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Year 2003 was an extraordinary year to most people. Faced with the ever-changing business environment, the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") endeavour to develop their businesses and control the risks and have achieved commendable results. Profitability of the Group's brokerage business increased as a result of diversification. The Group's investment and asset management businesses have benefited from the strong market performance in the second half of 2003. Our corporate finance business has made a breakthrough in successfully sponsoring the listing of the shares

of Fujian Zijin Mining Industry Co. Ltd on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, which attracted much attention from the investing public. The Group's associated company China Everbright Bank Company Limited ("Everbright Bank") maintained its rapid growth pace in all lines of business. Subsequent to the increased provisions in 2002, its quality of assets and profitability continued to improve. Everbright Securities Company Limited ("Everbright Securities") continued to reduce its operation costs and increase its revenues in the difficult securities market of Mainland China. Under the concerted efforts of the Group companies, the Group achieved an after tax profit of HK\$224 million, with Everbright Bank, International Bank of Asia Limited ("IBA") and the Group's Hong Kong operations each contributing HK\$210 million, HK\$28 million and HK\$185 million respectively in profits to the Group. The Group incurred a long term investment impairment loss of HK\$119 million as a result of the proposed general offer made in respect of all the shares of IBA by an independent third party in the third guarter of 2003 and Everbright Securities contributed an after tax loss of HK\$80 million to the Group.

It is believed that the global economy will continue to recover in 2004 and the economy of Mainland China will continue its healthy growth pace. The further reforms of the state-owned enterprises in Mainland China will result in more companies from Mainland China raising funds through the Hong Kong capital market. The further implementation of the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement between Hong Kong and Mainland China will greatly



人的福建紫金礦業受到投資者的極大關注, 成功在香港上市。聯營公司方面,中國光大 銀行股份有限公司(「光大銀行」)各項業務 繼續保持快速增長,在二零零二年大幅增加 撥備的情況下,資產質量繼續改善,收益水 平不斷提高。光大証券有限責任公司(「光大 証券」)面對市場低迷的不利條件,積極控制 經營成本,提高收入來源。在各公司的共同 努力下,本集團二零零三年共實現稅後盈利 港幣2.24億元,其中本集團香港業務實現稅 後盈利港幣1.85億元,光大銀行和港基國際 銀行有限公司(「港基銀行」)的税後盈利貢 獻分別為港幣2.10億及0.28億元。由於於二 零零三年第三季港基銀行被獨立第三者提 出全面收購,為集團帶來了港幣1.19億元的 長期投資減值虧損,而光大証券則帶來港幣 0.8億元虧損。

展望二零零四年,全球經濟形勢繼續好轉。 中國經濟整體上仍將保持健康快速發展的 勢頭,國有企業股份制改革將進一步深化, 越來越多的國內企業將通過香港的資本市 場籌集資金。隨著更緊密經貿安排的逐步實 施以及自由行政策的不斷擴大,內地和香港 之間的人員和資金流動將更加便利,兩個市

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enhance the flow of human and capital resources and undoubtedly strengthen the interactions between the two markets. The Group will leverage off its cross-border operations to generate synergy amongst the Group companies. The Group is committed to achieving better results in corporate finance, brokerage, and asset management sectors through further consolidation of its resources and strengthening its competitiveness with the aim of increasing return for shareholders.

場的融合和互動將不斷加強。本集團將利用 跨越中港兩地的優勢,進一步整合內部資源,發揮協同效應,強化各項業務的競爭力, 提高服務水平,為股東創造良好的回報。

Finally, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the support of our shareholders, the members of the Board and the staff of the Group. I believe, through our incessant efforts, the Group will achieve further development in its business in 2004.

本人謹此向本集團股東、董事會成員、管理 層及所有員工過去一年對本集團的貢獻表 示感謝。本人相信承接二零零三年的良好發 展勢頭,通過我們的繼續努力,二零零四年 本集團的業務一定會得到更大的發展。

Wang Mingquan

Chairman

Hong Kong, 30th March 2004

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