Q1 2023)

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<td>Fashion, Accessories &amp; Eyewear</td>
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The Top 10 Industries with the highest adspend generally saw an increase, with industries ranked eighth to tenth being outside of the top 10 last year. The eighth-ranked Travel industry saw a YOY increase of 324% in the first quarter. Data showed that the industry has experienced explosive growth in adspend after the resumption of social activities, ranking first among the Top 10 Industries in terms of growth rate. The adspend of Restaurants (ranked ninth) also increased to 37% YOY, while the adspend of Fashion, Accessories & Eyewear (ranked tenth) increased by 67% YOY in the first quarter. Data reflected that some industries that were greatly affected by the epidemic have increased their advertising efforts in Q1 2023.

With the implementation of the Hong Kong and Mainland China Quarantine-Free Travel, the atmosphere in the local property market has also started to improve. Many property developers have taken advantage of this mini-boom in the property market to launch new properties. 40% of adspend in the Residential Property category was attributed to Novo Land under SHKP, Oysterbay under MTR Corporation, Koko Rosso under Wheelock, and ATR under Star Properties, resulting in a 49% YOY increase for the fourth-ranked Property & Real Estate in the first quarter.

Despite a 6% YOY decline for the first-ranked Banking & Investment Services in the first quarter, both HSBC Group and Hang Seng Bank in the Top 10 Advertiser Groups recorded a YOY increase of 19% and 104% in their adspend in the first quarter respectively. This reflected that specific banking groups continued to allocate more resources to advertising and promotion in the first quarter.

Most of the Top 10 Advertiser Groups recorded positive YOY increase in adspend in the first quarter. MTR had the highest increase in adspend among the groups, with a 779% YOY increase in the first quarter. DFI Retail Group and A.S. Watson Group, both in the retail industry, saw a YOY increase in adspend of 36% and 73% respectively. Other top 10 Advertiser Groups that recorded positive YOY increase in adspend included Vita Green Health Products (21%), P&G (25%), GSK (72%) and LVMH Group (47%).

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