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國農金融投資有限公司
China Demeter Financial Investments Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8120)

**PROPOSED RIGHTS ISSUE OF RIGHTS SHARES ON
THE BASIS OF ONE (1) RIGHTS SHARE FOR EVERY TWO (2)
EXISTING SHARES AT HK\$0.345 PER RIGHTS SHARE
ON A NON-UNDERWRITTEN BASIS**

Placing Agent



Minerva Holding Financial Securities Limited

PROPOSED RIGHTS ISSUE

The Company proposes to raise not more than HK\$15,585,065 before expenses by way of the Rights Issue to the Shareholders (on the basis that no Shares are issued or repurchased on or before the Record Date). The Rights Issue is not underwritten and involves the issue of up to 45,174,100 Rights Shares (on the basis that no Shares are issued or repurchased on or before the Record Date) at the Subscription Price of HK\$0.345 per Rights Share on the basis of one (1) Rights Share for every two (2) existing Shares in issue on the Record Date.

LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As the Company has not conducted any rights issue, open offer and/or specific mandate placing within the 12-month period immediately preceding this announcement, and the Rights Issue will not increase the number of issued Shares or the market capitalisation of the Company by more than 50%, the Rights Issue is not subject to the approval of the Shareholders pursuant to the GEM Listing Rules.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 9 January 2025 to Wednesday, 15 January 2025 (both dates inclusive) for determining the entitlements to the Rights Issue. No transfer of Shares will be registered during this period.

GENERAL

The Prospectus Documents containing, among other things, the Prospectus setting out details of the Rights Issue and the PAL will be despatched to the Qualifying Shareholders on Thursday, 16 January 2025. A copy of the Prospectus will also be made available on the websites of the Company (www.chinademeter.com) and the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk). Subject to the advice of the Company's legal advisers in the relevant jurisdictions and to the extent reasonably practicable, the Company will send copies of the Prospectus to the Non-Qualifying Shareholders (if any) for their information only, but will not send any PAL to them.

WARNING OF THE RISKS OF DEALING IN THE EXISTING SHARES AND NIL-PAID RIGHTS SHARES

The Rights Issue is subject to the fulfilment of conditions including, amongst other things, the Stock Exchange granting the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Rights Shares in their nil-paid and fully-paid forms. Please refer to the section headed "Conditions of the Rights Issue" in this announcement. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should note that if the conditions to the Rights Issue are not satisfied, the Rights Issue will not proceed.

Any dealings in the Shares from the date of this announcement up to the date on which all the conditions of the Rights Issue are fulfilled, and any Shareholders dealing in the Rights Shares in nil-paid form will accordingly bear the risk that the Rights Issue may not become unconditional or may not proceed.

The Rights Issue will proceed on a non-underwritten basis irrespective of the level of acceptances of the provisionally allotted Rights Shares.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company contemplating any dealings in the Shares and/or Rights Shares in their nil-paid form are advised to exercise caution and recommended to consult their professional advisers.

PROPOSED RIGHTS ISSUE

The Board proposed the Rights Issue, details of which are summarised below:

Issue statistics

Basis of the Rights Issue	:	One (1) Rights Share for every two (2) existing Shares held on the Record Date
Subscription Price	:	HK\$0.345 per Rights Share
Number of the existing Shares in issue as at the date of this announcement	:	90,348,200 Shares
Number of Rights Shares to be issued under the Rights Issue	:	Up to 45,174,100 Rights Shares (assuming no new Shares are issued or repurchased on or before the Record Date)
Aggregate nominal value of the Rights Shares	:	Up to HK\$451,741 (assuming no change in the number of Shares in issue on or before the Record Date)
Maximum enlarged issued share capital upon completion of the Rights Issue	:	135,522,300 Shares (assuming no Shares are issued (other than the Rights Shares) or repurchased on or before the completion of the Rights Issue)
Maximum proceeds to be raised under the Rights Issue before expenses	:	Up to HK\$15,585,065 (assuming no Shares are issued or repurchased on or before the Record Date)

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has no other outstanding convertible bonds, options, derivatives, warrants, conversion rights or other similar rights entitling holders thereof to subscribe for or convert into or exchange for new Shares.

Assuming no Shares are issued or repurchased on or before the Record Date, the maximum number of 45,174,100 Rights Shares to be issued pursuant to the terms of the Rights Issue represents 50.0% of the total number of the existing issued Shares as at the date of this announcement and 33.3% of the total number of the issued Shares as enlarged by the allotment and issue of the Rights Shares immediately upon completion of the Rights Issue.

The Company has not conducted any rights issue, open offer and/or specific mandate placing within the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of this announcement, or prior to such 12-month period where dealing in respect of the Shares issued pursuant thereto commenced within such 12-month period, nor has it issued any bonus securities, warrants or other convertible securities as part of such rights issue, open offers and/or specific mandate placings within such 12-month period. The Rights Issue does not result in a theoretical dilution effect of 25% or more on its own.

Non-underwritten basis

The Rights Issue will proceed on a non-underwritten basis irrespective of the level of acceptances of the provisionally allotted Rights Shares. In the event the Rights Issue is not fully subscribed, any Rights Shares not taken up by the Qualifying Shareholders and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares will be placed to independent places under the Compensatory Arrangements. Any Unsubscribed Rights Shares or NQS Unsold Rights Shares remain not placed under the Compensatory Arrangements will not be issued by the Company and the size of the Rights Issue will be reduced accordingly. There is no minimum amount to be raised under the Rights Issue.

As the Rights Issue will proceed on a non-underwritten basis, the Qualifying Shareholder who applies to take up all or part of his/her/its entitlement under the Provisional Allotment Letter may unwittingly incur an obligation to make a general offer for the Shares under the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, the Rights Issue will be made on terms that the Company will provide for the Qualifying Shareholders to apply on the basis that if the Rights Shares are not fully taken up, the application of any Qualifying Shareholder (except for HKSCC Nominees Limited) for his/her/its assured entitlement under the Rights Issue will be scaled down to a level which does not trigger an obligation on part of the relevant Shareholder to make a general offer under the Takeovers Code in accordance to the note to Rule 10.26(2) of the GEM Listing Rules.

Undertakings

The board of directors of the Company has not received any information or irrevocable undertaking from any substantial shareholder of the Company of any intention in relation to the Rights Shares to be provisionally allotted to that Shareholder under the Rights Issue as at the date of this announcement.

Subscription Price

The Subscription Price of HK\$0.345 per Rights Share is payable in full when a Qualifying Shareholder accepts his/her/its provisional allotment under the Rights Issue or when a transferee of Nil Paid Rights accepts the provisional allotment of the Rights Shares.

The Subscription Price represents:

- (i) a discount of approximately 25.00% to the closing price of HK\$0.4600 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the Last Trading Day;
- (ii) a discount of approximately 25.32% to the average of the closing prices per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the five previous consecutive trading days up to and including the Last Trading Day of approximately HK\$0.4620;
- (iii) a discount of approximately 26.98% to the average of the closing prices per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the ten previous consecutive trading days up to and including the Last Trading Day of approximately HK\$0.4725;
- (iv) a discount of approximately 18.18% to the theoretical ex-rights price of approximately HK\$0.4217 per Share based on the closing price of HK\$0.4600 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the Last Trading Day;
- (v) a discount of approximately 59.08% to the unaudited net asset value per Share of HK\$0.8432 (based on the unaudited consolidated net asset value of the Group of approximately HK\$76,181,000 as at 30 June 2024 and 90,348,200 Shares in issue as at the date of this announcement); and
- (vi) a theoretical dilution effect (as defined under Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules) represented by a discount of approximately 8.55% to the theoretical diluted price of HK\$0.4243 per Share to the benchmarked price (as defined under Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules) of HK\$0.4640 per Share.

The Subscription Price was determined with reference to, among other things, the recent market prices of the Shares, the current market conditions, the financial position of the Group and the reasons and benefits of the Rights Issue as discussed in the section headed “Reasons for the Rights Issue” in this announcement.

In view of the above, and having considered that all the Qualifying Shareholders will be offered equal opportunity to subscribe for the Rights Shares by way of provisional allotment, the Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) consider that the terms of the Rights Issue and the Placing Agreement, including the Subscription Price, are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Rights Issue does not result in a theoretical dilution effect of 25% or more. As such, the theoretical dilution impact of the Rights Issue is in compliance with Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules.

Status of the Rights Shares

The Rights Shares (when allotted, issued and fully paid) will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing Shares in issue. Holders of fully-paid Rights Shares will be entitled to receive all future dividends and distributions which may be declared, made or paid with a record date falling after the date of allotment and issue of the Rights Shares in their fully-paid form.

Qualifying Shareholders

To qualify for the Rights Issue, a Qualifying Shareholder must be registered as a member of the Company on the Record Date and not being a Non-Qualifying Shareholder. In order to be registered as members of the Company on the Record Date, all transfers of Shares (together with the relevant share certificate(s)) must be lodged with the Registrar by not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 January 2025. It is expected that the last day of dealings in the Shares on a cum-rights basis is Monday, 6 January 2025 and the Shares will be dealt with on an ex-rights basis from Tuesday, 7 January 2025.

The Company will despatch the Prospectus Documents to the Qualifying Shareholders on the Posting Date.

Application for all or any part of a Qualifying Shareholder's provisional allotment should be made by completing the Provisional Allotment Letter and lodging the same with a cheque or banker's cashier order for the Rights Shares being applied for with the Registrar on or before 4:00 p.m. on the Latest Acceptance Date.

The Qualifying Shareholders who take up their provisional allotment in full will not experience any dilution to their interests in the Company (except in relation to any dilution resulting from the taking up by third parties of any Rights Shares arising from the aggregation of fractional entitlements). **If a Qualifying Shareholder does not take up any of his/her/its entitlement in full under the Rights Issue, his/her/its proportionate shareholding in the Company will be diluted.**

Non-Qualifying Shareholders

The Prospectus Documents will not be registered or filed under the applicable securities legislation of any jurisdiction other than Hong Kong. The Company will send the Prospectus to the Non-Qualifying Shareholders for their information only, but will not send the Provisional Allotment Letter to them. Overseas Shareholders may not be eligible to take part in the Rights Issue as explained below.

The Board will make enquiry regarding the legal restrictions under the laws of the relevant overseas places and the requirements of the relevant regulatory body or stock exchange pursuant to Rule 17.41(1) of the GEM Listing Rules. If, after making such enquiry and based on legal opinion provided by the legal advisers to the Company, the Board is of the opinion that it would be necessary or expedient not to offer the Rights Shares to any Overseas Shareholders on account either of the legal restrictions under the laws of the relevant place(s) or the requirements of the relevant regulatory body or stock exchange in the relevant place(s), no offer of the Rights Shares will be made to such Overseas Shareholders. Accordingly, the Rights Issue will not be extended to the Non-Qualifying Shareholders.

The Non-Qualifying Shareholders (which are excluded from the Rights Issue) would not have any entitlement under the Rights Issue. However, arrangements will be made for the Rights Shares, which would otherwise have been provisionally allotted to the Non-Qualifying Shareholders in nil-paid form, to be sold as soon as practicable after dealings in the Nil Paid Rights commence. The proceeds of such sale, less expenses and stamp duty, will be paid pro-rata (but rounded down to the nearest cent) to the relevant Non-Qualifying Shareholders to their shareholdings held on the Record Date in Hong Kong Dollars. The Company will retain individual amounts of less than HK\$100 for its own benefit.

Any unsold Rights Shares, which would otherwise have been provisionally allotted to the Non-Qualifying Shareholders in nil-paid form, will be placed by the Placing Agent under the Placing Arrangement together with the Unsubscribed Rights Shares. The proceeds of the sale as described above in the case of being sold by the Placing Agent, less the Subscription Price and expenses, will be paid pro-rata (but rounded down to the nearest cent) to the relevant Non-Qualifying Shareholders to their shareholdings held on the Record Date in Hong Kong Dollars together with the No Action Shareholders on the basis of all NQS Unsold Rights Shares and Unsubscribed Rights Shares. The Company will retain individual amounts of less than HK\$100 for its own benefit. Any Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares remain not placed after completion of the Placing Arrangement will not be issued by the Company and the size of the Rights Issue will be reduced accordingly.

For the Nil Paid Rights that were sold as described above and the buyer of such Nil Paid Rights who will not take up the entitlement, such Unsubscribed Rights Shares will be subject to the Compensatory Arrangements.

The Company reserves the right to treat as invalid any acceptance of or applications for Rights Shares where it believes that such acceptance or application would violate the applicable securities or other laws or regulations of any territory or jurisdiction. Accordingly, Non-Qualifying Shareholders should exercise caution when dealing in the Shares.

Fractional entitlements

The Company will not provisionally allot and will not accept applications for any fractions of the Rights Shares. All fractions of the Rights Shares will be aggregated (and rounded down to the nearest whole number) and all nil-paid Rights Shares arising from such aggregation will be sold in the market and the proceeds will be retained by the Company for its own benefit, if a premium (net of expenses and stamp duty) can be obtained.

Procedures in respect of Rights Shares not subscribed and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares and the Compensatory Arrangements

The Company will make arrangements described in Rule 10.31(1)(b) of the GEM Listing Rules to dispose of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares by offering the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares to independent places for the benefit of Shareholders to whom they were offered by way of the Rights Issue. There will be no excess application arrangements in relation to the Rights Issue.

The Company therefore appointed the Placing Agent to place the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares after the latest time for acceptance of the Rights Shares to be allotted and issued under the Rights Issue to independent places on a best effort basis. Any premium over, the aggregate amount of (i) the Subscription Price for those Rights Shares; and (ii) the expenses of the Placing Agent (including any other related expenses/fees), that is realised will be paid to the No Action Shareholders and the Non-Qualifying Shareholders on a pro-rata basis. The Placing Agent will on a best effort basis, procure, by not later than 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, 19 February 2025, acquirers for all (or as many as possible) of those Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares. Any Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares remain not placed after completion of the Placing Arrangement will not be issued by the Company and the size of the Rights Issue will be reduced accordingly.

Net Gain (if any) will be paid (without interest) on pro-rata basis (on the basis of all Unsubscribed Rights Shares and NQS Unsold Rights Shares) to the No Action Shareholders (but rounded down to the nearest cent) as set out below:

- A. the Qualifying Shareholders who did not subscribe for the Rights Shares (whether partially or fully) under the PALs and their renounees;
- B. such persons who hold any nil-paid rights at the time such nil-paid rights are lapsed; and
- C. the Non-Qualifying Shareholders in respect of the NQS Unsold Rights Shares.

For Net Gain (if any) to Non-Qualifying Shareholders, please refer to the section headed “Non-Qualifying Shareholders” above.

It is proposed that Net Gain to any of the No Action Shareholder(s) mentioned in “A” to “C” of HK\$100 or more will be paid to them in Hong Kong Dollars only and the Company will retain individual amounts of less than HK\$100 for its own benefit. Shareholders are reminded that Net Gain may or may not be realised, and accordingly the No Action Shareholders and the Non-Qualifying Shareholders may or may not receive any Net Gain.

Placing Arrangement for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares

On 31 December 2024 (after trading hours), the Company and the Placing Agent entered into the Placing Agreement, pursuant to which the Placing Agent has conditionally agreed to procure independent placee(s), on a best effort basis, to subscribe for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and NQS Unsold Rights Shares.

Details of the Placing Arrangement are as follows:

Date : 31 December 2024 (after trading hours of the Stock Exchange)

Placing Agent : Minerva Holding Financial Securities Limited was appointed as the Placing Agent to procure, on a best efforts basis, Placees to subscribe for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Share.

The Placing Agent confirmed that each of it and its ultimate beneficial owner(s) is independent of and not connected with the Company and its connected persons or any of their respective associates.

Placing fee : 2.5% of the aggregate placing price of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares successfully placed by or on behalf of the Placing Agent.

Placing price : The placing price of each of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and/or the NQS Unsold Rights Shares (as the case may be) shall be not less than the Subscription Price.

The determination of the final price is dependent on the demand and market conditions for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and/or the NQS Unsold Rights Shares during the process of Placing.

Placees	:	The Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares are expected to be placed to Placee(s) who and whose ultimate beneficial owner(s) shall be Independent Third Party(ies).
Ranking	:	Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares (when placed, allotted, issued and fully paid) shall rank <i>pari passu</i> in all respects among themselves and with the Shares then in issue.
Conditions precedent	:	<p>The obligations of the Placing Agent and the Company under the Placing Agreement are conditional upon, among others, the following conditions being fulfilled (or being waived by the Placing Agent in writing, if applicable):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the GEM Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange having granted or having agreed to grant the listing of, and permission to deal in the Rights Shares; (2) all necessary consents and approvals to be obtained on the part of each of the Placing Agent and the Company in respect of the Placing Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder having been obtained; (3) the Placing Agreement not having been terminated in accordance with the provisions thereof, including provisions regarding the force majeure events; and (4) the posting of copies of the Prospectus and the PAL to the Qualifying Shareholders and the posting of the Prospectus to the Non-Qualifying Shareholders for information purpose only.
Placing completion date	:	The third Business Day after the Latest Placing Time or such other date as the Company and the Placing Agent may agree in writing.

Termination

: If, prior to the Latest Placing Time:

- (1) in the reasonable opinion of the Placing Agent, the success of the Placing would be materially and adversely affected by:
 - (a) the introduction of any new regulation or any change in existing law or regulation (or the judicial interpretation thereof) or other occurrence of any nature whatsoever which may in the reasonable opinion of the Placing Agent materially and adversely affect the business or the financial or trading position or prospects of the Group as a whole or is materially adverse in the context of the Placing; or
 - (b) the occurrence of any local, national or international event or change (whether or not forming part of a series of events or changes occurring or continuing before, and/or after the date hereof), of a political, military, financial, economic or other nature, or in the nature of any local, national or international outbreak or escalation of hostilities or armed conflict, or affecting local securities markets which may, in the reasonable opinion of the Placing Agent, materially and adversely affect the business or the financial or trading position or prospects of the Group as a whole; or
 - (c) any materially adverse change in the business or in the financial or trading position of the Group as a whole; or
 - (d) there occurs or comes into effect the imposition of any moratorium, suspension or material restriction on trading in the Shares generally on the Stock Exchange due to exceptional financial circumstances or otherwise; or

- (2) any material adverse change in market conditions (including, without limitation, a change in fiscal or monetary policy or foreign exchange or currency markets, suspension or restriction of trading in securities, and a change in currency conditions which includes a change in the system under which the value of the Hong Kong currency is pegged with that of the currency of the United States of America) occurs in Hong Kong, the United States of America or the PRC which in the reasonable opinion of the Placing Agent makes it inexpedient or inadvisable to proceed with the Placing,

the Placing Agent shall be entitled, without any liability to the Company, by notice in writing to the Company served prior to the Latest Placing Time, to terminate the Placing Agreement.

The terms of the Placing Agreement (including the placing fee) were determined after arm's length negotiation between the Placing Agent and the Company and are on normal commercial terms. The Directors consider that the placing fee charged by the Placing Agent is no less favourable to the Company than the market rate in recent placing transactions and are therefore of the view that the terms of the Placing Agreement are on normal commercial terms.

The Placing Agent shall ensure that the Placing Shares are placed (i) only to institutional, corporate or individual investors who and whose ultimate beneficial owners shall be Independent Third Parties; (ii) such that the Placing will not have any implication under the Takeovers Code and no Shareholder will be under any obligation to make a general offer under the Takeovers Code as a result of the Placing; and (iii) such that the Placing will not result in the Company incapable of complying with the Public Float Requirement under the GEM Listing Rules immediately following the Placing. The Company will continue to comply with the Public Float Requirement under Rule 11.23(7) of the GEM Listing Rules and the Placing will not have any implication under the Takeovers Code and no Shareholder will be under any obligation to make a general offer under the Takeovers Code as a result of the Placing.

Given that the Compensatory Arrangements would provide (1) a distribution channel of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares to the Company; (2) channel of participation in the Rights Issue for independent investors; and (3) a compensatory mechanism for No Action Shareholders, the Board considered that the Compensatory Arrangements are fair and reasonable and would provide adequate safeguard to protect the interest of the Company's minority Shareholders.

Application for listing

The Company will apply to the GEM Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Rights Shares in both nil-paid and fully-paid forms. Nil Paid Rights are expected to be traded in same board lot size as the Shares, i.e., 5,000 shares in one board lot. No part of the securities of the Company in issue or for which listing or permission to deal is being or is proposed to be sought is listed or dealt in or on any other stock exchange.

Stamp duty and other applicable fees

Dealings in the Rights Shares (in both nil-paid and fully-paid forms) will be subject to the payment of stamp duty, Stock Exchange trading fee, SFC transaction levy and other applicable fees and charges in Hong Kong.

Share certificates for the Rights Shares

Subject to the fulfilment of the conditions of the Rights Issue as set out below, certificates for all fully-paid Rights Shares are expected to be sent by ordinary post on Tuesday, 25 February 2025 to those persons who have validly accepted and, where applicable, applied for, and paid for the Rights Shares, at their own risks.

Each Shareholder will receive one share certificate for all allotted Rights Shares.

Conditions of the Rights Issue

The Rights Issue is conditional on each of the following conditions being fulfilled:

- (1) the delivery to the Stock Exchange and registration with the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong respectively one copy of each of the Prospectus Documents duly certified in compliance with the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (and other documents required to be attached thereto) and otherwise complying with the requirements of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, the Companies Ordinance and the GEM Listing Rules;
- (2) the despatch of the Prospectus Documents to the Qualifying Shareholders and the posting of the Prospectus to the Non-Qualifying Shareholders, if any, for information purpose only;
- (3) the GEM Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting or agreeing to grant and not having withdrawn or revoked the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Rights Shares;
- (4) all relevant consents and approvals being obtained from the regulatory authorities, including the Stock Exchange, as the case may require in connection with the Rights Issue by the relevant time that each consent and approval is required; and
- (5) the Placing Agreement not being terminated.

All of the conditions are incapable of being waived. If the conditions above are not satisfied on or before the Long Stop Date, the Rights Issue shall be terminated.

As at the date of this announcement, none of the conditions precedent has been fulfilled.

Rights Shares will be eligible for admission into CCASS

Subject to the granting of listing of, and permission to deal in, the Rights Shares in both nil-paid and fully-paid forms on the Stock Exchange as well as compliance with the stock admission requirements of HKSCC, the Rights Shares in both their nil-paid and fully-paid forms will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in CCASS with effect from the commencement date of dealings in the Rights Shares on the Stock Exchange or such other date as determined by HKSCC. Settlement of transactions between participants of the Stock Exchange on any trading day is required to take place in CCASS on the second settlement day thereafter.

All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time. Shareholders should seek advice from their licensed securities dealer(s) or other professional adviser(s) for details of those settlement arrangements and how such arrangements will affect their rights and interests.

SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE

Assuming there is no change in the number of Shares in issue from the date of this announcement and up to and including the date of completion of the Rights Issue, the table below sets out the shareholding structure of the Company immediately before and after the completion of the Rights Issue:

	At the date of this announcement		Immediately after completion of the Rights Issue assuming all Shareholders take up their respective entitlements to the Rights Shares in full		Immediately after completion of the Rights Issue assuming none of the Shareholders have taken up any of their entitlement to Rights Shares with all the Placing Shares placed to Independent Third Parties under the Placing		Immediately after completion of the Rights Issue assuming none of the Shareholders have taken up any of their entitlement to Rights Shares and none of the Placing Shares placed to the Independent Third Parties under the Placing	
	<i>Number of</i>		<i>Number of</i>		<i>Number of</i>		<i>Number of</i>	
	<i>Shares held</i>	<i>Approximate %</i>	<i>Shares held</i>	<i>Approximate %</i>	<i>Shares held</i>	<i>Approximate %</i>	<i>Shares held</i>	<i>Approximate %</i>
Ng Ting Kit (Note 1)	10,370,000	11.47	15,555,000	11.47	10,370,000	7.65	10,370,000	11.47
Trinity Worldwide Capital Holding Limited (Note 2)	14,593,394	16.15	21,890,091	16.15	14,593,394	10.77	14,593,394	16.15
Ng Man Chun Paul (Note 3)	384,500	0.43	576,750	0.43	384,500	0.28	384,500	0.43
Ng Ting Ho (Note 4)	384,500	0.43	576,750	0.43	384,500	0.28	384,500	0.43
Chan Chi Fung (Note 5)	2,101,000	2.33	3,151,500	2.33	2,101,000	1.55	2,101,000	2.33
Placees	-	-	-	-	45,174,100	33.34	-	-
Other public Shareholders	62,514,806	69.19	93,772,209	69.19	62,514,806	46.13	62,514,806	69.19
Total	<u>90,348,200</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>135,522,300</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>135,522,300</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>90,348,200</u>	<u>100%</u>

Notes:

1. Mr. Ng Ting Kit (“**Mr. Ng**”) is (i) a cousin of Mr. Ng Man Chun Paul, the chairman of the Board and an executive Director, and (ii) the brother of Mr. Ng Ting Ho, the chief executive officer of the Company and an executive Director.
2. Trinity Worldwide Capital Holding Limited is a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and is owned as to 100% by Mr. Ng. Accordingly, Mr. Ng is deemed to be interested in all the Shares held by Trinity Worldwide Capital Holding Limited under the SFO.
3. Mr. Ng Man Chun Paul, is the chairman of the Board, an executive Director of the Company, and the cousin of Mr. Ng.
4. Mr. Ng Ting Ho, is the chief executive officer of the Company, an executive Director of the Company and the brother of Mr. Ng.
5. Mr. Chan Chi Fung, is an executive Director of the Company.
6. The above percentage figures are subject to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown as total may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures preceding it.

FUND-RAISING EXERCISE OF THE COMPANY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

The Company has conducted the following equity fund-raising activities during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of this announcement:

Date of announcement	Fund-raising activities	Net proceeds	Intended use of proceeds	Actual use of proceeds as at the date of this announcement
20 May 2024	Placing of new Shares under general mandate	HK\$6.48 million	(i) approximately HK\$3 million for the settlement of outstanding rental related expenses of the Group; and (ii) approximately HK\$3.48 million for the repayment of outstanding borrowing and interests and replenishing the general working capital of the Group which shall be applied on, including staff cost, professional fees, and other operating expense of the Group.	Fully utilized as intended

Save as the abovementioned, the Company had not conducted any other fund-raising exercise in the past 12 months immediately preceding the date of this announcement. As at the date of this announcement, the Company has no intention or plan to conduct other equity fund-raising activities in the next 12 months upon completion of the Rights Issue. However, if there shall arise any change of the Group's current circumstances and existing business plans and that the net proceeds from the Rights Issue may not satisfy such upcoming financing needs, the Board does not rule out the possibility that the Company may conduct further equity fund-raising exercises to support such future developments of the Group. The Company will make further announcement(s) in this regard in accordance with the GEM Listing Rules as and when appropriate.

EXPECTED TIMETABLE FOR THE RIGHTS ISSUE

The expected timetable for the Rights Issue is set out in below.

Announcement of Rights Issue	Tuesday, 31 December 2024
Last day of dealings in the Shares on a cum-rights basis	Monday, 6 January 2025
First day of dealings in the Shares on an ex-rights basis	Tuesday, 7 January 2025
Latest time for lodging transfer documents of the Shares in order to qualify for the Rights Issue	4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 January 2025
Register of members of the Company closes for determining entitlements under the Rights Issue (both days inclusive)	Thursday, 9 January 2025 to Wednesday, 15 January 2025
Record date for determining entitlements under the Rights Issue	Wednesday, 15 January 2025
Register of members of the Company reopens.	Thursday, 16 January 2025
Despatch of Prospectus Documents (in the case of Non-Qualifying Shareholders, the Prospectus only).	Thursday, 16 January 2025
First day of dealing in Nil Paid Rights.	Monday, 20 January 2025
Latest time for splitting Provisional Allotment Letters	4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, 22 January 2025

Last day of dealing in Nil Paid Rights	Monday, 27 January 2025
Latest time for acceptance and payment for the Rights shares	4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, 4 February 2025
Latest time for lodging transfer documents of nil-paid Rights Shares in order to qualify for the payment of Net Gain	4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, 4 February 2025
Announcement of the number of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares subject to the Compensatory Arrangements to be posted on the Stock Exchange’s website and the Company’s website on or before	Monday, 10 February 2025
Commencement of placing of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares by the Placing Agent	Tuesday, 11 February 2025
Latest time of placing of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares by the Placing Agent	4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 February 2025
Latest Time for termination of the Placing Agreement and for the Rights Issue to become unconditional	4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, 19 February 2025
Announcement of the results of the Rights Issue (including results of the placing of Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares and the amount of the Net Gain per Unsubscribed Rights Share and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares under the Compensatory Arrangements) to be posted on the Stock Exchange’s website and the Company’s website on or before	Monday, 24 February 2025
Despatch of Refund cheques (if any).	Tuesday, 25 February 2025
Despatch of certificates for fully-paid Rights Shares.	Tuesday, 25 February 2025

Commencement of dealings in fully-paid Rights Shares 9:00 a.m. on
Wednesday, 26 February 2025

Payment of the Net Gain (if any) to relevant
No Action Shareholders and Non-Qualifying
Shareholders (if any) Friday, 14 March 2025

Note: All times and dates in this announcement refer to Hong Kong local times and dates. Shareholders should note that the dates or deadlines specified in the expected timetable for the Rights Issue as set out above, and in other parts of this announcement, are indicative only, the Board may extend, or make adjustment to, the timetable if it considers appropriate. Any such extension or adjustment to the expected timetable will be published or notified to the Shareholders and the Stock Exchange as and when appropriate.

EFFECT OF BAD WEATHER ON THE LATEST TIME FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AND PAYMENT FOR THE RIGHTS SHARES

The latest time for acceptance of and payment for Rights Shares will not take place if there is a tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above, or a “black” rainstorm warning and/or “extreme conditions” as announced by the Hong Kong Government:

- (i) in force in Hong Kong at any local time before 12:00 noon and no longer in force after 12:00 noon on the Latest Acceptance Date. Instead the latest time for acceptance of and payment for the Rights Shares will be extended to 5:00 p.m. on the same day; and
- (ii) in force in Hong Kong at any local time between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. on the Latest Acceptance Date. Instead the latest time of acceptance of and payment for the Rights Shares will be rescheduled to 4:00 p.m. on the following Business Day which does not have either of those warnings in force at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m..

If the latest time for acceptance of and payment for the Rights Shares does not take place on the Latest Acceptance Date, the dates mentioned in the section headed “Expected timetable for the Rights Issue” may be affected. The Company will notify the Shareholders by way of announcement(s) of any change to the expected timetable as soon as practicable.

REASONS FOR THE RIGHTS ISSUE

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group principally engages in (i) money lending business; (ii) financial services business; (iii) securities investment business; (iv) food and beverage business; (v) alcoholic beverage distribution and miscellaneous business; and (vi) provision of children education services.

The estimated net proceeds of the Rights Issue (after deduction of expenses) if the Rights Issue is subscribed in full is expected to amount to approximately HK\$14,600,000 (assuming no change in the number of Shares in issue on or before the Record Date).

Apart from the Rights Issue, the Directors have considered other debt or equity fund-raising alternatives such as bank borrowings, placing or an open offer. The Directors note that bank borrowings, if available, carry additional interest costs and create pressure to the liquidity of the Company, and placing of new shares dilutes the interests of existing Shareholders without giving them the opportunity to take part in the exercise. As opposed to an open offer, the Rights Issue enables the Shareholders to sell the Nil-Paid Rights in the market. The Rights Issue will give the Qualifying Shareholders the opportunity to maintain their respective pro-rata shareholding interests in the Company and to continue to participate in the future development of the Group. Having considered the above alternatives, the Directors are of the view that the Rights Issue is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole and that the Rights Issue is an appropriate fund-raising method to strengthen the capital base of the Company, which in turn will support the Company's continuing development and business growth, while allowing the Qualifying Shareholders to maintain their proportional shareholdings in the Company.

PROPOSED USE OF PROCEEDS

The estimated maximum net proceeds from the Rights Issue (after deducting the expenses) are approximately HK\$14,600,000. Assuming the Rights Issue is fully subscribed, the Company intends to apply the net proceeds from the Rights Issue as to:

- (i) approximately 50% of the net proceeds would be applied towards repayment of the outstanding loan borrowing and interest of the Company. Other borrowings of the Group amounted to approximately HK\$20 million as at 30 November 2024 that are due in 3rd quarter of 2025. The Group could save interests by early repayment of the other borrowings that are outstanding and/or might facilitate loan renewal at competitive terms upon repayment. The cash and cash equivalents of the Group amounted to approximately HK\$30 million as at 30 November 2024. The general working capital requirement of China Demeter Securities Limited, a subsidiary of the Group engaged in advising on and dealing in securities is approximately HK\$20 million to HK\$25 million. Therefore there are genuine needs of the Company for raise funds through Rights Issue. It is expected such proceeds would be fully utilized within one month of the completion of the Rights Issue;
- (ii) approximately 40% of the net proceeds would be applied towards settlement of outstanding rental expenses and/or payment of the food raw materials and ingredient supplier for the Group's existing food and beverage business. It is expected such proceeds would be fully utilized within three months of the completion of the Rights Issue; and
- (iii) approximately 10% of the net proceeds would be applied towards the general working capital of the Group. It is expected such proceeds would be fully utilized within three months of the completion of the Rights Issue.

In the event that there is an undersubscription of the Rights Issue, the use of proceeds raised from the Rights Issue will be allocated on a pro-rata basis for the purposes disclosed above. Further details of the use of proceeds will be disclosed by the Company in the announcement of results of the Rights Issue.

The estimated expenses of the Rights Issue (including advisory fees for the professional parties, printing, registration, translation, legal, accounting and documentation charges) are estimated to be approximately HK\$985,065 and will be payable by the Company. The net subscription price per Rights Share upon full acceptance of the relevant provisional allotment of Rights Shares are expected to be approximately HK\$0.323.

WARNING OF THE RISKS OF DEALING IN THE EXISTING SHARES AND NIL-PAID RIGHTS SHARES

The Rights Issue is subject to the fulfilment of conditions including, amongst other things, the Stock Exchange granting the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Rights Shares in their nil-paid and fully-paid forms. Please refer to the section headed “Conditions of the Rights Issue” in this announcement. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should note that if the conditions to the Rights Issue are not satisfied, the Rights Issue will not proceed.

Any dealings in the Shares from the date of this announcement up to the date on which all the conditions of the Rights Issue are fulfilled, and any Shareholders dealing in the Rights Shares in nil-paid form will accordingly bear the risk that the Rights Issue may not become unconditional or may not proceed.

The Rights Issue will proceed on a non-underwritten basis irrespective of the level of acceptances of the provisionally allotted Rights Shares.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company contemplating any dealings in the Shares and/or Rights Shares in their nil-paid form are advised to exercise caution and recommended to consult their professional advisers.

GEM LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As the Company has not conducted any rights issue, open offer and/or specific mandate placing within the 12-month period immediately preceding this announcement, and the Rights Issue will not increase the number of issued Shares or the market capitalisation of the Company by more than 50%, the Rights Issue is not subject to the approval of the Shareholders pursuant to Rule 10.29(1) of the GEM Listing Rules.

The theoretical dilution price and the benchmarked price are approximately HK\$0.4243 per Share and HK\$0.464 per Share, respectively. The Rights Issue is in compliance with Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules with respect to theoretical dilution impact.

DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires, terms used in this announcement shall have the following respective meanings:

“Board”	the board of Directors
“Business Day”	any day on which banks are generally open for business in Hong Kong (excluding Saturday and Sunday)
“CCASS”	the Central Clearing and Settlement System established and operated by HKSCC
“Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance”	the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
“Company”	China Demeter Financial Investments Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on GEM
“Compensatory Arrangements”	the arrangements involving the placing of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and NQS Unsold Rights Shares, if any, by the Placing Agent on a best effort basis in accordance with Rule 10.31(1)(b) of the GEM Listing Rules
“connected person(s)”	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing Rules
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“GEM”	GEM of the Stock Exchange
“GEM Listing Committee”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing Rules
“GEM Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM
“Group”	the Company, and its subsidiaries
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollar(s), the lawful currency of Hong Kong

“HKSCC”	Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Independent Third Party(ies)”	third party(ies) independent of the Company and any connected person(s) of the Company and not a connected person of the Company
“Last Trading Day”	31 December 2024 being the last trading day for the Shares immediately before the release for this announcement
“Latest Acceptance Date”	4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 4 February 2025, being the last day for acceptance and payment of the Rights Issue, or such other date as the Company may determine
“Latest Placing Time”	4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 February 2025, or such other date and time as the Company may announce, being the latest date and time for the Placing Agent to execute the Compensatory Arrangements
“Long Stop Date”	Monday, 31 March 2025 (or such other date as the Company may determine)
“Net Gain”	the aggregate of any premiums (being the aggregate amount paid by the placees after deducting (a) the aggregate amount of the Subscription Price for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares placed by the Placing Agent under the Compensatory Arrangements; and (b) the aggregate amount of the expenses of the Placing Agent and any other related expenses/fees)
“Nil Paid Rights”	rights to subscribe for Rights Shares (in the form of Rights Shares in nil-paid form) before the Subscription Price is paid
“No Action Shareholder(s)”	Qualifying Shareholders who do not subscribe for the Rights Shares (whether partially or fully) under the provisional allotment letters or their renounees, or such persons who hold any Nil Paid Rights at the time such Nil Paid Rights are lapsed

“Non-Qualifying Shareholder(s)”	Overseas Shareholder(s) in respect of whom the Directors, based on legal advice provided by legal advisers in the relevant jurisdictions, consider it necessary or expedient to exclude from the Rights Issue, on account either of the legal restrictions under the laws of the relevant place or the requirements of the relevant regulatory body or stock exchange in that place
“NQS Unsold Rights Shares”	the Rights Shares which would otherwise have been provisionally allotted to the Non-Qualifying Shareholders in nil-paid form that have not been sold by the Company
“Overseas Shareholder(s)”	Shareholder(s) whose names appear on the register of members of the Company as at the close of business on the Record Date and whose address(es) as shown on such register is/are outside Hong Kong
“Placing Agent”	Minerva Holding Financial Securities Limited, being a corporation licensed to conduct Type 1 (dealing in securities) and Type 4 (advising on securities) regulated activities under the SFO
“Placing Agreement”	the placing agreement dated 31 December 2024 entered into between the Company and the Placing Agent in relation to the placing of Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares
“Placing Arrangement”	the placing arrangement for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares as described in the section headed “Placing Arrangement for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares” in this announcement
“Posting Date”	16 January 2025 or such other date as the Company may determine in writing for the despatch of the Prospectus Document
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China, which for the purpose of this announcement, excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan
“Prospectus”	the prospectus to be issued by the Company in relation to the Rights Issue

“Prospectus Documents”	the Prospectus and the Provisional Allotment Letter
“Provisional Allotment Letter(s)” or “PAL(s)”	the provisional allotment letter(s) to be issued to the Qualifying Shareholders in connection with the Rights Issue in such form as the Company may approve
“Public Float Requirement”	the public float requirement under Rule 11.23(7) of the GEM Listing Rules
“Qualifying Shareholder(s)”	Shareholder(s), other than the Non-Qualifying Shareholder(s), whose name(s) appear on the register of members of the Company as at the close of business on the Record Date
“Record Date”	Wednesday, 15 January 2025, being the date by reference to which entitlements of the shareholders under the Rights Issue are expected to be determined
“Registrar”	the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company, being Tricor Tengis Limited, 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong
“Rights Shares”	the new Share(s) to be allotted and issued in respect of the Rights Issue
“SFC”	the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong
“SFO”	the Securities and Futures Ordinance
“Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) of the Company
“Shareholder(s)”	the holder(s) of the Share(s)
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Subscription Price”	the subscription price of HK\$0.345 per Rights Share
“subsidiary(ies)”	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“substantial shareholder”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Takeovers Code”	the Hong Kong Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs

“United States” or “US”	the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies, any state in the US and the District of Columbia)
“Unsubscribed Rights Shares”	the Rights Shares that are not subscribed by the Qualifying Shareholders, or holders of Nil Paid Right
“US person(s)”	any person(s) or entity(ies) deemed to be a US person for the purposes of Regulation S under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended
“%”	per cent or percentage

For and on behalf of the Board
China Demeter Financial Investments Limited
Ng Man Chun Paul
Chairman

Hong Kong, 31 December 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises three executive Directors, namely Mr. Ng Man Chun Paul, Mr. Ng Ting Ho and Mr. Chan Chi Fung; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Chan Hin Hang, Mr. Hung Kenneth and Ms. Ng Ching.

This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.

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