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Huishang Bank Corporation Limited*

徽商銀行股份有限公司*

(A joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code : 3698)

PROPOSED CHANGE OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

This announcement is made by the board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Huishang Bank Corporation Limited (the “**Bank**”) in accordance with Rule 13.51(4) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”).

Upon completion of the audit work of the Bank for the year 2024, Ernst & Young Hua Ming LLP (Special General Partnership) and Ernst & Young (collectively, “**Ernst & Young**”) have provided audit services to the Bank for eight consecutive years, which is the maximum term of consecutive engagement of an accounting firm as stipulated. The Bank is required to change its external auditors for the year 2025.

Based on the evaluation results of public tender, and as considered and approved by the Audit Committee of the Board and the Board, the Board proposes to appoint KPMG Huazhen LLP (Special General Partnership) as the external auditor for domestic auditing of the Bank for the year 2025 and to appoint KPMG as the overseas auditor of the Bank for the year 2025, with their terms of office commencing from the date of approval at the general meeting of the Bank and ending on the date of conclusion of the 2025 annual general meeting of the Bank. The services to be provided by the external auditors for the year 2025 mainly include the annual audit and semi-annual review for the Bank’s consolidated group and parent company under the International Accounting Standards and Chinese Accounting Standards, quarterly agreed-upon procedure services regarding the financial statements for the first and third quarters under the Chinese Accounting Standards (for the disclosure for existing capital financial bonds), special audit of the Statement of Capital Preservation and Appreciation of Financial Enterprises (State-owned) (《金融企業(國有)資本保值增值情況表》) and the Performance Appraisal Form of Commercial Banks (《商業銀行績效評價表》), and statutory audit services regarding the annual financial statements of the four subsidiaries of the Bank within the scope of consolidation. The total remuneration of the external auditors for the year 2025 is RMB4.398 million. Subject to approval of the above matter at the general meeting, in the event of major operation changes such as mergers, creation, acquisitions and reorganizations, or material changes in the actual audit requirements of existing entities during the year, the Board also proposes to the general meeting to approve and authorize the Board to determine the remuneration of external auditors in accordance with the actual situation and according to the principle of fairness and reasonableness.

The above proposed appointment of external auditors shall be subject to the consideration and approval of the shareholders of the Bank (the “**Shareholders**”) at the general meeting. A circular and a notice of the general meeting containing, among other things, the relevant resolution on the proposed appointment of external auditors will be despatched to the Shareholders by the Bank in due course.

The Bank has communicated with Ernst & Young in relation to the change of external auditors and Ernst & Young has no objection to the change of external auditors. The Bank has confirmed with Ernst & Young that as of the date of this announcement, they have no disagreement with the Bank regarding the change of external auditors, and there are no matters related to the change of external auditors that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders. The Bank will make further disclosure in due course after the completion of the audit work for the year 2024 if there is any matter that requires further clarification pursuant to the requirements set out in Rule 13.51(4) of the Listing Rules.

By order of the Board
Huishang Bank Corporation Limited*
Yan Chen
Chairman

Hefei, Anhui Province, the PRC
December 30, 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Bank comprises Yan Chen and Kong Qinglong as executive directors; Ma Lingxiao, Lu Hao, Wang Zhaohui, Wu Tian, Zuo Dunli, Gao Yang, Wang Wenjin and Zhao Zongren as non-executive directors; Dai Peikun, Zhou Yana, Liu Zhiqiang, Yin Jianfeng, Huang Aiming and Xu Jiabin as independent non-executive directors.

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