



TREE HOLDINGS LIMITED

齊家控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(於開曼群島註冊成立的有限公司)

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT

- The Group's revenue amounted to approximately HK\$62.9 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2022, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$10.2 million or 13.9% as compared with the nine months ended 31 December 2021.
- The Group's net profit attributable to owners was approximately HK\$1.8 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2022, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$4.3 million or 70.8% as compared with the nine months ended 31 December 2021.
- The Group's total comprehensive income was approximately HK\$1.7 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2022, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$4.4 million or 72.0% as compared with the nine months ended 31 December 2021.
- The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the nine months ended 31 December 2022.

## THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS

The board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of the Company is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 (the “**Relevant Period**”), which has been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company, together with the unaudited comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2021, as follows:

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

For the nine months ended 31 December 2022

		Nine months ended 31 December	
		2022 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
	Notes		
<b>Revenue</b>	3	<b>62,877</b>	73,029
Cost of sales		<b>(20,748)</b>	(23,863)
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<b>42,129</b>	49,166
Other income	4	<b>5,127</b>	501
Sales and marketing expenses		<b>(26,699)</b>	(26,493)
Administrative expenses		<b>(17,801)</b>	(15,711)
Finance costs		<b>(519)</b>	(392)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>		<b>2,237</b>	7,071
Income tax expense	5	<b>(487)</b>	(1,068)
<b>Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company</b>		<b>1,750</b>	6,003
<b>Other comprehensive income for the period</b>			
<i>Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Exchange (loss)/gain on translation of financial statements of foreign operations		<b>(45)</b>	80
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company</b>		<b>1,705</b>	6,083
<b>Earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company</b> (expressed in HK cents per share)			
— Basic and diluted	6	<b>0.11</b>	0.38

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

For the nine months ended 31 December 2022

	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Capital reserve HK\$'000	Exchange reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated profits HK\$'000	Total equity HK\$'000
<b>Balance as at</b>						
<b>1 April 2022 (audited)</b>	15,840	31,564	5,474	18	9,784	62,680
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	1,750	1,750
Other comprehensive income						
– Exchange loss on translation of financial statements of foreign operations	-	-	-	(45)	-	(45)
<b>Balance as at</b>						
<b>31 December 2022 (unaudited)</b>	15,840	31,564	5,474	(27)	11,534	64,385
<b>Balance as at</b>						
<b>1 April 2021 (audited)</b>	15,840	31,564	5,474	291	17,226	70,395
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	6,003	6,003
Other comprehensive income						
– Exchange gain on translation of financial statements of foreign operations	-	-	-	80	-	80
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	(12,672)	(12,672)
<b>Balance as at</b>						
<b>31 December 2021 (unaudited)</b>	15,840	31,564	5,474	371	10,557	63,806

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Tree Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law (as revised) of the Cayman Islands. The address of the Company’s registered office is Windward 3, Regatta Office Park, P.O. Box 1350, Grand Cayman KY1-1108, Cayman Islands. The address of its principal place of business is 28/F., Horizon Plaza, 2 Lee Wing Street, Ap Lei Chau, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Group**”) are principally engaged in the sale, rental and distribution of furniture and home accessories, distribution and licensing of intellectual property rights, the provision of styling, consulting and furniture agency services, the operation of a café and the provision of consumer loan services.

The Directors consider the immediate and ultimate holding company of the Company to be Tiptop Honour Limited (“**Tiptop**”), a company incorporated in Samoa.

The Company’s shares were listed on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 25 January 2018 (the “**Listing**”).

## 2. REORGANISATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

Pursuant to a group reorganisation (the “**Reorganisation**”) of the Company in connection with the listing of its shares on GEM of the Stock Exchange, the Company became the holding company of the companies now comprising the Group on 29 July 2016. Details of the Reorganisation are set out in the paragraph headed “Reorganisation” in the section headed “History, Development and Reorganisation” in the Company’s prospectus dated 12 January 2018.

Prior to the Reorganisation, TREE Limited, the Group’s sole operating subsidiary, was wholly owned and controlled by Tiptop. The Group is under the common control of the Tiptop prior to and after the Reorganisation. The Group comprising the Company and its subsidiaries resulting from the Reorganisation is regarded as a continuing entity.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared as if the Company had always been the holding company of the Group. The unaudited consolidated statement of comprehensive income and consolidated statement of changes in equity of the Group for the relevant period include the results of operations of the companies now comprising the Group as if the current group structure had been in existence and remained unchanged throughout the periods, or since their respective dates of incorporation or acquisition when there is a shorter period.

These unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“**HKFRSs**”) which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“**HKASs**”) and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“**HKICPA**”) and the accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and include the applicable disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange.

The significant accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these unaudited consolidated financial statements have been consistently applied to all the periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for cash surrender value of life insurance which are carried at fair value. The unaudited consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”), which is the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousands (“HK\$’000”), except when otherwise indicated.

HKICPA has issued a number of new and amended HKFRSs and interpretations that are first effective or available for early adoption for the Relevant Period. There have been no significant changes to the accounting policies applied in these financial statements for the Relevant Period presented as a result of these developments.

The preparation of the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Relevant Period is in conformity with the HKFRSs requirements in the use of certain critical accounting estimates. The HKFRSs also require the management to exercise their judgements in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements for the Relevant Period have not been audited by the Company’s independent auditor but have been reviewed by the Company’s audit committee.

### 3. REVENUE

An analysis of the Group’s revenue is as follows:

	<b>Nine months ended 31 December</b>	
	<b>2022 HK\$’000 (Unaudited)</b>	2021 HK\$’000 (Unaudited)
<b>Revenue from contracts with customers</b>		
Sale of furniture and home accessories	<b>54,037</b>	61,737
Distribution and license fee income	—	800
Food and beverage income	<b>2,578</b>	3,126
Commission income	<b>6,151</b>	7,366
	<b>62,766</b>	73,029
<b>Revenue from other sources</b>		
Rental income	<b>111</b>	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,877</b>	73,029

#### 4. OTHER INCOME

	Nine months ended 31 December	
	2022 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Exchange gain	–	217
Bank interest income	5	138
Government grant	1,554	77
Sundry income	–	69
Interest income from loans receivables	3,568	–
Total	5,127	501

#### 5. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Nine months ended 31 December	
	2022 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Hong Kong	487	1,068

On 21 March 2018, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017 (the “**Bill**”) which introduces the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The Bill was signed into law on 28 March 2018 and was gazette on the following days.

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits of qualifying corporations will be taxed at 8.25%, and assessable profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. The assessable profits of corporations not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

For the Relevant Period, Hong Kong Profit Tax is calculated in accordance with the two-tiered profits tax rates regime for the qualifying corporation and the remaining corporations are calculated at a flat rate of 16.5%.



## 6. BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company is based on the following:

	Nine months ended 31 December	
	2022 (Unaudited)	2021 (Unaudited)
Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company (HK\$'000)	1,750	6,003
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share (thousands)	1,584,000	1,584,000
Basic earnings per share (expressed in HK cents per share)	0.11	0.38

Diluted earnings per share equals the basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in existence during the nine months ended 31 December 2022 and the nine months ended 31 December 2021.

## 7. DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Relevant Period (2021: nil).

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Revenue

The Group's revenue decreased from approximately HK\$73.0 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to approximately HK\$62.9 million for the Relevant Period, representing a decrease of approximately 13.9%. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in sale and rental of furniture and home accessories via Shanghai Italiving International Co., Ltd ("**Shanghai Italiving**") and the decrease in commission income from furniture agency services.

### Cost of sales

The Group's cost of sales decreased from approximately HK\$23.9 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to approximately HK\$20.7 million for the Relevant Period, representing a decrease of approximately 13.1%. The decrease was related to the decrease in the sale of furniture and accessories from Shanghai Italiving.

### Gross profit and gross profit margin

The Group's gross profit decreased by approximately 14.3% from approximately HK\$49.2 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to approximately HK\$42.1 million for the Relevant Period. The gross profit margin dropped from 67.3% for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to 67.0% for the Relevant Period.

### Other Income

The Group's other income increased by approximately 923.4% to approximately HK\$5.1 million for the Relevant Period from approximately HK\$0.5 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021. The increase was due to the increase in interest income from loans receivables of approximately HK\$3.6 million and the one-off government subsidies of approximately HK\$1.6 million.

## **Sales and marketing expenses**

The Group's sales and marketing expenses mainly comprised of (i) depreciation of right-of-use assets; (ii) staff costs attributable to the salary of our staff engaged in sales and marketing activities; (iii) marketing expenses; (iv) payment gateway charges attributable to fees for our payment channels such as credit cards or EPS; and (v) electricity and water expenses.

The Group's sales and marketing expenses increased by approximately 0.8% from approximately HK\$26.5 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to approximately HK\$26.7 million for the Relevant Period. The increase was primarily due to the increase in staff salaries.

## **Administrative expenses**

The Group's administrative expenses mainly comprised of (i) staff costs for our administrative staff and Directors' emoluments; (ii) professional fees which included legal fees, consultancy fees and auditor's remuneration; (iii) travel expenses; (iv) office expenses; (v) depreciation of our property, plant and equipment, and amortisation of our intangible assets; (vi) repairs and maintenance for our trucks and retail stores; (vii) insurance expenses which included business insurance, vehicle insurance and medical insurance; (viii) recruitment expenses which included fees to the recruitment agents and advertisements on websites; (ix) bank charges; (x) handling fee; and (xi) others which included motor vehicle expenses, net foreign exchange losses and entertainment expenses.

The Group's administrative expenses increased by approximately 13.3% from approximately HK\$15.7 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to approximately HK\$17.8 million for the Relevant Period. The increase was primarily attributable to the increase in exchange loss and office expenses.

## Income tax expense

The Group's Income tax expense decreased from approximately HK\$1.1 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to approximately HK\$0.5 million for the Relevant Period.

## Profit for the period

The Group recorded a decrease in profit by approximately 70.8% from approximately HK\$6.0 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to approximately HK\$1.8 million for the Relevant Period.

## BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

Headquartered in Hong Kong, we engage in (i) the sale, distribution and rental of furniture and home accessories which is operating under the brand name "TREE"; (ii) the distribution and licensing of our intellectual property rights of "TREE"; (iii) the operation of TREE Café in our flagship store in Ap Lei Chau (the "**Flagship Store**"); (iv) the provision of home accessories agency services; (v) the provision of styling and consulting services; and (vi) the provision of consumer loan services.

As at the date of this report, we operated two "TREE" retail stores in Hong Kong namely, our Flagship Store and our Sha Tin store. We have commenced online sales since May 2019. We offer a variety of (a) furniture including tables, chairs, storage solutions, sofas and beds; and (b) home accessories including kitchenware, bed and bathroom related products, bedding, cushions, mattresses, and baskets.

In addition, we acquired Hong Kong Italiving International Co., Ltd ("**Italiving**") in December 2018, which is principally engaged in the provision of furniture agency service in Hong Kong. Furthermore, a subsidiary, Shanghai Italiving, was incorporated in July 2019, which is principally engaged in the sale and distribution of furniture, and the provision of styling and consulting services in the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**"). In January 2022, we acquired Super Easy Finance Limited ("**Super Easy**"), which is principally engaged in the provision of consumer loan services.

The table below sets forth a breakdown of our revenue for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 and 2021:

	<b>Nine months ended 31 December</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	HK\$'000
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	(Unaudited)
<b>Revenue from contracts with customers</b>		
Sale of furniture and home accessories	<b>54,037</b>	61,737
Distribution and license fee income	–	800
Food and beverage income	<b>2,578</b>	3,126
Commission income	<b>6,151</b>	7,366
	<b>62,766</b>	73,029
<b>Revenue from other sources</b>		
Rental income	<b>111</b>	–
Total	<b>62,877</b>	73,029

For the Relevant Period, our revenue amounted to approximately HK\$62.9 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$10.2 million or 13.9% from approximately HK\$73.0 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021. Such decrease was mainly attributable to the decrease in sale and rental of furniture and home accessories via Shanghai Italiving and the decrease in commission income from furniture agency services.

### **Sale of furniture and home accessories**

TREE primarily sells its products to (i) retail customers who visited our retail stores; and (ii) customers who placed orders via our online platform being the direct sales in Hong Kong. Shanghai Italiving generate sales of luxury Italian furniture to its customers in the PRC. The following table sets forth a breakdown of our sale of furniture and home accessories For the nine months ended 31 December 2022 and 2021, respectively.

**Nine months ended 31 December**

	2022		2021	
	Revenue HK\$'000	% of total revenue from sale of furniture and home accessories %	Revenue HK\$'000	% of total revenue from sale of furniture and home accessories %
<b>Direct sales</b>				
Retail stores <sup>(1)</sup>	50,367	93.2	53,386	86.5
Online sales and non-retail sales	2,835	5.3	3,101	5.0
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>53,202</b>	<b>98.5</b>	56,487	91.5
<b>Distribution sales</b>	835	1.5	985	1.6
<b>Sales via Shanghai Italiving</b>	–	–	4,265	6.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,037</b>	<b>100.0</b>	61,737	100.0

Note:

(1) Our retail stores include our Flagship and Sha Tin store.

For the Relevant Period, revenue generated from the direct sales amounted to approximately HK\$53.2 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$3.3 million or 5.8% from approximately HK\$56.5 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021. Such decrease was primarily attributable to the decrease of direct sales from retail stores in Hong Kong for the Relevant Period as compared to the nine months ended 31 December 2021.

For the Relevant Period, revenue generated from the distribution sales amounted to approximately HK\$0.8 million, representing a slightly decrease of approximately HK\$0.2 million or 15.2% from approximately HK\$1.0 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021.

For the Relevant Period, there was no revenue generated from Shanghai Italiving for the sale of luxury Italian furniture to its PRC customers (nine months ended 31 December 2021: approximately HK\$4.3 million).

### **Distribution and license fee income**

We entered into distribution agreements with our PRC distributor, and we were entitled to receive annual non-refundable fees of HK\$0.8 million and HK\$2.4 million from our PRC distributor for the distribution of our products in Hainan province and Beijing, the PRC, respectively. The distribution agreement expired in June 2021 and was not extended.

The Group did not have any distribution and license fee income for the Relevant Period (nine months ended 31 December 2021: HK\$0.8 million).

### **Food and beverage income**

The Group's food and beverage income generated from operating TREE Café in our Flagship Store decreased from approximately HK\$3.1 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to approximately HK\$2.6 million for Relevant Period.

### **Commission income**

The Group's commission income comprised of income generated from (i) the furniture agency service by Italiving, and (ii) the sales of consignment goods. It decreased from approximately HK\$7.4 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to approximately HK\$6.2 million for the Relevant Period.

### **Rental income**

The Group's rental income comprised income generated from the provision of furniture rental services. The increase of approximately HK\$0.1 million was mainly due to the new services during the Relevant Period.

## **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

TREE achieved the CarbonCare®Label 2022 and the CarbonCare®Star Label recognising the sustainability efforts made by the business. They were also rewarded the certificate of Merit in the Shops and Retailers sector from the Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (HKAAEE) 2021.

TREE participated in a beach cleanup co-organised with HKCleanup and are recognised as a Hong Kong Green Organisation in addition to partnering with The Green Earth participating in its Green Earth Companion programme. During the Reporting Period, TREE was also rewarded the Caring Company Certificate of 2022/23.

The Group also enhanced its sustainability efforts by increasing tree planting (almost 100,000 trees have been planted to date) through its Indonesia partner.

## **PROSPECTS**

The forthcoming financial year will continue to be challenging as retail market conditions remain competitive and consumer confidence impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. These factors will continue to impact our performance adversely for the forthcoming year. We will continue to focus on running our two TREE retail stores and also our e-commerce platform in Hong Kong. We will continue to consolidate and invest to build on our existing revenue streams while identifying new opportunities.



## DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

### Interests and short positions of the Company's Directors and chief executives in the Company's Shares, underlying shares and debentures and the Company's associated corporations

As at 31 December 2022, the interests or short positions of the Company's Directors in the Company's Shares, underlying shares or debentures which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") (including interests and short positions in which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register as referred to therein, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the "required standard of dealings" as contained in Chapter 5 of the GEM Listing Rules, were as follows:

#### i. Long position in the Company's Shares

Name of Director	Nature of interest	Number of shares held (Note 1)	Percentage of shareholding
Mr. TONG Tang Joseph ("Mr. Tong")	Interest in a controlled corporation (Note 2)	745,860,000 (L)	47.09%
	Beneficial owner	61,900,000 (L)	3.91%
Ms. Mary Kathleen BABINGTON ("Ms. Babington")	Interest in a controlled corporation (Note 3)	59,400,000 (L)	3.75%
Mr. BIAN Dahai ("Mr. Bian")	Beneficial owner	8,000,000 (L)	0.51%

Notes:

1. The letter "L" denotes a person's "long position" (as defined under Part XV of the SFO) in such shares.

2. The Company is owned as to 47.09% by Tiptop. Tiptop is wholly-owned by Mr. Tong.
3. The Company is owned as to 3.75% by Rothley Investment Limited ("**Rothley**"). Rothley is wholly-owned by Ms. Babington. Under the SFO, Ms. Babington is deemed to be interested in the same number of shares held by Rothley.

Saved as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2022, none of the Company's Directors and chief executives and their respective associates had or are deemed to have any interest or short positions in the Company's shares, underlying shares or debentures or the Company's associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register as referred to herein, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the "required standard of dealing" as contained in Chapter 5 of the GEM Listing Rules.

### **Interests and short positions of substantial Shareholders in the Company's Shares, underlying shares and debentures and the Company's associated corporations**

As at 31 December 2022, so far as the Company's Directors are aware, the following persons (other than the Directors and chief executive of the Company) had, or were deemed to have, interests or short positions in the Company's shares or underlying shares which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO, or who, directly or indirectly, were interested in 10% or more of the issued voting shares of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any member of the Group:

## i. Long position in the Company's Shares

Name of Shareholder	Nature of interest	Interests in shares (Note 1)	Percentage of shareholding
Tiptop	Beneficial owner (Note 2)	745,860,000 (L)	47.09%
Ms. Shum Yuet Wah Anna	Interest of spouse (Note 3)	807,760,000 (L)	50.99%

### Notes:

1. The letter "L" denotes a person's "long position" (as defined under Part XV of the SFO) in such Shares.
2. The Company is owned as to 47.09% by Tiptop.
3. Tiptop is wholly-owned by Mr. Tong, the Company's Chairman, Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer and Controlling Shareholder. Under the SFO, Mr. Tong is deemed to be interested in the same number of shares held by Tiptop. Ms. Shum Yuet Wah Anna is the spouse of Mr. Tong. Under the SFO, Ms. Shum Yuet Wah Anna is deemed to be interested in all the Company's shares in which Mr. Tong is interested.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2022, the Directors were not aware of any other persons/entities (other than the Directors and chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO, or who was directly or indirectly interested in 10% or more of the issued voting shares of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any member of the Group.

## COMPETING BUSINESS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

As confirmed by the Directors, Controlling Shareholders and their respective close associates do not have any interests in any business, apart from the business operated by members of the Group, which competes or is likely to compete, directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group during the Relevant Period.

## **PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALES OF THE LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY**

The Company's shares were successfully listed on GEM on 25 January 2018. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the Relevant Period.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE**

The Company and the Directors recognise the importance of incorporating elements of good corporate governance in the management structures and internal control procedures of the Group so as to achieve accountability.

The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the principles and code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report (the "**CG Code**") as set out in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Shares were successfully listed on GEM on 25 January 2018. To the best knowledge of the Board, during the period from the date of Listing to the date of this report, except for the code provision C.2.1, the Company has complied with the applicable code provisions of the CG Code.

### **CODE PROVISION C.2.1**

The above code provision stipulates that the roles of the chairman and the CEO should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual.

After the change of the Chief Executive Officer ("**CEO**") with effect from 1 August 2019, Mr. Tong will be both the Chairman of the Board and the CEO of the Company.

The Board considers that having the same person to perform the roles of both the chairman and the CEO provides the Company with strong and consistent leadership, and allows effective and efficient planning and implementation of business decisions and strategies. Such structure would not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Company. The balance of power and authority is ensured by the operations of the Board which comprises experienced and high caliber individuals and having meeting regularly to discuss issues affecting the operations of the Group.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS**

The Group has adopted a code of provisions of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors (the “**Code of Conduct**”) on terms no less exacting than the required standards of dealings concerning securities transactions by the Directors as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. Having made specific enquiries with the Directors, all Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Code of Conduct during the Relevant Period.

## **DIVIDEND**

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Relevant Period.

## **SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

The Company adopted a share option scheme on 5 January 2018 (the “**Share Option Scheme**”). The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to enable the Group to grant options to the eligible participants as incentives or rewards for their contribution to our Group and/or to enable our Group to recruit and retain high-caliber employees and attract human resources that are valuable to our Group. The terms of the Share Option Scheme are in accordance with the provision of chapter 23 of the GEM Listing Rules.

During the Relevant Period and up to the date of this report, no share options were granted by the Company under the Share Option Scheme.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

We established our Audit Committee with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 5.28 of the GEM Listing Rules and paragraphs D.3.3 and D.3.7 of the CG Code Practices pursuant to a resolution of our Directors passed on 5 January 2018. The primary duties of our Audit Committee are, among other things, to make recommendations to our Board on the appointment, reappointment and removal of external auditors, review the financial statements and provide advice in respect of financial reporting, oversee our financial reporting process, internal control, risk management systems and audit process, and perform other duties and responsibilities assigned by our Board.

At present, our Audit Committee comprises Mr. Yeung Man Chung Charles, Mr. Tsang Wai Yin and Mr. Sit Hoi Wah Kenneth, all being Independent Non-Executive Directors. Mr. Yeung Man Chung Charles is the Chairman of our Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Relevant Period.

## DIVIDEND POLICY

The Board has adopted the dividend policy effective from 13 February 2019 as disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 28 June 2022 (the “**Dividend Policy**”) where under normal circumstances, the annual dividend to be distributed by the Company to its shareholders must not exceed the amount recommended by the Board, subject to the criteria set out in the Dividend Policy.

In general, any declaration, payment and amount of dividend in the future are subject to the Board’s sole discretion having regard to the Group’s actual and expected financial performance, working capital requirements, the liquidity position and future expansion plans, general economic and market conditions and other factors that the Board deems appropriate.

## REVIEW OF THIS THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT

This third quarterly report has been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

By order of the Board  
**Tree Holdings Limited**  
**TONG Tang Joseph**  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, 9 February 2023

*As at the date of this report, the Board comprises Mr. TONG Tang Joseph, Ms. Mary Kathleen BABINGTON, Mr. TSUI Wing Tak, Mr. BIAN Dahai and Mr. BIAN Hongjiang as the executive Directors; and Mr. YEUNG Man Chung Charles, Mr. TSANG Wai Yin, and Mr. SIT Hoi Wah Kenneth as the independent non-executive Directors.*



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