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## **ORIENT VICTORY TRAVEL GROUP COMPANY LIMITED**

### **東勝旅遊集團有限公司**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 265)**

## **CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTION IN RELATION TO RENEWED SERVICE AGREEMENT**

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### **IMPLICATIONS UNDER LISTING RULES**

As at the date of this announcement, Four Seas (a non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company) is owned as to 35% by Four Seas BVI and HK Four Seas is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Four Seas BVI. Therefore, HK Four Seas is a connected person of the Company at the subsidiary level. Accordingly, the transactions contemplated under the Renewed Service Agreement constitute continuing connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

As (i) HK Four Seas is a connected person of the Company at the subsidiary level; (ii) the continuing connected transactions contemplated under the Renewed Service Agreement are on normal commercial terms; and (iii) the Board (including all the independent non-executive Directors) has approved the continuing connected transactions and confirmed that the terms of the continuing connected transactions are fair and reasonable and that the continuing connected transactions are on normal commercial terms and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, according to Rule 14A.101 of the Listing Rules, the continuing connected transactions contemplated under the Renewed Service Agreement are subject to the reporting and announcement requirements but are exempt from the circular, independent financial advice and shareholders' approval requirements.

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### **Scope of the Services**

Pursuant to the Renewed Service Agreement, Four Seas agreed to appoint HK Four Seas as its service provider to provide, and HK Four Seas agreed to provide to Four Seas, the following services:

- (a) granting to Four Seas licence of such trademarks as owned by HK Four Seas; and
- (b) purchase of air tickets through IATA and/or such other agencies, which will then be sold to Four Seas on normal commercial terms.

### **Service Term**

Pursuant to the Renewed Service Agreement, subject to early termination by any party to the Renewed Service Agreement in accordance with the terms thereof, the Renewed Service Agreement shall take effect from 4 September 2020 to 3 September 2021 (both dates inclusive) (the “**Service Term**”).

Four Seas and HK Four Seas shall have the right to terminate the Renewed Service Agreement by giving the other party not less than three months' prior written notice to that effect.

### **Service Fee**

Pursuant to the Renewed Service Agreement, Four Seas agrees to pay a monthly fee of HK\$20,000 to HK Four Seas for the Services (the "**Service Fee**").

The Service Fee shall be payable in arrears on the last business day of each calendar month by Four Seas to HK Four Seas.

### **Ticket and Agency Fees**

Pursuant to the Renewed Service Agreement, in relation to the purchase of air tickets by HK Four Seas from airline companies through the IATA and other agencies to be sold to Four Seas, it is agreed that the air tickets shall be sold by HK Four Seas to Four Seas at cost provided that Four Seas shall pay to HK Four Seas, in addition to the Service Fee, an agency fee to be determined by the parties from time to time on an arm's length basis in good faith and with reference to the credit terms (collectively the "**Ticket and Agency Fees**"), if any, provided that such purchase price and such other terms of the contract constituted by the purchase order so accepted by HK Four Seas shall be on normal and usual commercial terms and comparable to those applicable to the supply of the same type of air tickets by HK Four Seas to independent third party purchasers, if any.

Four Seas has agreed that it shall purchase a minimum of 1,000 air tickets from HK Four Seas for every three months throughout the Service Term (the "**Minimum Air Tickets**") and the average minimum purchase price of each of the Minimum Air Tickets shall be HK\$3,400. If the Renewed Service Agreement is terminated prior to the expiry of the Service Term, the number of Minimum Air Tickets to be purchased by Four Seas shall be reduced on pro-rata basis.

### **Grant of licence**

HK Four Seas shall continue to grant to Four Seas a royalty-free worldwide licence to use the trademarks, trade names, business names, company names, logos, domain names and designs that are currently used by Four Seas immediately before the date of the Renewed Service Agreement, including but without limitation to any of the following words or names or any combination thereof: "Four Seas", "Four Seas Travel", "四海" and/or "四海旅遊".

## ANNUAL CAPS

The details of the Annual Caps are set out as follows:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Service Fee <i>HK\$'million</i></b>	<b>Ticket and Agency Fees <i>HK\$'million</i></b>	<b>Annual Caps (being the aggregate sum of the Service Fee and the Ticket and Agency Fee) <i>HK\$'million</i></b>
From 4 September 2020 to 31 December 2020	0.08	6.25	6.33
From 1 January 2021 to 3 September 2021 (being the end date of the Service Term)	0.16	107.66	107.82

The Annual Caps were determined based on (i) the fixed monthly Service Fee of HK\$20,000, which was determined with reference to, among other things, the brand value and the intended use of the trademarks; and (ii) the Ticket and Agency Fees payable by Four Seas to HK Four Seas with reference to the historical gross purchase amount of the air tickets and an amount equivalent to 1.5% on the gross purchase amount of the air tickets payable to HK Four Seas as agency fee. In particular, the Annual Cap for the period from 4 September 2020 to 31 December 2020 was determined with reference to the actual purchase amount from HK Four Seas for the period from 1 February 2020 to 30 June 2020 (i.e. latest historical figures for the period under the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) epidemic (the “**Epidemic**”)), while the Annual Cap for the period from 1 January 2021 to 3 September 2021 was determined after taking into account the impact of the Epidemic and the historical gross purchase amount of the air tickets for the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 August 2019.

Save as disclosed, the terms between the Service Agreements and the Renewed Service Agreement are identical to each other.

Under the Renewed Service Agreement, Four Seas has committed to purchase the Minimum Air Tickets every three months from HK Four Seas during the Service Term. As Four Seas is required to take up the risks pertaining to such minimum air ticket purchase volume under the Renewed Service Agreement, Four Seas is regarded as a principal for accounting purpose and the sale of air tickets by Four Seas would be recognised as revenue on a gross basis and the corresponding costs of air tickets paid to HK Four Seas would be recognised as cost of goods sold.

Should the fees payable by Four Seas to HK Four Seas exceed the above Annual Caps in any period during the Service Term, the Company will revise the Annual Caps in compliance with the relevant provisions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The historical amounts paid by Four Seas to HK Four Seas are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Ticket and Agency Fees</b> <i>HK\$'million</i>	<b>Service Fee</b> <i>HK\$'million</i>	<b>Total</b> <i>HK\$'million</i>
2014	1.66	0.39	2.05
2015	5.15	1.20	6.35
2016	62.46	1.20	63.66
2017	219.32	1.20	220.52
2018	227.47	0.88	228.35
2019	194.77	0.24	195.01
2020 (up to June 2020)	20.64	0.12	20.76

The previous annual caps have not been exceeded at any point in time, and none of directors of the Company have any material interest in the Renewed Service Agreement.

## **INTERNAL CONTROL PROCEDURES**

Four Seas makes online air ticket fare searches through various independent air tickets online search engines on a regular basis. The fare search results will then be compared and evaluated against the Service Fee and terms under the Renewed Service Agreement from time to time. Four Seas shall approve and make final decisions as to the suppliers and will ensure the price and terms of the Renewed Service Agreement are no less favourable to the Group than those offered by independent suppliers.

Furthermore, as HK Four Seas is not the sole supplier of air tickets to Four Seas, the Company considers that it is in a position to ensure that transactions conducted under the Renewed Service Agreement would be on normal commercial terms and not prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

The Directors consider that the above procedures and controls can ensure the Renewed Service Agreement is on normal commercial terms and not prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its minority shareholders as Four Seas can readily obtain the market price information from time to time for assessment, and if the terms and prices offered by independent suppliers is better than that of HK Four Seas, Four Seas can engage other suppliers at its own discretion.

## **INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY, FOUR SEAS AND HK FOUR SEAS**

The Company is a company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands with limited liability. The Group is principally engaged in the provision of diversified tourism products such as air tickets and other travel related services, integrated development which involves the development and operation of tourism spots and culture spots, visitor accommodation and properties for sale and investment holding business.

Four Seas is a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong with limited liability and is a non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company which is principally engaged in sale of air tickets and other travel-related services for corporate clients. As at the date of this announcement, the issued share capital of Four Seas is owned as to 65% by the Group and 35% by Four Seas BVI.

HK Four Seas is a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong with limited liability and is principally engaged in sale of air tickets and other travel-related services principally provided to travel agents and corporate clients. As at the date of this announcement, HK Four Seas is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Four Seas BVI.

## **REASONS FOR ENTERING INTO THE RENEWED SERVICE AGREEMENT**

HK Four Seas has so far during the respective terms of the Service Agreements given Four Seas a credit period of 40 days, which was longer and more favourable than normal market term. Despite the usual credit period of 15 days in the travel industry, Four Seas and HK Four Seas agreed that the existing arrangement regarding the credit period under the Renewed Service Agreement shall remain at 40 days (the “**Credit Term**”) provided that Four Seas shall commit to purchase the Minimum Air Tickets.

Given the recent development of the research on vaccine for the COVID-19, it is expected that the Epidemic might be better controlled in 2021, and the global travel industry would then be gradually resumed. However, it is expected that the global travel industry shall still be adversely affected by the Epidemic in 2020. Accordingly, the Board considers that it is reasonable to take into account the impact of the Epidemic to the Annual Cap for the period from 4 September 2020 to 3 September 2021. As compared to the Annual Cap of HK\$261.14 million for the period from 4 September 2019 to 3 September 2020 as disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 20 September 2019, the Annual Cap for the period from 4 September 2020 to 3 September 2021 of HK\$114.15 million decreased by 56%.

The Board considers that travel industry will be vigorous in the long-run. By entering into the Renewed Service Agreement, the Group is able to maintain the use of licence and trademarks owned by HK Four Seas and purchase air tickets efficiently with a better Credit Term, so as to prepare for the travel business development after the Epidemic.

The Directors (including all the independent non-executive Directors) are of the opinion that the continuing connected transactions with HK Four Seas contemplated under the Renewed Service Agreement were entered into: (i) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Company; (ii) on normal commercial terms (on arm's length basis) or on terms no less favourable than those terms offered by independent third parties to the Group for similar products and services in its ordinary and usual course of business; and (iii) that the terms of the Renewed Service Agreement (including the Annual Caps) are fair and reasonable. The Directors (including all the independent non-executive Directors) are of the view that the continuing connected transactions (including the Annual Caps) are in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

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

“Annual Caps”	annual caps in respect of the fees payable by Four Seas to HK Four Seas for the provision of the Services
“associate”	has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules
“Board”	the board of directors of the Company



“Company”	Orient Victory Travel Group Company Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands, shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
“connected person(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules
“Director(s)”	director(s) of the Company
“Four Seas”	Four Seas Tours Limited (四海旅行社有限公司), a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, an indirectly non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
“Four Seas BVI”	Four Seas Travel (BVI) Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“HK Four Seas”	Hong Kong Four Seas Tours Limited (香港四海旅行社有限公司), a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Four Seas BVI, a connected person of the Company at the subsidiary level
“Hong Kong” or “HK”	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“IATA”	International Air Transport Association, the trade association for the world’s airlines
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China
“Renewed Service Agreement”	the service agreement dated 30 September 2020 entered into between Four Seas and HK Four Seas
“Service Agreements”	the service agreements dated 30 November 2016, 28 August 2017, 16 November 2018 and 20 September 2019 respectively entered into between Four Seas and HK Four Seas



“Services”	services to be provided by HK Four Seas to Four Seas pursuant to the Renewed Service Agreement which include sale of air tickets and other travel-related services
“Shareholder(s)”	shareholder(s) of the Company
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

By order of the Board  
**Orient Victory Travel Group Company Limited**  
**Shi Baodong**  
*Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 30 September 2020

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises three executive Directors, being Mr. Shi Baodong, Mr. Zhao Huining and Mr. Mo Yueming; one non-executive Director, being Ms. Song Sining, and three independent non-executive Directors, being Mr. Dong Xiaojie, Mr. He Qi and Mr. Swei Feng-jih.*