

GUDOU HOLDINGS LIMITED 古兜控股有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(stock code: 8308)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

		Three months ended		Six months ended		
		30 June		30 June		
		2023	2022	2023	2022	
	Note	RMB'000	RMB '000	RMB'000	RMB '000	
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Revenue	3	8,699	7,124	23,382	20,049	
Cost of sales		(12,600)	(10,079)	(25,621)	(24,295)	
Gross loss		(3,901)	(2,955)	(2,239)	(4,246)	
Other income	4	27	882	647	916	
Fair value loss on investment properties		(3,300)	(800)	(33,350)	(1,490)	
Selling expenses		(751)	(544)	(1,188)	(1,457)	
Administrative expenses		(5,913)	(8,745)	(11,395)	(15,197)	
Loss from operations		(13,838)	(12,162)	(47,525)	(21,474)	
Finance costs		(3,852)	(3,998)	(7,192)	(8,043)	
Loss before tax		(17,690)	(16,160)	(54,717)	(29,517)	
Income tax expenses	6	824	297	8,337	468	
Loss for the periods		(16,866)	(15,863)	(46,380)	(29,049)	

		Three months ended 30 June		Six month 30 Ju	
		2023	2022	2023	2022
	Note	RMB'000	RMB '000	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Other comprehensive loss for the periods, net of tax					
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss:					
Currency translation differences		(595)	(725)	(671)	(562)
Total comprehensive loss					
for the periods		(17,461)	(16,588)	(47,051)	(29,611)
Loss per share					
r		Three mont	hs ended	Six month	s ended
		30 Ju	ne	30 Ju	ne
		2023	2022	2023	2022
		RMB cents	RMB cents	RMB cents	RMB cents
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Basic and diluted loss per share	8	(1.5)	(1.6)	(4.4)	(3.0)

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2023

	Note	As at 30 June 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	As at 31 December 2022 RMB'000 (audited)
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets Investment properties Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income Deferred tax assets	9	200,317 13,817 539,700 55 6,904	215,467 9,792 573,050 55 6,904
		760,793	805,268
Current assets Properties held for sale Inventories Accounts receivable Prepayments, deposits and other receivables Amount due from a joint operator Bank and cash balances	10	67,267 2,742 3,566 11,316 48,139 15,155	67,267 2,608 4,850 10,290 44,294 3,356
TOTAL ASSETS		908,978	937,933
Current liabilities Accounts payable Accruals and other payables Borrowings Lease liabilities Current tax liabilities Contract liabilities	11 12	48,724 75,399 138,403 2,106 63,173 71,528	50,933 77,375 63,171 720 63,291 70,421
		399,333	325,911

	Note	As at 30 June 2023 RMB'000 (unaudited)	As at 31 December 2022 RMB'000 (audited)
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	12	99,845	175,863
Lease liabilities		6,566	3,798
Loan from a related party	14	7,228	6,406
Deferred tax liabilities		151,767	160,104
Deferred income		12,400	12,850
		277,806	359,021
TOTAL LIABILITIES		677,139	684,392
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		10,051	8,804
Reserves		221,788	244,197
TOTAL EQUITY		231,839	253,001
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		908,978	937,933

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Share capital RMB'000	Share Premium RMB'000	Fair valuel reserve RMB'000	Foreign currency translation reserve RMB'000	Share- based payment reserve RMB'000	Capital reserve RMB'000	Other reserve RMB'000	Retained profits RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
As at 1 January 2023 (Audited)	8,804	102,662	(3,386)	(7,598)	13,782	(277)	69,528	69,486	253,001
Comprehensive loss									
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(46,380)	(46,380)
Other comprehensive loss									
Currency translation differences				(671)					(671)
Total comprehensive loss for the period				(671)				(46,380)	(47,051)
Transaction with Owners									
Issue of shares upon exercising share options	139	2,477	-	_	_	-	_	_	2,616
Transfer upon lapse of share options	-	-	-	-	(1,397)	-	-	1,397	-
Issue of shares upon exercising share options	1,108	22,165							23,273
Total transactions with owners	1,247	24,642			(1,397)			1,397	25,889
As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)	10,051	127,304	(3,386)	(8,269)	12,385	(277)	69,528	24,503	231,839

				Foreign currency	Share- based				
	Share	Share	Fair value	translation	payment	Capital	Other	Retained	Total
	capital	Premium	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	profits	equity
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB '000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
As at 1 January 2022 (Audited)	8,669	99,249	(3,386)	(3,510)	11,496	(277)	69,528	201,580	383,349
Comprehensive loss Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(29,049)	(29,049)
Other comprehensive loss									
Currency translation differences				(562)					(562)
Total comprehensive loss for the period				(562)				(29,049)	(29,611)
Transfer upon lapse of share options	_	_	_	-	(599)	_	_	599	_
Share-based payment					4,156				4,156
Total transactions with owners					3,557			599	4,156
As at 30 June 2022 (Unaudited)	8,669	99,249	(3,386)	(4,072)	15,053	(277)	69,528	173,130	357,894

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

		led 30 June
	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB '000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Net cash generated from operating activities	(4,935)	1,189
Net cash used in from investing activities	21	13,280
Net cash used in financing activities	17,419	(15,380)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	12,505	(911)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(706)	(120)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
AT BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	3,356	3,379
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
AT END OF THE PERIOD	15,155	2,348
ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Bank and cash balances	15,155	2,348

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated on 10 January 2014 in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands. The address of its registered office is Clifton House, 75 Fort Street, P.O. Box 1350 Grand Cayman KY1-1108 Cayman Islands. The address of its principal place of business is Gudou Hot Spring Resort Complex, Yamen Town, Xinhui, Jiangmen, Guangdong Province, the PRC (中國廣東省江門市新會區崖門鎮古兜溫泉綜合度假村). The Company's shares are listed on GEM on 9 December 2016.

The Company is an investment holding company. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are the operation and management of Gudou Hot Spring Resort and provision of consultancy and/or management services to third party resort and hotel operators and the development and sales of tourism properties in Guangdong Province.

These financial information is presented in RMB, unless otherwise stated.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited consolidated financial information of the Group for the Relevant Period have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") and the applicable disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The unaudited consolidated financial information of the Group for the Period have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties.

The preparation of the unaudited consolidated financial information 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 information for the Relevant Period have not been audited by the Company's independent auditor, but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

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

3 REVENUE

The Group's revenue derived from its major products and services during the period is as follows:

	Three mor	iths ended	Six months ended		
	30 J	30 J	une		
	2023	2022	2023	2022	
	RMB'000	RMB '000	RMB'000	RMB '000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Resort related operation					
Admission income					
- Hot Spring Valley	1,918	893	5,015	4,082	
Catering income	1,833	1,513	4,440	3,553	
Conference fee income	95	128	209	254	
Massage service income	_	43	_	155	
Rental income	1,178	545	1,873	1,093	
Other service income	618	370	1,379	1,549	
Merchandise sales income	4	40	51	83	
Room revenue	3,053	3,173	10,415	8,861	
	8,699	6,705	23,382	19,630	
Tourism properties					
Property sales		419		419	
	8,699	7,124	23,382	20,049	
					
Timing of revenue recognition					
At a point in time	3,850	3,036	9,715	8,571	
Over time	4,849	4,088	13,667	11,478	
	8,699	7,124	23,382	20,049	

4 OTHER INCOME

	Three mon	ths ended	Six months ended	
	30 J	une	30 J	une
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB '000	RMB'000	RMB '000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest income	6	3	11	5
Others	21	879	636	911
	27	882	647	916

5 SEGMENT INFORMATION

The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the executive directors of the Company, which reviews the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources. Management has determined the operating segments based on these reports.

The executive directors of the Company consider the business from service perspectives and assess the performance of the Group which are organised into two main businesses:

Property development – Development and sales of properties and provision of properties renovation services in the PRC

Hotel and resort – Operation of hotels and resort in the PRC and provision of consultancy services

operation

 Operation of hotels and resort in the PRC and provision of consultancy services and/or management services to leisure hotels and resorts and other hot spring resort operators in the PRC

The executive directors of the Company assesses the performance of the operating segments based on their segment profit before income tax expense. Segment profits or losses do not include fair value gains on investment properties for undetermined use, finance costs, corporate income and expenses.

Based on the business nature, the executive directors of the Company consider the development of the five-star hotel and health regimen facilities either through self-use or lease, include under the hotel and resort operation segment.

(i) Information about reportable segment profit or loss, assets and liabilities:

	Hotels and resort operation <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	Property development <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)
For the six months ended 30 June 2023			
Segment revenue	23,382		23,382
Segment loss	(27,316)	(2,310)	(29,626)
Fair value loss on investment properties Finance costs Unallocated corporate expenses			(13,770) (7,192) (4,129)
Loss before tax Income tax expenses			(54,717) 8,337
Loss for the period		,	(46,380)
	Hotels and resort operation <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	Property development <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)
As at 30 June 2022			
ASSETS Segment assets	358,498	125,419	483,917
Unallocated assets			425,061
Consolidated total assets			908,978
LIABILITIES Segment liabilities	76,148	134,301	210,449
Unallocated liabilities			466,690
Consolidated total liabilities		,	677,139

	Hotels and resort operation <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	Property development <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)
For the six months ended 30 June 2022			
Segment revenue	19,630	419	20,049
Segment loss	(10,321)	(2,805)	(13,126)
Fair value loss on investment properties Finance costs Unallocated corporate expenses		-	(1,340) (8,043) (7,008)
Loss before tax Income tax expenses		-	(29,517) 468
Loss for the period		<u>.</u>	(29,049)
	Hotels and resort operation RMB'000 (Audited)	Property development RMB'000 (Audited)	Total RMB'000 (Audited)
As at 31 December 2022			
ASSETS Segment assets	386,719	125,018	511,737
Unallocated assets		-	426,196
Consolidated total assets		<u> </u>	937,933
LIABILITIES Segment liabilities	83,256	139,247	222,503
Unallocated liabilities		-	462,429
Consolidated total liabilities		<u>-</u>	684,932

(ii) Geographical information:

All the revenue and non-current assets are based in the PRC for the six month ended 30 June 2023 (the six month ended 30 June 2022: Same).

(iii) Revenue from major customers:

The revenue from the Group's largest customer amounted to RMB3.9 million or 16.6% (six months ended 30 June 2022: RMB2.2 million or 11.1%) of the Group's total turnover for the six month ended 30 June 2023.

6 INCOME TAX EXPENSES

For the six months ended 30 June 2023, no provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Group did not generate any assessable profits arising in Hong Kong (six months ended 30 June 2022: Nil). The Group's subsidiaries in the PRC are subject to the PRC enterprise income tax at a rate of 25% on estimated assessable profits.

	Three mon		Six months ended 30 June		
	2023	2022	2023	2022	
	RMB'000	RMB '000	RMB'000	RMB '000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Current tax					
PRC enterprise income tax	_	_	1	1	
Land appreciation tax		24		24	
	_	24	1	25	
Deferred tax	(824)	(321)	(8,338)	(493)	
	(824)	(297)	(8,337)	(468)	

7 DIVIDEND

No dividend was paid or declared by the Company during the six months ended 30 June 2023, nor has any dividend been proposed since the end of the reporting period (six months ended 30 June 2022: Nil).

8 LOSS PER SHARE

Basic

Basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	Three mon		Six months ended 30 June		
	2023 2022 (Unaudited)		2023	2022 (Unaudited)	
Loss attributable to owners of the Company	(Onaudited)	(Onaudited)	(Onaudited)	(Onaddited)	
(RMB'000) Weighted average number of ordinary	(16,866)	(15,879)	(46,380)	(29,049)	
shares in issue ('000) (Note)	1,119,665	980,000	1,052,179	980,000	
Basic losses per share (RMB cents)	(1.5)	(1.6)	(4.4)	(3.0)	

Note:

For the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022, the diluted loss per share were equal to the basic loss per share because the Company was in loss position.

9 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	RMB'000
Cost As at 31 December 2022 (audited) Exchange differences	512,618 64
As at 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	512,682
Accumulated depreciation As at 31 December 2022 (audited) Additions Exchange differences	297,151 15,184 30
As at 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	312,365
Carrying amount As at 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	200,317
As at 31 December 2022 (audited)	215,467

10 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	As at	As at
	30 June	31 December
	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB '000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Accounts receivable	13,244	14,528
Less: allowance for impairment	(9,678)	(9,678)
Accounts receivable, net	3,566	4,850

The aging analysis of accounts receivable, based on the invoice date, or scheduled repayment dates for property unit purchasers is as follows:

	As at 30 June 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Up to 30 days 31 to 60 days 61 to 90 days Over 90 days	200 413 356 12,275	3,080 879 201 10,368
·	13,244	14,528

11 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The aging analysis of the Group's accounts payable, based on the date of receipt of goods or services rendered, is as follows:

	As at 30 June 2023	As at 31 December 2022
	RMB'000 (Unaudited)	<i>RMB</i> '000 (Audited)
	,	
Up to 90 days 91 to 180 days	1,996 1,385	2,094 1,287
181 to 365 days	2,122	7,021
Over 1 year	43,221	40,531
	48,724	50,933

The carrying amount of the Group's accounts payable are denominated in RMB and approximate their fair value.

12 BORROWINGS

Bank loans	As at 30 June 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited) 237,808	As at 31 December 2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited) 239,034
The borrowings are repayable as follows:		
	As at 30 June 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Within one year Between one and two years Between two and five years	138,403 99,845 	63,171 162,563 13,300
Less: Amount due for settlement within 12 months (shown under current liabilities)	238,248 (138,403)	239,034 (63,171)
Amount due for settlement after 12 months	99,845	175,863

13 FINANCIAL GUARANTEES AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Guarantees on mortgage facilities

The Group had the following contingent liabilities in respect of financial guarantees on mortgage facilities at the end of each of the following reporting periods:

As	at As at
30 Ju	ne 31 December
20	2022
RMB'0	00 RMB '000
(Unaudite	d) (Audited)
Guarantees in respect of mortgage facilities for certain purchasers of	
the Group's properties 2	7,971

The Group has arranged bank financing for certain purchasers of the Group's properties and provided guarantees to secure obligations of such purchaser for repayments. Such guarantees will terminate upon the earlier of (i) the transfer of the real estate ownership certificate to the purchaser which will generally occur within an average period of six months to one year from the completion of the guarantee registration; or (ii) the satisfaction of mortgage loans by the purchasers of the properties.

Pursuant to the terms of the guarantees, upon default of mortgage payments by these purchasers, the Group is responsible to repay the outstanding mortgage principal together with accrued interest and penalties owed by the defaulting purchasers to the banks and the Group is entitled to retain the legal title and take over the possession of the related properties. The Group's guarantee period starts from the date of grant of mortgage. The directors consider that the financial guarantee measured at fair value is immaterial and no liabilities was recognised.

14 MATERIAL RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS

Related parties are those parties that have the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence in making financial and operating decisions. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control.

As at 30 June 2023, the major shareholders of the Company are Harvest Talent Investments Limited and New Ray Developments Limited and Sky Success Ventures Limited, which owned 34.34% and 29.18% of the Company's issued shares respectively.

The ultimate holding company of the Group is Harvest Talent, incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, which is fully controlled by Mr. Hon.

During the year ended 30 June 2023, First-Profit Time Limited, which is fully controlled by Mrs. Hon, made available loans in the sum of RMB7,228,000, equivalents to HKD7,817,000 (31 December 2022: RMB6,406,000) to the Group with interest at HIBOR+2.5% per annum.

The following is a summary of the significant transactions carried out between the Group and its related parties in the ordinary course of business during the year ended 30 June 2023.

(a) Balances with related parties

The following transactions were carried out with related parties at terms mutually agreed by both parties:

As at	As at
30 June	31 December
2023	2022
RMB'000	RMB '000
(Unaudited)	(Audited)
7,228	6,406

Loan from a related party

(b) Transactions with related parties

The following transactions were carried out with related parties at terms mutually agreed by both parties:

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2023	2022	
	RMB'000 RMB		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Salary of Mrs. Hon (Spouse of an executive director)	30	41	

(c) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group:

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2023	2022	
	RMB'000	RMB '000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Salaries, bonus and allowances	1,863	1,426	
Pension costs			
 defined contribution plans 	46	41	
Share-based payment		3,629	
	1,909	5,096	

COMPARISON OF BUSINESS OBJECTIVES WITH ACTUAL BUSINESS PROGRESS

The table below sets out the Directors' analysis by comparing the business objectives of the Group as set out in the Prospectus with the Group's achievement of these objectives up to 30 June 2023. These business objectives are in place with a view to generating long-term value to the Company and the Shareholders.

Actual Business Progress up to 30 June 2023

Business Objectives

- Continue to enhance the Group's position in the hot spring and hotel industry
- The Group's effort in respect of enhancing its position in the hot spring and hotel industry is still ongoing.
- (i) Replicate the Group's business model to operate new hot spring resorts and hotels
- (ii) Provide management services to other hot spring resort owners
- (i) The Group will continue to select its potential target cities based on a number of factors, including, among others, local favourable governmental policy, local tourism development, infrastructure, locations or available land sites, regional economy, regional level of disposal income, cost of transportation and cost of energy supply.
- (ii) The Group will continue to explore new business opportunities to provide management services to hot spring resorts owned by third party owners. The investment and development team will continue to identify and evaluate potential business opportunities.
- 2. Plan to expand the tourism property development business of the Group

To prepare for the expansion of the tourism property development business, the Group has adopted standardised development procedures so as to achieve a more efficient use of capital and other resources, and to complete new tourism property projects in a timely manner while maintaining an effective control over costs.

The Directors expect the major pre-sale of the jointly developing property projects, Gudou Yishui Mingting Apartments and Guanshanyue Apartments to be continued in the second half year of 2023 and properties to be delivered to its customers from 2023 onwards.

3. Continue to enhance the Group's "Gudou" brand across the PRC by providing quality products and services to the customers

The Group has implemented strict quality control standards and closely monitored the product or service quality, and the workmanship of its contractors throughout the property development process in relation to its tourism property development business. During the Period, the Group has also organised a number of promotional events to promote the "Gudou" brand, such as:

- Gudou Hot Spring and Designer Toys Carnival in January 2023
- Gudou Tang Dynasty Fair Feast in March 2023
- Gudou Green Crab Festival in April 2023
- Summer Children's Dream Water Park in June 2023

PRINCIPAL RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

The principal risks and uncertainties in implementing the Group's business strategies include the following:

- (i) the Group's reliance on existing spring water sources represents a material risk to its business if the mineral content and quality of the hot spring from such sources are adversely affected due to changes in the surrounding geological environment;
- (ii) the Group may not be able to obtain, extend or renew qualification certificates and relevant PRC government approvals for its tourism property developments or other business activities;
- (iii) the Group may not be able to identify attractive acquisition opportunities, or make acquisitions on attractive terms or obtain sufficient financing for completion of such acquisitions;
- (iv) operations of its hot spring involves the risks of accidents, illnesses, environmental incidents which may negatively affect the perception of guests on the safety and hygiene of the Gudou Hot Spring Resort, which could in turn negatively impact the "Gudou" brand or the Group's reputation;
- (v) if the Group is unable to obtain necessary capital resources or suitable sites for tourism property development in a timely manner and at a reasonable cost, the Group's property portfolio and future profitability can be adversely affected; and

(vi) the Group may not be able to complete the development or construction of its current or future projects on time or within budget which may be subject to the actual circumstances during the development or construction period including supply of skilled labour and unforeseen environmental problems.

In addressing these risks, the Group has constantly monitored status of its spring water sources and engaged hot spring experts for conducting annual check on the quality and quantity of its spring water sources. The Group has also maintained an internal control system for checking the expiry date of its qualification certificates and relevant PRC government approvals. This allows the Group to ensure that it has all requisite consent and licence to conduct its businesses lawfully. In addition, the Group will take a cautious approach when considering potential acquisition opportunities and will only do so if and when the Group has sufficient financing resources and if it thinks that it is in the interest of the Group to do so.

The other risks and uncertainties incidental to the Group's business operations are detailed further in the Prospectus.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Business review

The Group is principally engaged in (i) the operation and management of Gudou Hot Spring Resort and provision of consultancy and/or management services to third-party resort and hotel operators; and (ii) the development and sale of tourism properties in Guangdong Province.

For the six months ended 30 June 2023, revenue of the Group was approximately RMB23.4 million, representing an increase of 16.6% compared to the corresponding period in 2022 (six months ended 30 June 2022: RMB20.0 million). Loss for the six months ended 30 June 2023 amounted to approximately RMB46.4 million (loss for the six months ended 30 June 2022: RMB29.0 million).

Hot Spring Resort and Hotel Operations

The economy and society returned to normal after the epidemic, and the Group's hot spring resort and hotel operations also ushered in a recovery. The Group's turnover derived from hot spring resort and hotel operations increased by approximately 19.1% to approximately RMB23.4 million when compared to the corresponding period of previous year. During the Period, the Group recorded an increase in revenue generated from admission fees to approximately RMB5.0 million, representing an increase of approximately 22.9% compared to that of 2022. The Room Revenue generated from the Group's themed hotel complexes increased by approximately 17.5% to approximately RMB10.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2023 compared to that for 2022. The Occupancy Rate of the Group's themed hotel complexes increased from approximately 21% for the six months ended 30 June 2022 to approximately 28% for the six months ended 30 June 2023. The average room rate of the Group's hotel complexes increased from approximately RMB302 for the six months ended 30 June 2022 to approximately RMB311 for the six months ended 30 June 2023, primarily because Group ceased the Urban Hotels which have lower room rates. The Group recorded an increase in revenue generated from catering by approximately 25.0% to approximately RMB4.4 million during the Period.

Tourism Property Development

The Group did not conduct any sale of tourism property for the six months ended 30 June 2023. Revenue from the tourism property development business was approximately RMB0.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2022. Such decrease was mainly attributable to continuing low demand in general real estate market environment during the Period. We expect the sales and delivery of Gudou Yishui Mingting Apartments to continue in the second half of 2023.

Financial review

Revenue

During the Period, the Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB23.4 million, representing a increase of approximately 16.6% as compared with approximately RMB20.0 million of the corresponding period in 2022. The increase was primarily attributable to a increase in revenue from the Group's hotel and resort operations business.

The Group's revenue from hotel and resort operations increased by approximately 19.1% to approximately RMB23.4 million, primarily attributable to an increase in the room revenue generated from the Group's themed hotel complexes by approximately 17.5% to approximately RMB10.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2023 compared to that in 2022 and an increase in admission income by approximately 22.9% to approximately RMB5.0 million for the six months ended 30 June 2023.

The Group did not record turnover from the tourism property development during the Period. For the six months ended 30 June 2022, the Group's revenue from the tourism property development was approximately RMB0.4 million which was attributable to the sales of Gudou Yishui Mingting Apartments.

Cost of Sales

The Group's cost of sales for the Period was approximately RMB25.6 million, representing an increase of approximately 5.5% from approximately RMB24.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2022. Such increase was primarily due to the increase in staff costs and food and beverages costs for operation of the Group's hot spring resort during the Period.

Gross Loss and Gross Loss Margin

The Group's gross loss was approximately RMB2.2 million and gross loss was approximately RMB4.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022, respectively. The decrease in gross loss for the Period was resulted from increase in revenue from the hot spring resort and hotel operations.

The Group's gross loss margin was approximately 9.6% and gross loss margin was approximately 21.2% for the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022 respectively. Gross loss margin decreased during the period mainly because the increase in cost of goods sold is lower than the increase in revenue from hot spring resort and hotel operations.

Loss Before Tax

The Group's loss before tax amounted to approximately RMB54.7 million for the Period, representing an increase of approximately 85.4% from approximately RMB29.5 million for the same period of last year, was attributable to an increase in fair value loss on investment properties during the Period.

Income Tax Credit

The Group's income tax credit for the Period were approximately RMB8.3 million, representing a increase by approximately 16.8 times from approximately RMB0.5 million tax credit for the six months ended 30 June 2022, which is mainly due to an increase in deferred tax credit, which reflects the fair value losses on investment properties of the Group during the Period.

Net Loss

The Group's loss for the Period increased by approximately RMB17.3 million, or 59.7% to approximately RMB46.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2023 as compared to approximately RMB29.0 million for the same period of last year. Such increase in net loss was primarily attributable to an increase in fair value loss on investment properties, partially offset by an increase in income tax credit.

Liquidity and Financial Resources and Capital Structure

During the Period, the Group's operations were funded by a combination of internally generated cash flows and bank borrowings. As at 30 June 2023, the Group had bank and cash balances of approximately RMB15.2 million which were denominated in RMB and HK dollars.

There is no outstanding commitments of the Group as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: Nil).

As at 30 June 2023, the Group had outstanding bank loans of approximately RMB238.2 million which were denominated in RMB and among which approximately RMB126.3 million were fixed rate borrowings. The Group repaid bank loans of approximately RMB31.5 million, which was in line with the Group's repayment schedule. The maturities of borrowings are disclosed in note 12 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial information of the Group. The proceeds from the borrowings were primarily used for capital expenditure, working capital and operating expenses. As at 30 June 2023, the Group had an outstanding loan from a related party of approximately RMB7.2 million.

The Group's gearing ratio as at 31 December 2022 and 30 June 2023, which was calculated by dividing its total borrowings by its total equity as at those dates, was approximately 0.97 and 1.07 respectively. The gearing ratio as at 30 June 2023 increased primarily attributable to the decrease in the total equity.

The Group remains committed to a high degree of financial control, a prudent risk management and the effective utilisation of financial resources. In order to achieve better cost control and minimise costs of funds, the Group's treasury activities are centralised and cash is generally deposited with banks and denominated in RMB, followed by HK dollars.

Exposure to Fluctuations in Exchange Rates

The Group's revenue and costs are primarily denominated in RMB. Some costs may be denominated in HK dollars. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the Directors continuously monitor the related foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

Human Resources

As at 30 June 2023, the Group had a workforce of 269 full-time employees (including the Directors) of whom approximately 98.7% were employed in the PRC and approximately 1.8% in Hong Kong. The Group's staff costs for the six months ended 30 June 2022 and 2023 amounted to approximately RMB14.3 million and RMB11.2 million, respectively. The Group hires part-time employees from time to time to cope with additional staffing requirements for our hot spring resort and hotel operations during peak seasons. The Group's employees in Hong Kong are required to participate in the Mandatory Provident Fund scheme under which we are required to contribute a fixed percentage of the employees' payroll costs (up to a maximum of HK\$1,500 per month) to the scheme. For the employees of the Group's PRC subsidiary, the Group makes contributions to various government sponsored employee benefit funds, including housing provident fund, basic pension insurance fund, basic medical insurance, unemployment insurance, maternity insurance and work related injury insurance funds in accordance with applicable PRC laws and regulations.

To uphold the "Gudou" brand image and to ensure the quality of the Group's service, all the new hotel staff are required to attend a three-day hospitality pre-job training. The Group also provides hospitality training to the hotel staff on a monthly basis. The Group provides the employees with work safety training to enhance their safety awareness.

The Group generally recruit its employees from the open market. The Group formulate its recruitment policy based on market conditions, business demands and expansion plans. The Group offers different remuneration package to the staff based on their position. In general, the Group pays basic salary and incentive, based on years of service, to all of its employees. The Group's sales personnel and service personnel will also receive additional pay based on their individual skills and performance. The Group also strive to maintain diversity of gender in its workforce as part of its effort to contribute to gender equality and discharge its social responsibilities. As at 30 June 2023, the Group has approximately 90 male employees and approximately 135 female employees.

RESERVES

Movements in the reserves of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2023 are set out in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity set out above.

DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend the payment of any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2023. During the six months ended 30 June 2023, no interim dividend was paid or declared, nor has any dividend been proposed since the end of the reporting period (six months ended 30 June 2022: Nil).

BUSINESS PROSPECT

Prospect

Gudou is founded on our belief in the importance of health regimen to human beings and well-being of body and mind and the vision to improve quality of life of the general public. We believe that people are becoming more health-conscious since the outbreak of COVID-19 and demand for health and wellness business will continue to increase.

Following the impact of COVID-19, the Group has gradually established an efficient and effective business model that could adapt to the normalization of the pandemic, and kept on striving to improve the quality of Gudou's software and hardware as well as the brand recognition. We believe that tourists will come back and search for tourism spots allowing them to maintain their wellness while on the go and consumption power will bring a prosperous future after the pandemic has passed. The Group will continue to place health and wellness at our core. We will leverage our brand asset and continue to develop attractive product and service offering such as provision of indulgent catering options and scaling up our beauty and spa services by placing emphasis on traditional Chinese healing philosophies with an aim to elevate the level of secondary consumption within our Gudou Hot spring Resort. Management will also seek opportunity to grows our hotel footprint in China to further diversify our income.

CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. Having made specific enquiry with all Directors, all Directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standard of dealings and the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors adopted by the Company throughout the Period.

COMPETING INTERESTS

None of the Directors or controlling shareholders of the Company and their respective close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interest in a business which competed or might compete with the business of the Group or had any other conflict of interest with the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

No contract concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company (not being a contract of service with any Director of the Company or any person engaged in the full-time employment of the Company) was entered into or was subsisting during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company is committed to achieving high standards of corporate governance. The Directors believe that sound and reasonable corporate governance practices are essential for the continuing growth of the Group and for safeguarding and maximising shareholders' interests.

During the six months ended 30 June 2023, the Company has complied with the code provisions of the CG Code except that Mr. Hon is currently performing the roles of chairman and chief executive officer of the Company. Under code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should not be performed by the same individual. Taking into account Mr. Hon's strong expertise in the hot spring and hotel industry, the Board considered that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer of the Company being performed by Mr. Hon enables more effective and efficient overall business planning, decision making and implementation thereof by the Group. In order to maintain good corporate governance and fully comply with such code provision, the Board will regularly review the need to appoint different individuals to perform the roles of chairman and chief executive officer of the Company separately.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company conditionally adopted the Share Option Scheme on 18 November 2016 which became unconditional upon Listing for a period of 10 years from 9 December 2016.

On 5 April 2017 and 20 June 2022, the Company granted options under the Share Option Scheme. Details of the movement of the share options granted during the Period are as follows:

Grantees	Date of grant	Exercise price per share	Exercise period						
	8	HK\$	1		Number of share options				
				balance as at 1 January	granted during	exercised during	cancelled/ lapsed during	balance as at 30 June	
Directors				2023	the Period	the Period	the Period	2023	
Mr. Hon	5 April 2017	0.62 (Note 1)	Subject to the vesting schedule below	4,900,000	-	-	-		
	20 June 2022	0.1742 (Note 2)	20/06/2022-17/11/2026	_	_	-	_	4,900,000	
Mr. Huang Zhanxiong	5 April 2017	0.62 (Note 1)	Subject to the vesting schedule below	4,900,000	_	_	-		
	20 June 2022	0.1742 (Note 2)	20/06/2022-17/11/2026	6,116,000	-	(421,900)	-	10,594,100	
Mr. Liang Juquan	5 April 2017	0.62 (Note 1)	Subject to the vesting schedule below	4,900,000	_	-	-		
	20 June 2022	0.1742 (Note 2)	20/06/2022-17/11/2026	9,320,000	-	(5,954,500)	=	8,265,500	
Mr. Hon Ka Fung	5 April 2017	0.62 (Note 1)	Subject to the vesting schedule below	2,450,000	_	-	(2,450,000)		
	20 June 2022	0.1742 (Note 2)	20/06/2022-17/11/2026	7,616,000	-	(3,172,900)	(4,443,100)	-	
Mr. Wu Sai Him	5 April 2017	0.62 (Note 1)	Subject to the vesting schedule below	2,450,000	-	-	-		
	20 June 2022	0.1742 (Note 2)	20/06/2022-17/11/2026	900,000	-	(300,000)	-	3,050,000	
Mr. Chiu Chi Wing	5 April 2017	0.62 (Note 1)	Subject to the vesting schedule below	2,450,000	=	=	=		
	20 June 2022	0.1742 (Note 2)	20/06/2022-17/11/2026	900,000	-	(300,000)	-	3,050,000	
Prof. Wang Dawu	5 April 2017	0.62 (Note 1)	Subject to the vesting schedule below	2,450,000	-	-	-		
	20 June 2022	0.1742 (Note 2)	20/06/2022-17/11/2026	_	-	-	-	2,450,000	
Mr Wang Jun	5 April 2017	0.62 (Note 1)	Subject to the vesting schedule below	4,900,000	-	-	-		
	20 June 2022	0.1742 (Note 2)	20/06/2022-17/11/2026	8,976,000	=	(5,364,500)		8,511,500	
				63,228,000	-	(15,513,800)	(6,893,100)	40,821,100	

Grantees	Date of grant	Exercise price per share HK\$	Exercise period		Numl	oer of share op	otions	
				balance as at 1 January 2023	granted during the Period	exercised during the Period	cancelled/ lapsed during the Period	balance as at 30 June 2023
Consultant								
Mr. Hui Chin Tong Godfrey	5 April 2017	0.62 (Note 1)	Subject to the vesting schedule below	7,840,000	-	-	-	7,840,000
Employees in aggregate	5 April 2017	0.62 (Note 1)	Subject to the vesting schedule below	6,370,000	-	_	-	
	20 June 2022	0.1742 (Note 2)	20/06/2022-17/11/2026	5,600,000		(300,000)		11,670,000
Total				83,038,000		(15,813,800)	(6,893,100)	60,331,100

The share options are subject to the vesting schedule below and are exercisable during each exercise period specified below:

Exercise Period Number of underlying Shares subject to the share options: 5 April 2018 to 4 April 2025 25% of the total number of Shares fall to be issued

3 April 2018 to 4 April 2023	25% of the total number of shares fail to be issued
	on exercise of the share options
5 April 2019 to 4 April 2025	25% of the total number of Shares fall to be issued
	on exercise of the share options
5 April 2020 to 4 April 2025	25% of the total number of Shares fall to be issued
	on exercise of the share options
5 April 2021 to 4 April 2025	25% of the total number of Shares fall to be issued
	on exercise of the share options

Notes:

- 1. The closing price per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the day immediately before the date of grant (i.e. as of 3 April 2017) was HK\$0.60.
- 2. The closing price per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the date of grant (i.e. as of 20 June 2022) was HK\$0.17.
- 3. Save as disclosed in the above table, no options were granted, exercised, forfeited and expired during the period covered by the above table.
- 4. The fair value of Options estimated at the date of grant using the binomial option pricing model was approximately HK\$5.0 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$0.09 each).

- 5. The significant inputs into the model were closing Share price of HK\$0.17 at the grant date, exercise price shown above, volatility of 93%, dividend yield of 0%, an expected option life of 4.4 years, annual risk-free interest rate of 2.92% and exercise multiples of 2.8 or 2.2. The volatility measured at the standard deviation of continuously compounded share returns is based on statistical analysis of daily share prices of the Company. The total expenses recognised in the unaudited consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the six months ended 30 June 2022 amounted to approximately RMB4.2 million.
- 6. The variables and assumptions used in computing the fair value of the share options are based on Directors' best estimate. Change in variables and assumptions may result in changes in fair value of the Options.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's securities during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee has reviewed this announcement and the Group's unaudited condensed consolidated financial results for the six months ended 30 June 2023, and is of the opinion that the preparation of such results complied with applicable accounting standards and that adequate disclosure has been made in respect thereof.

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"associate(s)" has the meaning as ascribed thereto under the GEM Listing Rules

"Board" the board of Directors

"CG Code" Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix 15 of the GEM

Listing Rules

"close associate" has the meaning ascribed thereto under the GEM Listing Rules

"Company" Gudou Holdings Limited (古兜控股有限公司), a company

incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability in the

Cayman Islands

"Director(s)" the director(s) of our Company

"First Cooperation Agreement" a cooperation and development agreement dated 16 July 2019 and

entered into between Guangdong Gudou and GD Aoyuan in relation to the development of Target Land A, the details of which are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 16 July 2019 and the circular

of the Company dated 2 September 2019

"GEM" GEM of the Stock Exchange the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM, as amended, "GEM Listing Rules" supplemented and/or otherwise modified from time to time as the context may require Guangdong Aoyuan Co., Ltd.*(奧園集團(廣東)有限公司), a "GD Aoyuan" company established under the laws of the PRC and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of China Aoyuan Group Limited "Group" the Company and its subsidiaries "Guangdong Gudou" Guangdong Gudou Travel Group Company Limited*(廣東古兜旅遊集 團有限公司), a wholly foreign-owned enterprise established under the laws of the PRC and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company "Guanshanyue Apartments" Guanshanyue Apartments*(觀山悦公館), also known as Gudou Phase II Apartments*(古兜二期公寓), a tourism property project under development jointly developed by Guangdong Gudou and GD Aoyuan at Gudou Hot Spring Resort under the First Cooperation Agreement Gudou Hot Spring Resort*(古兜溫泉綜合度假村), the hot spring "Gudou Hot Spring Resort" resort located at Jiangmen City, Guangdong Province, the PRC and operated by the Group "Gudou Yishui Gudou Yishui Mingting Apartments*(古兜依水茗亭), also known as Mingting Apartments" Yunfeng Apartments*(雲峰公寓), a tourism property project under development jointly developed by Guangdong Gudou and GD Aoyuan at Gudou Hot Spring Resort under the First Cooperation Agreement "Harvest Talent" Harvest Talent Investments Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, which is wholly-owned by Mr. Hon and is one of the controlling shareholders of the Company "HK\$" or "HK dollar(s)" Hong Kong dollars and cents respectively, the lawful currency of Hong and "cents" Kong "Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC "Hong Kong Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or "Stock Exchange"

the listing of the Shares on GEM on 9 December 2016

"Listing"

"Mr. Hon" Mr. Hon Chi Ming, founder, chairman, chief executive officer, an executive Director and a controlling shareholder of the Company "Mrs. Hon" Ms. Li Wai Ling, the spouse of Mr. Hon and the mother of Mr. Hon Ka Fung "Occupancy Rate" Total Occupied Room Nights of a hotel during a period divided by the Total Available Room Nights "Period" the six months ended 30 June 2023 "PRC" the People's Republic of China, save that, for the purpose of this announcement and unless the context otherwise requires, references in this announcement do not include Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan "Prospectus" the prospectus of the Company dated 30 November 2016 issued in connection with the Listing "RMB" Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC "Room Revenue" revenue generated from room rates (including related service charges) of the themed hotel complexes in the Gudou Hot Spring Resort "Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of our Company "Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of the Shares "Share Option Scheme" share option scheme conditionally approved and adopted by the Company on 18 November 2016 "Target Land A" the five parcels of land of approximately 67,860.7 sq.m. in total located at the Gudou Hot Spring Resort and legally and beneficially owned by Guangdong Gudou "Total Available Room Nights" all rooms nights available for sale excluding those under renovation or repair and those not for letting "Total Occupied Room Nights" all rooms nights sold and including nights provided to guests and

"%" per cent.

property owners on a complimentary basis

The English translation of names or any descriptions in Chinese are marked with "*" and is for the identification purpose only.

By order of the Board

Gudou Holdings Limited

Hon Chi Ming

Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 27 March 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Hon Chi Ming, Mr. Huang Zhanxiong, Mr. Liang Juquan and Mr. Wang Jun, the non-executive Director is Mr. Tam Man Chiu, and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Wu Sai Him, Mr. Chan Cheuk Ho and Ms. Zhang Shaomin.

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