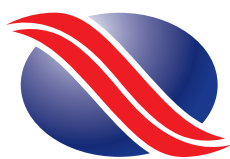


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信達國際控股有限公司

CINDA INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock code: 111)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2015 FINAL RESULTS

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Cinda International Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the consolidated financial results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) for the year ended 31st December 2015 as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the year ended 31st December 2015

	Notes	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Revenue	4	149,926	132,453
Other income	4	33,237	22,719
Other gains, net	4	19,447	9,797
		<u>202,610</u>	<u>164,969</u>
Staff costs		75,361	70,839
Commission expenses		23,171	26,850
Operating leases for land and buildings		17,613	17,401
Other operating expenses		32,279	28,970
Finance costs		7,861	3,101
		<u>156,285</u>	<u>147,161</u>
		46,325	17,808
Share of profits of associates, net	8(a)	18,221	23,072
Share of profit/(loss) of a joint venture	8(b)	1,449	(1,451)
		<u>65,995</u>	<u>39,429</u>
Profit before taxation		65,995	39,429
Income tax	5	(11,360)	(3,192)
		<u>54,635</u>	<u>36,237</u>
Profit for the year		<u>54,635</u>	<u>36,237</u>
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		40,586	28,230
Non-controlling interests		14,049	8,007
		<u>54,635</u>	<u>36,237</u>
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company	7	<u>HK6.33 cents</u>	<u>HK4.40 cents</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31st December 2015

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Profit for the year	54,635	36,237
Other comprehensive income for the year:		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	12,521	(1,007)
Reclassification adjustments for loss on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	710	—
Share of an associate's investment revaluation reserve relating to available-for-sale securities:		
— Change in fair value, net of deferred tax	(49,157)	44,046
Release of investment revaluation reserve to profit or loss on share dilution in an associate	2,539	—
Share of a joint venture's investment revaluation reserve relating to available-for-sale securities:		
— Transfer to profit or loss on disposal	—	(380)
Net movement in investment revaluation reserve	(33,387)	42,659
Share of an associate's exchange difference	3,550	(12,043)
Release of exchange difference to profit or loss on share dilution in an associate	(1,250)	—
Exchange differences on translation of:		
— Financial statements of a joint venture	(1,168)	(534)
— Financial statements of foreign operations	(1,847)	(377)
Net movement in exchange difference	(715)	(12,954)
Item that would not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Share of a joint venture's capital reserve	180	—
Net movement in capital reserve	180	—
Other comprehensive income for the year	(33,922)	29,705
Total comprehensive income for the year	20,713	65,942
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Company	7,050	58,081
Non-controlling interests	13,663	7,861
	20,713	65,942

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31st December 2015

	<i>Notes</i>	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets		1,439	1,439
Property and equipment		5,071	4,990
Available-for-sale financial assets	9	48,380	3,387
Interests in associates	8(a)	273,956	297,976
Interest in a joint venture	8(b)	20,715	20,254
Other assets		7,987	10,698
Loans receivable		77,392	48,000
		434,940	386,744
Current assets			
Loan receivable		—	70,000
Available-for-sale financial assets	9	283,498	247,071
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	10	65,280	55,000
Financial instruments held-for-trading	11	16,220	22,000
Trade and other receivables	12	296,048	394,786
Pledged bank deposits	13	15,074	15,062
Bank balances and cash	13	208,678	135,957
		884,798	939,876
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	14	193,805	314,413
Borrowings	15	280,672	191,218
Taxation payable		8,934	387
		483,411	506,018
Net current assets		401,387	433,858
Total assets less current liabilities		836,327	820,602
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		64,121	64,121
Other reserves		477,861	511,397
Retained earnings		154,814	114,228
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		696,796	689,746
Non-controlling interests		61,666	53,734
TOTAL EQUITY		758,462	743,480
Non-current liabilities			
Bonds issued		76,000	76,000
Deferred tax liability		1,865	1,122
		836,327	820,602

NOTES:

1. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared on a basis consistent with the accounting policies adopted in the Group's 2015 annual financial statements. The Group's 2015 annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622). These financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. The financial information set out in this report does not constitute the Group's statutory financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2015, but is derived from those financial statements.

The HKICPA has issued certain new and revised HKFRSs, that are first effective or available for early adoption for the current accounting period of the Group. Note 3 provides information on any changes in accounting policies resulting from initial application of these developments to the extent that they are relevant to the Group for the current and prior accounting periods reflected in these financial statements.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the financial statements is the historical cost basis except that certain financial instruments are measured at their fair value.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Group has adopted the following revised standards for the first time in the current year financial statements:

Amendments to HKAS19 Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions

Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2010–2012 Cycle

Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2011–2013 Cycle

The application of the new and revised HKFRSs in the current year has had no material impact on the Group's financial performance and positions for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

In addition, the Company has adopted the amendments to the Listing Rules issued by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange relating to the disclosure of financial information with reference to the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) during the current financial year. The main impact to the financial statements is on the presentation and disclosure of certain information in the financial statements.

4. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME, OTHER GAINS/(LOSSES) AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000 (restated)
Revenue		
Fees and commission		
— Asset management	10,286	18,619
— Corporate finance	13,413	19,884
— Brokerage	57,352	44,574
— Others	1,647	240
	<u>82,698</u>	<u>83,317</u>
Underwriting income and placing commission		
— Corporate finance	17,782	—
— Brokerage	12,083	14,924
	<u>29,865</u>	<u>14,924</u>
Interest income		
— Asset management	120	24
— Corporate finance	11	37
— Brokerage	12,997	9,442
— Others	10	5
	<u>13,138</u>	<u>9,508</u>
Management fee and service fee income		
— Asset management	24,225	24,704
	<u>149,926</u>	<u>132,453</u>
Other income		
Loan interest income	6,643	11,649
Interest income from debt securities classified as:		
— Available-for-sale financial assets	14,723	1,847
— Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	7,118	7,118
Others	4,753	2,105
	<u>33,237</u>	<u>22,719</u>
Other gains/(losses), net		
Net exchange losses	(760)	(451)
Net gains on disposal of financial instruments held-for-trading	14,441	5,148
Net losses on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	(811)	—
Loss from changes in fair value of financial assets classified as held-for-trading	(5,780)	(500)
Gain from changes in fair value of financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	10,280	5,600
Deemed gain/(loss) on share dilution in an associate:		
— Gain on share of increase in net assets arising from capital injection of new investors	3,366	—
— Release of investment revaluation reserve from other comprehensive income to profit or loss	(2,539)	—
— Release of exchange reserve from other comprehensive income to profit or loss	1,250	—
	<u>19,447</u>	<u>9,797</u>
	<u><u>202,610</u></u>	<u><u>164,969</u></u>

Note: Certain numbers are regrouped to be consistent with the current year presentation. The regroup has no impact to the total revenue, other income, other gain nor any sub-total.

Segment information

The Group manages its businesses by divisions. Under HKFRS 8 Operating Segments, and in a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the Group's most senior executive management, being the chief operating decision maker, for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment, the Group has identified the following reportable segments. No operating segments have been aggregated to form the following reportable segments.

1. Asset management — provision of advisory and managing private funds and auxiliary services and other related investment income.
2. Corporate finance — provision of corporate finance and advisory services to companies listed or seeking listing in Hong Kong and other unlisted corporates.
3. Brokerage — provision of brokering services in securities, equity linked products, unit trusts, stock options, commodities and futures contracts traded in Hong Kong and selected overseas markets, underwriting, placing and margin financing services to those broking clients, and acting as an agent for the sale of savings plans, general and life insurance and other investment linked insurance products.

The Group's senior executive management monitors the assets and liabilities attributable to each reportable segment on the following bases:

Segment assets include all tangible, intangible assets and current assets with the exception of interests in associates and a joint venture and other unallocated head office and corporate assets. Segment liabilities include trade creditors, accruals and borrowing attributable to the operating activities of the individual segments with exception of unallocated head office and corporate liabilities.

The measure used for reporting segment results is earnings before finance costs and taxes ("EBIT"). To arrive at EBIT the Group's earnings are further adjusted for items not specifically attributed to individual segments, such as share of profits or losses of associates and a joint venture and other head office or corporate administration costs or other income.

The Group's majority of revenue is related to activities conducted in Hong Kong.

The Company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the provision of brokering services, asset management and corporate finance services. To align with the Group's principal activities, all brokering activities are grouped together as one reportable segment. Segment information for 2014 was regrouped to reflect the change in the composition of reportable segments.

Segment information

Year ended 31st December 2015

	Asset Management HK\$'000	Corporate finance HK\$'000	Brokerage HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Revenue from external customers	25,370	31,206	82,432	139,008
Revenue from an associate (<i>note</i>)	9,261	—	—	9,261
Inter-segment revenue	—	—	108	108
Reportable segment revenue	<u>34,631</u>	<u>31,206</u>	<u>82,540</u>	<u>148,377</u>
Reportable segment results (EBIT)	<u>53,549</u>	<u>4,531</u>	<u>7,947</u>	<u>66,027</u>
Interest income from bank deposits	39	11	1,222	1,272
Interest expense	(4,302)	(626)	(2,259)	(7,187)
Depreciation for the year	(51)	(24)	(908)	(983)
Reportable segment assets	573,978	15,072	357,778	946,828
Additions to non-current segment assets during the year	100	—	3,052	3,152
Reportable segment liabilities	315,178	4,913	160,240	480,331

Year ended 31st December 2014

	Asset Management HK\$'000	Corporate finance HK\$'000	Brokerage HK\$'000 (Restated)	Total HK\$'000
Revenue from external customers	27,156	19,921	68,940	116,017
Revenue from an associate (<i>note</i>)	15,360	—	—	15,360
Inter-segment revenue	831	—	149	980
Reportable segment revenue	<u>43,347</u>	<u>19,921</u>	<u>69,089</u>	<u>132,357</u>
Reportable segment results (EBIT)	<u>28,385</u>	<u>(7,010)</u>	<u>(2,229)</u>	<u>19,146</u>
Interest income from bank deposits	26	37	39	102
Interest expense	(452)	(345)	(1,525)	(2,322)
Depreciation for the year	(6)	(23)	(1,109)	(1,138)
Reportable segment assets	374,271	15,520	481,878	871,669
Additions to non-current segment assets during the year	57	29	2,135	2,221
Reportable segment liabilities	211,419	5,267	294,683	511,369

Note: This represents service fee income received by the Group from an associate.

Reconciliations of reportable revenue

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000 (Restated)
Revenue		
Reportable segment revenue	148,377	132,357
Elimination of inter-segment revenue	(108)	(980)
Unallocated head office and corporate revenue	1,657	1,076
	<u>149,926</u>	<u>132,453</u>
Consolidated revenue	149,926	132,453
Reconciliations of reportable results		
Reportable segment profit	66,027	19,146
Elimination of inter-segment profits	(6,627)	(28)
	<u>59,400</u>	<u>19,118</u>
Share of profits of associates, net	18,221	23,072
Share of profit/(loss) of a joint venture	1,449	(1,451)
Finance costs	(7,861)	(3,101)
Unallocated head office and corporate (expense)/income	(5,214)	1,791
	<u>65,995</u>	<u>39,429</u>
Consolidated profit before taxation	65,995	39,429
Income tax	(11,360)	(3,192)
	<u>54,635</u>	<u>36,237</u>
Profit for the year	54,635	36,237

Reconciliations of reportable assets and liabilities

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Assets		
Reportable segment assets	946,828	871,669
Elimination of inter-segment receivables	(5,288)	(4,571)
	<u>941,540</u>	<u>867,098</u>
Interests in associates	273,956	297,976
Interest in a joint venture	20,715	20,254
Unallocated head office and corporate assets	83,527	141,292
	<u>1,319,738</u>	<u>1,326,620</u>
Consolidated total assets	1,319,738	1,326,620
Liabilities		
Reportable segment liabilities	480,331	511,369
Elimination of inter-segment payables	(24,671)	(11,695)
	<u>455,660</u>	<u>499,674</u>
Unallocated head office and corporate liabilities	105,616	83,466
	<u>561,276</u>	<u>583,140</u>
Consolidated total liabilities	561,276	583,140

Geographic information

The following table sets out information about the geographical location of (i) the Group's revenue from external customers (including its associates) and (ii) the Group's property and equipment, intangible assets and interests in associates and a joint venture ("specified non-current assets"). The geographical location of customers is based on the location at which the services were provided. The geographical location of the specified non-current assets is based on the physical location of the asset, in the case of property and equipment; and the location of the core operations in the case of other specified non-current assets.

	Revenue from external customers		Specified non-current assets	
	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Hong Kong	123,201	103,114	91,338	95,582
Mainland China	26,725	29,339	209,843	232,464
	<u>149,926</u>	<u>132,453</u>	<u>301,181</u>	<u>328,046</u>

Information about major customer:

Revenue from customers contributing over 10% of the total revenue of the Group are as follows:

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
A customer from asset management segment	16,850	19,902
A customer (an associate) from asset management segment	9,261	15,360
	<u>26,111</u>	<u>35,262</u>

5. INCOME TAX

Under the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), the Enterprise Income Tax Rate for domestic entities in PRC is 25% for the current and prior years.

Hong Kong Profits Tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits for the current and prior years.

The amount of taxation charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss:

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Current taxation — Hong Kong		
Charge for current year	5,126	2,211
Over-provision in prior year	(140)	(212)
Current taxation — PRC		
Charge for current year	5,172	71
Under-provision in prior year	460	—
	<u>10,618</u>	<u>2,070</u>
Deferred taxation		
— Hong Kong Profits Tax	742	1,122
	<u>11,360</u>	<u>3,192</u>

6. DIVIDENDS

The directors do not recommend the payment of the final dividend for the year ended 31st December 2015 (2014: nil).

7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

(a) Basic earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of HK\$40,586,000 (2014: HK\$28,230,000) and the number of 641,205,600 ordinary shares (2014: 641,205,600 ordinary shares) in issue during the year, calculated as follows:

(i) Earnings attributable to equity holders of the Company

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Earnings for the year attributable to equity holders of the Company	<u>40,586</u>	<u>28,230</u>

(ii) Number of ordinary shares

	2015	2014
Issued ordinary shares at 1st January and at 31st December	<u>641,205,600</u>	<u>641,205,600</u>

(b) Diluted earnings per share

No diluted earnings per share was presented for both years because there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares during both the current and prior years.

8. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES AND A JOINT VENTURE

(a) Interests in associates

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Share of net assets at 1st January	<u>297,976</u>	<u>242,901</u>
Share of profit for the year, net	18,221	23,072
Share of other comprehensive income for the year	(45,607)	32,003
Deemed disposal gain (note (4))	<u>3,366</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>(24,020)</u>	<u>55,075</u>
Share of net assets at 31st December	<u>273,956</u>	<u>297,976</u>

(b) Interest in a joint venture

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Share of net assets at 1st January	20,254	22,619
Share of profit/(loss) for the year	1,449	(1,451)
Share of other comprehensive income for the year	(988)	(914)
	461	(2,365)
Share of net assets at 31st December	20,715	20,254

9. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Non-current:		
Unlisted equity investments:		
— equity securities	3,190	1
— private equity funds	6,684	3,386
Other unlisted investments	38,506	—
	48,380	3,387
Current:		
Listed debt investments:		
— debt securities with fixed interest	244,680	247,071
Unlisted equity investment:		
— an equity fund	38,818	—
	283,498	247,071
	331,878	250,458

10. FINANCIAL ASSETS DESIGNATED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Debt securities	65,280	55,000

11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS HELD-FOR-TRADING

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Derivatives-warrants	16,220	22,000

12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Trade receivables	209,007	373,192
Other receivables	87,041	21,594
Total trade and other receivables	296,048	394,786

The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables approximate their fair value.

As at 31st December 2015, the aging analysis of the trade receivables arising from corporate finance and underwriting services based on the date of invoice of the reporting date was as follows:

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Current	30	1,639
30-60 days	1,113	113
Over 60 days	1,396	680
	2,539	2,432

Except for the above, included in the Group's trade and other receivables (excluding margin clients), an amount of HK\$4,634,623 (2014: HK\$5,667,486) is past due within 30 days at the reporting date. The Group has not provided for impairment loss as the balances are either subsequently settled after the reporting date or fully collateralized by listed securities.

For those cash securities trading clients, it normally takes two to three days to settle after trade date of those transactions. These outstanding unsettled trades due from clients are reported as trade receivables from clients.

The settlement terms of margin and other deposits from brokers and financial institutions are at specific agreed terms. The settlement terms of trade receivables from corporate finance clients are usually 30 days from the date of invoice.

The margin clients of the securities broking business are required to pledge their shares to the Group for credit facilities for securities trading.

The settlement terms of trade receivables from clearing houses are usually one to two days after the trade date.

Credits are extended to brokerage clients on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the financial status of clients such as their financial conditions, trading records, business profile and collateral available to the Group. Clients trading in commodities and futures contracts and obtaining securities margin financing from the Group are required to observe the Group's margin policies. For commodities and futures contracts, initial margins are required before trading and thereafter clients are required to keep the equity position at a prescribed maintenance margin level.

13. PLEDGED BANK DEPOSITS/BANK BALANCES AND CASH

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Cash in hand	20	33
Bank balances		
— pledged	15,074	15,062
— general accounts	208,658	135,924
	223,732	150,986
	223,752	151,019
By maturity:		
Bank balances		
— current and savings accounts	205,658	130,634
— fixed deposits (with original maturity within three months)	15,074	16,352
— fixed deposits (with original maturity over three months)	3,000	4,000
	223,732	150,986

14. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Trade and other payables	193,805	314,413

The carrying amounts of trade and other payables approximate their fair value.

The settlement terms of payable to clearing houses and securities trading clients from the ordinary course of business of broking in securities range from two to three days after the trade date of those transactions. Margin deposits received from clients for their trading of commodities and futures contracts were payable on demand.

15. BORROWINGS

The borrowings were repayable as follows:

		2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Bank loan	<i>note (a)</i>	106,000	86,000
Margin loan from a broker	<i>note (b)</i>	73,272	105,218
Borrowing under a securities sale agreement	<i>note (c)</i>	101,400	—
		280,672	191,218

- (a) At 31st December 2015 and 2014, the bank loan was repayable and carried interest with reference to HIBOR as follows:

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Within 1 year	<u>106,000</u>	<u>86,000</u>

At 31st December 2015, bank loans of HK\$106,000,000 (31st December 2014: HK\$86,000,000) were drawn under the aggregated banking facilities of HK\$306,000,000 (31st December 2014: HK\$150,000,000). An intermediate holding company of the Company ("the Guarantor") provided a corporate guarantee to support these banking facilities.

The banking facilities are subject to the fulfilment of covenants relating to certain of the Guarantor's and the Company's balance sheet ratios. If the Guarantor and the Company were to breach the covenants, the drawn down facility would become payable on demand.

In addition, a subsidiary engaging in securities brokering has aggregate banking facilities of HK\$320,000,000 (31st December 2014: HK\$170,000,000). Amongst these banking facilities of HK\$170,000,000 (31st December 2014: HK\$170,000,000) was secured by pledged deposits with principal of HK\$15,000,000 (31st December 2014: HK\$15,000,000). As at 31st December 2014 and 2015, the Group has not drawn any balance from these banking facilities.

The effective interest rate on the bank loan is also equal to the contracted interest rate.

- (b) At 31st December 2015, the margin loan from a broker was secured by the Group's debt securities of HK\$81,925,000 (31st December 2014: HK\$247,071,000), with no determined maturity and carried interest with reference to LIBOR.
- (c) On 24th April 2015, the Group entered into a securities sale agreement with a financial institution in which the Group sold a portfolio of debt securities it held to the financial institution in exchange for a cash consideration of HK\$101,400,000. Under the agreement, the Group is required to repurchase the debt securities at HK\$101,400,000 plus interest calculated with reference to LIBOR upon its maturity in April 2016. As at 31st December 2015, the borrowing under securities sale agreement was collateralised by the Group's debt securities of HK\$162,755,000 (31st December 2014: Nil).

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Within 1 year	<u>101,400</u>	<u>—</u>

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Overall Performance

The global financial market experienced high volatility in the year 2015. In addition to the slowdown of the global economy and the US interest rate hike, the deleveraging and continued depreciation of Renminbi became the focus of the market in the second half of the year. In the US, the job market continued to recover steadily, with unemployment rate dropped to 5.1%, the lowest level over the past seven years. The market expected the Federal Reserve to initiate a round of interest rate increase. Such expectation drove the US Dollar index to rise to above 100, with an annual accumulated rise of nearly 9%. Against the backdrop of expectation for interest rate hike and the slowdown in the growth rate of corporate profitability, S&P 500 Index recorded a slight decrease of 0.7%. The strong dollar had put notable pressure on the commodity price and the currencies of emerging markets, among which, the international oil price dropped by 30% during the year. The Federal Reserve announced the interest hike of 0.25% in mid-December 2015, which marked an end of the quantitative easing monetary policy since the financial tsunami. Turning to the Europe, the local economy was still sluggish, and continued to be inflicted with problems of deflation and high unemployment rate. However, driven by the market expectation that the European Central Bank would boost its quantitative easing measure, the stock market in Germany and France recorded a year-on-year growth of more than 8%. Nevertheless, to the disappointment of the market, the Central Bank did not escalate its quantitative measure, and the exchange rate of Euro to US Dollars dropped by 10% from the previous year.

China's economy maintained its steady growth, and recorded a growth rate of 6.9% in 2015, which substantially met the target growth of 7.0% set by the central government. At the beginning of the year, because of affluent liquidity in the market, the margin financing and securities lending balances followed a continuous path of rise and increased to nearly RMB2.27 trillion, which is a historic high. The Shanghai Composite Index touched the peak of 5,178 points in early June. Since the middle of the year, the regulation was tightened and the deleveraging was initiated by relevant authorities in the Mainland, which resulted in the significant fallback of the margin financing and securities lending balances, and stirred a tide of close-out. In early August, the People's Bank of China lowered the mid-exchange rate of Renminbi against the US dollar by 1.9%, which aroused the expectation for the depreciation of the Renminbi. Dragged by such negative news, the Shanghai Composite Index once tumbled and dropped to the low level of 2,851 points. Subsequently, the central government tried to boost the market and restore investor's confidence by different means. The Shanghai Composite Index closed at 3,539 points at the end of the year, representing a year-on-year increase of 9.4%, while the index of the ChiNext recorded a staggering rise of 84.4%. Despite various efforts were made by the People's Bank of China to stabilise the exchange rate of the Renminbi, the currency still depreciated by 4.6% compared with last year, and it is anticipated to face pressure of depreciation in the future.

Turning to the financial market, in 2015, the Hong Kong stock market was benefited by a number of factors, such as the surging of A shares of the Mainland China, the permission by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) for the public funds to raise funds to invest in Hong Kong stocks through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect mechanism, and the speculation on the launch of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect within the year. The Hang Seng Index (the "HSI") rose to 28,589 points in the second quarter, a peak level after the financial tsunami. During the period from April to June, the daily market turnover reached HK\$162.7 billion. However, such buoyant market condition only lasted for three months. The A share had been heading downwards since the end of June, followed by the tumble of the Hong Kong stock market at the beginning of July. As a result, average daily turnover in the Hong Kong stock market dropped from the peak of

more than HK\$200 billion in April to approximately HK\$70 billion to HK\$80 billion, or even merely HK\$60 billion in some days, while the Hang Seng Index once dipped to 20,583 points in the second half of the year from the first-half peak of 28,589 points, representing a decrease of 27%.

The Group kept on concentrating in the three core business. The business in asset management posted an encouraging result. It was also the growth driver of the year. The business in corporate finance and brokerage recorded a growth over last year driven by the improved market sentiment in the first half of 2015. As a result, revenue increased to HK\$149.9 million (2014: HK\$132.5 million). Other revenue and income increased to HK\$52.7 million (2014: HK\$32.5 million), which was due to the return from financing and investment opportunities, including the revenue from interest income and revenue from the exercise of some of the warrants. On the expenses side, the cost of operation (excluding commission expenses) increased by 11% due to the high inflationary pressure in Hong Kong. Share of profit of associated companies and a joint venture was HK\$19.7 million (2014: HK\$21.6 million) largely came from the profit contribution from one associated company. Profit for the year was HK\$54.6 million (2014: HK\$36.2 million) and profit attributable to equity holder was HK\$40.6 million (2014: HK\$28.2 million).

Asset Management

After several years' effort and input, this segment result recorded significant improvement. We have successfully enlarged the value of assets under management. We focus on managing private equity ("PE") funds with special features to provide investor with alternate opportunities. We have set up a number of PE funds during the year. These funds aimed at investing in different industries. Moreover, the seed money in the fixed income fund grew well and the mode of co-investing with other investors worked well in the past few years. On the funds currently under the Group's management, the Group invested a certain amount in the retail fund which performed very well as a result of revenue from the exercise of some of the warrants it holds. The subsidiary in Fujian leveraged on its relationship in the region to facilitate investments and hence return could be seen at a later stage.

The asset management segment recorded a revenue of HK\$34.6 million (2014: HK\$43.3 million). Excluding the one-off income from performance fee of HK\$20 million, which was recorded as a result of withdrawal from acting as the partner of a fund last year, the revenue of the segment increased by 48% compared with last year. Income was derived from management fee, performance fee and the advisory fee from the associated company engaged in managing private funds, coupled with return from seed money and other sources of income, the profit of the segment was HK\$53.5 million (2014: HK\$28.4 million).

Sino Rock Investment, an associated company, also contributed a profit of HK\$22.5 million (2014: HK\$13.6 million) to the Group. It was mainly due to the investment return on matured private equity investments and servicing income on managing funds. Meanwhile, assets under management of the company grew significantly during the year. Sino Rock Investment introduced new investors in the fourth quarter to expand and consolidate its shareholder base.

Corporate Finance

Although impacted by various uncertainties, the Group's corporate finance business still recorded considerable growth. The Group successfully sponsored the listing of Time2U International Holding Limited (Stock code: 1327) on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in January 2015 by acting as its sole sponsor, sole global coordinator, sole bookrunner and the joint lead manager. The fund raised through the initial public offering was closed to HK\$300 million. In addition, the Group also acted as the joint bookrunner for the initial public offering ("IPO") of Red Star Macalline

Group Corporation Ltd. (stock code: 1528), and the underwriter of the bond issuance by CCAM, its parent company. In the fourth quarter, the Group successfully completed the sponsorship and underwriting for the IPO of Jiyi Household International Holdings Limited (Stock code: 1495), the total fund raised was approximately HK\$90 million. Apart from the sponsorship and underwriting business, the Group also acted as financial advisor and compliance advisor for listed companies. Revenue of the corporate finance segments for the year was HK\$31.2 million (2014: HK\$19.9 million), representing an increase of 57%, and the profit increased to HK\$4.5 million (2014: loss HK\$7 million).

Brokerage

Following the strong market sentiment in Hong Kong stock market in the second quarter of the year led by the booming atmosphere of the A share market, our securities turnover volume was further increased for the second quarter. Though business was improved, competition was still very keen. Some large securities firms from outside Hong Kong set up firms or acquire existing firms in Hong Kong and injected a plenty amount of capital. Profit margin was narrowed as they, with the strong capability, offered more competitive terms to clients. Moreover, although our profits were partly eroded by the slack market conditions in the second half of the year. However, a moderate increase in revenue was recorded, while the revenue of the segment increased to HK\$82.5 million (2014: HK\$69 million) and segment profit was HK\$7.9 million (2014: loss HK\$2.2 million).

Financial Resources

The Group has maintained sound financial ability throughout the year. All the subsidiaries licensed by the Securities and Futures Commission (the “SFC”) have maintained more than sufficient the liquid capital required. The Group recognized the need to leverage its fund in order to expand its business and hence continues to seek for different means of finance. The credit facilities available to the Group from authorized institutions was HK\$510 million, of which HK\$210 million was secured under the corporate guarantee of our holding company. As at the end of the year, an amount of HK\$106 million was drawn. Furthermore, the aggregate principal of the Group’s outstanding fixed rate medium term bond was HK\$76 million at the end of the year.

Fluctuation in Foreign Exchange

A significant portion of the Group’s assets and liabilities are denominated in Hong Kong (“HK”) Dollars and US Dollars to which HK Dollars are pledged. The Group only exposes to the fluctuation in the exchange rate of RMB against Hong Kong Dollars because of its operation in China and holding of certain financial assets denominated in RMB. No hedging has been made against the devaluation of RMB as the size of assets held is not sufficiently large to make the hedging economically feasible.

Remuneration and Human Resources Development

During the year, the Group continues to recruit and maintain personnel of high calibre to support its business need and to meet the tightened regulatory requirement. As at the end of the year, 112 persons were employed. Employees are remunerated by a fixed monthly salary with discretionary bonus calculated in accordance to the performance of both the Group and the staff. Incentive schemes are in place to motivate front line staff. Performance of supporting staff are appraised at least twice a year to provide a basis for deciding bonus. The Group adopted multi-dimension appraisal policy. The Group also provides regulatory training to the staff and the account executives to enable them to have updated knowledge. Education allowance was also provided to staff for attending relevant pre-approved courses.

The Group's staff remuneration committee comprising the top management staff regularly reviews the remuneration policy and decides on the remuneration package of each staff member. The remuneration package of executive directors is decided by the Group's Remuneration Committee, the majority members of which are independent non-executive directors.

Contingent Liabilities

The Group continues to provide corporate guarantees to its subsidiaries to secure banking and trading facilities. At the end of the year, it is unlikely that any material claims would arise. Outstanding litigation cases are reviewed on its merits on a case-by-case basis together with the indemnity the Group secured. Impairment will be made if economic outflow is imminent.

Looking Forward

Looking into 2016, we expect to face complicated external economic environment. The US has started its interest rate hike cycle, but the pace of increase in will influence the market sentiment. Meanwhile, the Eurozone, Japan and China will maintain the monetary easing policies, but the effectiveness of which is still not significant. In particular, according to the major indicators of China's economy, such as the figures related to the manufacturing industry and inflation, the economy still face high downward pressure. The rising expectation on the depreciation of Renminbi may lead to acceleration of capital outflow from China, which in turn results in higher volatility of the global stock market, as well as the commodities and foreign exchange market.

At the same time, the global economy lacks growth momentum. At the beginning of this year, the International Monetary Fund cut the forecast for global economic growth in the remaining of this year and next year. It is anticipated that the oil-producing countries will not cut production in the near future, and the oil price will hover around the low level, bringing impact on the economy of oil producers in the emerging market. The rising sentiment of risk aversion will translate into the driving force behind the better performance of assets with low risks, such as the US debt and bullion.

As the CCAM Group further penetrates into the international market, the acquisition of a local Hong Kong bank will be completed in the coming year. The synergy between the Group and the CCAM Group will not only speed up but also involved into more diversified aspects. Leveraging on such synergy, the Group aims to become the overseas financial service platform for the CCAM Group.

Despite the uncertainties in the global economy and the downward pressure on the Hong Kong economy in 2016, the Group will continue to expand its three main core business areas, asset management, brokerage business and corporate finance, with a focus on the asset management business, which will be developed through expansion of the size of assets under management. The Group has obtained the qualification of Qualified Foreign Limited Partner ("QFLP") in Qianhai, Shenzhen, and will strive for the Qualified Domestic Investment Enterprise ("QDIE") qualification, which will offer more extensive cross-border financing channels. At the same time, the Group will carry out research on the Qualified Domestic Investment Institutions ("QDII2") and mutual recognition policies on the cross-border financial funds, with a view to growing its size of cross-border funds and further diversifying the asset management business.

In the area of brokerage business, focus will be placed on institutional customers in line with efforts to absorb teams of brokers to increase volume of business, market share as well as to boost our margin financing business. With regard to the corporate finance segment, the team will strike to complete more IPO brought forward from the last year. As the business operation of the potential listed issuers is larger, it is expected that the size of fund to be raised will be larger so that revenue

could be higher. In addition, new projects will be sought to build up a reserve so that the number of completion of IPO projects could be more even on a year-to-year basis. The Group will also explore more opportunities on merger and acquisition business as a means of diversification. Building on the established capabilities of the Group, we hope the result for the coming year will be further improved.

FINAL DIVIDEND

The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31st December 2015 (2014: nil).

SCOPE OF WORK OF MESSRS. ERNST & YOUNG

The figures in respect of the Group's consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and the related notes thereto for the year ended 31st December 2015 as set out in the preliminary announcement have been agreed by the Group's auditor, Messrs. Ernst & Young, to the amounts set out in the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year. The work performed by Messrs. Ernst & Young in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and consequently no assurance has been expressed by Messrs. Ernst & Young on the preliminary announcement.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

The Company has not redeemed any of its shares during the year ended 31st December 2015. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's shares during the year ended 31st December 2015.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to achieving and maintaining high standards of corporate governance and has established policies and procedures for compliance with the principles and code provisions set out from time to time in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange" and "Listing Rules", respectively) under Appendix 14 (the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report ("CG Code")).

Throughout the financial year 2015, the Group has complied with all the code provisions set out in the CG Code save for the deviation from code provisions specified below:

- Provision A.6.7 of the CG Code, independent non-executive directors and other non-executive directors should attend general meetings and develop a balanced understanding of the views of shareholders. Mr. Wang Tongsan and Mr. Chen Gongmeng, the independent non-executive Directors, were unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 10th June 2015 as they have other engagements.

COMPLIANCE WITH MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its code of conduct for Directors dealing in its shares. All Directors confirmed that they had complied with the required standards at all times throughout financial year 2015.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed the internal controls and financial reporting matters of the Group together with a review of the annual results for the year ended 31st December 2015.

PUBLICATION OF RESULT AND ANNUAL REPORT

This announcement is published on the website of SEHK at <http://www.hkex.com.hk> and the Company's website at <http://www.cinda.com.hk>. The 2015 Annual Report of the Company will be published on the same websites and dispatched to the shareholders of the Company in due course.

By Order of the Board
Cinda International Holdings Limited
Zhao Hongwei
Chairman

Hong Kong, 29th March 2016

At the date of this announcement, the Board comprises of the following directors:

Executive Directors:

Mr. Zhao Hongwei (*Chairman*)
Mr. Gong Zhijian (*Managing Director*)
Mr. Lau Mun Chung

Non-executive Director:

Mr. Chow Kwok Wai

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Wang Tongsan
Mr. Chen Gongmeng
Mr. Hung Muk Ming

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