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# PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND BUY-BACK SHARES RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of Times Neighborhood Holdings Limited to be held at Victoria Room 4, Level 2, Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong on Monday, 30 May 2022 at 2:30 p.m. is set out on pages 19 to 24 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the annual general meeting is also enclosed. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.shidaiwuye.com). Whether or not you are able to attend the annual general meeting, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Hong Kong share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude shareholders from attending and voting in person at the annual general meeting (or any adjournment thereof) if they so wish and in such event the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please refer to page 1 of this circular for precautionary measures being implemented at the Annual General Meeting to try to prevent and control the spread of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"), including, without limitation:

- all attendees being required to (a) undergo body temperature screening; and (b) wear surgical face masks prior to admission to the Annual General Meeting venue;
- all attendees being required to wear surgical masks throughout the Annual General Meeting;
- appropriate seating arrangement being implemented; and
- no distribution of corporate gift or refreshment.

The Company reminds attendees that they should carefully consider the risks of attending the Annual General Meeting, taking into account their own personal circumstances. Furthermore, the Company would like to remind the Shareholders that physical attendance in person at the Annual General Meeting is not necessary for the purpose of exercising their voting rights and strongly recommends that Shareholders appoint the chairman of the Annual General Meeting as their proxy and submit their form of proxy as early as possible. Subject to the development of COVID-19, the Company may implement further changes and precautionary measures and may issue further announcement on such measures as appropriate.

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#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The health of our Shareholders, staff and stakeholders is of paramount importance to us. In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Company will implement the following precautionary measures at the Annual General Meeting to protect attending Shareholders, staff and stakeholders from the risk of infection:

- (i) Compulsory body temperature checks will be conducted for every Shareholder, proxy or other attendee at each entrance of the meeting venue. Any person with a body temperature of over 37.4 degrees Celsius may be denied entry into the meeting venue or be required to leave the meeting venue;
- (ii) All attendees are required to wear a surgical face mask throughout the meeting and inside the meeting venue, and to maintain a safe distance between seats; and
- (iii) No refreshment will be served, and there will be no corporate gift.

In addition, the Company reminds all Shareholders that physical attendance in person at the meeting is not necessary for the purpose of exercising voting rights. Shareholders may appoint the chairman of the meeting as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolution at the meeting instead of attending the meeting in person, by completing and return the proxy form attached to this circular.

Subject to the development of the COVID-19 pandemic and the requirements or guidelines of the HKSAR Government and/or regulatory authorities, the Company may implement further precautionary measures and change the Annual General Meeting arrangements at short notice. The Company will keep the Shareholders informed by way of further announcement if there are any material updates that would affect the Annual General Meeting.

If any Shareholder chooses not to attend the meeting in person but has any question about any resolution or about the Company, or has any matter for communication with the Board, he/she is welcome to send such question or matter in writing to our principal place of business in Hong Kong.

If any Shareholder has any question relating to the meeting, please contact Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, the Company's share registrar in Hong Kong as follow:

Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre 183 Queen's Road East Wanchai, Hong Kong

Tel: (852) 2862 8555 Fax: (852) 2865 0990

#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"Annual General Meeting" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at

Victoria Room 4, Level 2, Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong on Monday, 30 May 2022 at 2:30 p.m., or any adjournment thereof and notice of which is set out on pages 19 to 24 of this

circular

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company adopted (as

amended from time to time)

"Best Source" Best Source Ventures Limited (卓源創投有限公司), a

company incorporated in the BVI with limited liability on 9 April 2020 and wholly owned by Super Reach, one of

the Controlling Shareholders

"Board" the board of Directors

"Buy-back Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be

granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting to buy-back Shares not exceeding 10% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant

resolution granting the Buy-back Mandate

"BVI" British Virgin Islands

"Company" or "we" Times Neighborhood Holdings Limited (時代鄰里控股有

限公司), an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited

liability on 12 July 2019

"Controlling Shareholders" has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules

and, unless the context requires otherwise, refers to the controlling shareholders of the Company, being Mr. Shum, Ms. Li, Renowned Brand, East Profit, Best Source

and Super Reach

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

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"East Profit"	East Profit Management Limited (東利管理有限公司), a company incorporated in the BVI with limited liability on 9 July 2007 and wholly owned by Ms. Li, one of the Controlling Shareholders	
"General Mandate"	a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting to allot, issue and/or deal with Shares not exceeding 20% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution granting such mandate	
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries	
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of Hong Kong	
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China	
"Latest Practicable Date"	22 April 2022, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained in this circular	
"Listing Date"	19 December 2019, being the date on which the Shares are listed on the Stock Exchange	
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, as amended from time to time	
"Mr. Shum"	Mr. Shum Chiu Hung (岑釗雄), one of the Controlling Shareholders and the spouse of Ms. Li	
"Ms. Li"	Ms. Li Yiping (李一萍), one of the Controlling Shareholders and the spouse of Mr. Shum	
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China excluding, for the purpose of this circular, Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan	
"Renowned Brand"	Renowned Brand Investments Limited (佳名投資有限公司), a company incorporated in the BVI with limited liability on 22 March 2006 and wholly owned by Mr.	

Shum, one of the Controlling Shareholders

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the

Laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or

otherwise modified from time to time

"Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of nominal value of HK\$0.01 each in

the capital of the Company

"Shareholder(s)" the holder(s) of the Shares

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Super Reach" Super Reach Ventures Limited (超達創投有限公司), a

company incorporated in the BVI with limited liability on 16 April 2020 and 60% owned by Renowned Brand and 40% owned by East Profit, one of the Controlling

Shareholders

"Takeovers Code" the Code on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs

issued by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong

Kong, as amended from time to time

"Times China" Times China Holdings Limited (時代中國控股有限公司)

(stock code: 1233), an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability on 14 November 2007, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange, and is an associated

corporation of the Company

"Times China Group" Times China and its subsidiaries

"%" per cent



## **Times Neighborhood Holdings Limited**

## 時代鄰里控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 9928)

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Mr. Yao Xusheng

Ms. Xie Rao

Ms. Zhou Rui

Non-Executive Directors:

Mr. Bai Xihong (Chairman)

Mr. Li Qiang

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29 April 2022

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

## PROPOSALS FOR

GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND BUY-BACK SHARES
RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS
DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND
AND

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to give you the notice of Annual General Meeting and the following proposals to be put forward at the Annual General Meeting, among other things, (a) granting of the General Mandate to issue Shares and the Buy-back Mandate to buy-back Shares; (b) the re-election of the retiring Directors; and (c) the declaration of final dividend.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

In order to ensure flexibility and give discretion to the Directors, in the event that it becomes desirable for the Company to issue any new Shares, approval is to be sought from the Shareholders, pursuant to the Listing Rules, for the General Mandate to issue Shares. At the Annual General Meeting, an ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) will be proposed to grant the General Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with the additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution in relation to the General Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, 985,672,747 Shares have been fully paid. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or bought-back after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to issue a maximum of 197,134,549 Shares.

In addition, subject to a separate approval of the ordinary resolution numbered 5(C), the number of Shares purchased by the Company under ordinary resolution numbered 5(B) will also be added to extend the General Mandate as mentioned in ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) provided that such additional amount shall represent up to 10% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing the resolutions in relation to the General Mandate and Buy-back Mandate. The Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new Shares pursuant to the General Mandate.

#### **BUY-BACK MANDATE TO BUY-BACK SHARES**

In addition, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to approve the granting of the Buy-back Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to buy-back Shares representing up to 10% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution in relation to the Buy-back Mandate.

An explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to be sent to the Shareholders in connection with the proposed Buy-back Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular. This explanatory statement contains all information reasonably necessary to enable the Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

#### RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

In accordance with article 108 of the Articles of Association, one-third of the Directors for the time being, or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not less than one-third, will retire from office by rotation provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election. Accordingly, Ms. Xie Rao, Mr. Li Qiang and Mr. Lui Shing Ming, Brian will retire and, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election as Directors at the Annual General Meeting.

Details of the above retiring Directors who are subject to re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out in Appendix I to this circular in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules.

#### RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Ernst & Young will retire as the independent auditor of the Company at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

The Board proposed to re-appoint Ernst & Young as the independent auditor of the Company and to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

## DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Board has recommended the payment of a final dividend of RMB4.7 cents per Share in respect of the year ended 31 December 2021. Conditional upon the passing of ordinary resolution numbered 2 by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, 30 May 2022, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 7 June 2022 to 9 June 2022 (both dates inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. Shareholders registered under the Hong Kong branch register of members as of 9 June 2022 will be entitled to the final dividend. The final dividend is expected to be paid on or about 8 July 2022. The final dividend shall be declared in RMB and paid in HK\$. The final dividend payable in HK\$ will be converted from RMB to HK\$ at the average exchange rate of HK\$ against RMB announced by the People's Bank of China on 30 May 2022. In order to determine the identity of the Shareholders who are entitled to the final dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 6 June 2022.

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Set out on pages 19 to 24 of this circular is the notice of the Annual General Meeting at which, inter alia, ordinary resolutions will be proposed to Shareholders to consider and approve the granting of the General Mandate to issue Shares and the Buy-back Mandate to buy-back Shares, the re-election of the retiring Directors, and declaration of final dividend.

For determining eligibility to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 24 May 2022 to 30 May 2022, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all transfer of Shares, accompanied by the

relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 23 May 2022.

#### FORM OF PROXY

A form of proxy is enclosed for use at the Annual General Meeting. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.shidaiwuye.com). Whether or not you intend to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Hong Kong share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy shall not preclude a Shareholder from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting if they so wish and in such event the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

#### VOTING BY WAY OF POLL

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules and article 72 of the Articles of Association, any resolution put to the vote of the Shareholders at a general meeting shall be taken by poll except where the chairman of the Annual General Meeting, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. Accordingly, each of the resolutions set out in the notice will be taken by way of poll.

#### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the 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 circular 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 circular misleading.

On a poll, every Shareholder present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative, shall have one vote for every fully paid Share of which he/she is the holder. A Shareholder entitled to more than one vote needs not use all his/her votes or cast all the votes he/she uses in the same way.

#### **GENERAL**

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting on the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Your attention is also drawn to the additional information set out in the appendices to this circular.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the proposed resolutions for the granting of the General Mandate to issue Shares, the Buy-back Mandate to buy-back Shares, the re-election of the retiring Directors and the declaration of final dividend are in the interests of the Group and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully
By order of the Board
Times Neighborhood Holdings Limited
Mr. Bai Xihong
Chairman

The following are the particulars of the retiring Directors (as required by the Listing Rules) proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The biographical details of the retiring Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting are set out as follows:

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Xie Rao (謝嬈), aged 43, was appointed as our executive Director on 26 August 2019 and is primarily responsible for the quality operation management, brand positioning and promotion and public relations maintenance of our Group. Ms. Xie is also our vice president. She has also been serving as a deputy general manager at Guangzhou Times Neighborhood Corporate Governance Co., Ltd. since joining our Group in July 2017. From June 2020 to January 2021, Ms. Xie served as the general manager of Guangzhou Times Neighborhood Environmental Science Technology Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary of the Company).

Prior to joining our Group, from November 2003 to October 2006, Ms. Xie served as the senior training director of human resources department at Guangzhou Mayland Investment Limited (廣州市美林基業投資有限公司), a property developer, where she was primarily responsible for recruitment and training. From October 2006 to July 2017, Ms. Xie served as an assistant to the general manager at Guangzhou Tianli Property Development Co., Ltd. (廣州天力物業發展有限公司), a subsidiary of Guangzhou R&F Properties Co., Ltd. (廣州富力地產股份有限公司) which is a property developer listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 2777) at that time, where she was primarily responsible for talent strategy planning, property quality construction and maintenance of public relations.

Ms. Xie has been serving as a member of China Property Management Association (中國 物業管理協會) and a vice president of Guangdong Property Management Industry Institute (廣 東省物業管理行業協會) since 2019 and 2018 respectively. Ms. Xie acted as a vice president of Guangzhou Property Management Association (廣州市物業管理行業協會) from November 2018 to December 2020. She served as a deputy director of the Quality Standards Committee (標準化工作委員會) of Guangzhou Property Management Association from December 2018 to May 2021. She has acted as a director of the Health and Epidemic Prevention Committee (健 康與防疫專業委員會) of Guangdong Property Management Industry Institute (廣東省物業管理 行業協會) since August 2020. In August 2020, Ms. Xie was rated by Guangdong Property Management Industry Institute as the "Outstanding Figure" for the 20th anniversary of the establishment of Guangdong property management industry. In December 2020, she was rated among the "China's Top 100 Property Managers in 2020 (2020中國物業經理人100強)" and "China's Top 50 Property Managers in Greater Bay Area in 2020 (2020中國物業經理人大灣區 50強)" in the "China's Property Managers for 2020" sponsored by Leju Finance and co-sponsored by Sina Finance, Chinese Entrepreneurs, Fangchan.com and China Property Management Research Institution. In January 2021, she was awarded the title of the "Leader for the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of Guangzhou Property Management Association" by Guangzhou Property Management Association. She was also awarded the title of the "Leader for the 40th Anniversary of the Development of the Property Management Industry of Guangdong" by Guangdong Property Management Industry Institute in October 2021.

Ms. Xie graduated from Hunan University (湖南大學) in the PRC majored in economic management in June 2000. Ms. Xie obtained her qualification as an assistant communication engineer (通信助理工程師) from Guangdong Department of Human Resources and Social Security (廣東省人力資源和社會保障廳) in March 2004 and her executive master of business administration degree from Jinan University (暨南大學) in December 2021.

Save as disclosed above, Ms. Xie has not held any directorship in any listed public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the past three years. She is not a director of and does not hold any executive position in any member of the Group. Ms. Xie does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial Shareholders or the Controlling Shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Xie held 200,000 Shares.

Ms. Xie has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial term of three years commencing from the Listing Date, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either Ms. Xie or the Company. Pursuant to the service contract, she does not receive any Director's fee from the Company. Pursuant to the Articles of Association, she shall be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company. Her remuneration packages may be adjusted by the Board according to the suggestions of the remuneration committee of the Company and by reference to her duties and responsibilities, the performance of the Company, current market conditions and remuneration benchmarks in the industry.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters in relation to Ms. Xie that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Li Qiang (李強), aged 47, was appointed as our non-executive Director on 26 August 2019 and is primarily responsible for providing guidance for the overall development of our Group.

Mr. Li joined Times China Group in July 2005 and served as an assistant to the president from July 2005 to July 2009. He has been serving as an executive director of Times China since February 2008, a vice president of Times China Group from July 2009 to April 2020 as well as the senior vice president and the general manager of the risk control and quality service management center of Times China Group since April 2020 where he is primarily responsible for audit, supervision, legal and quality service management affairs. Prior to joining Times China Group, Mr. Li worked at Guangdong ETR Law Firm (廣東廣信君達律師事務所) (formerly known as Guangdong Guangxin Law Firm (廣東廣信君達律師事務所)).

Mr. Li received his master's degree in law from Hunan Normal University (湖南師範大學) in the PRC in June 2000 and his executive master of business administration degree from Sun Yat-sen University (中山大學) in the PRC in December 2007. Mr. Li was admitted as a practicing lawyer in the PRC in June 1998. From September 2011 to September 2016, Mr. Li served as a member of the 15th People's Congress of Guangzhou Yuexiu District (廣州市越秀區第十五屆人民代表大會). He has been serving as an arbitrator at Guangzhou Arbitration Commission (廣州仲裁委員會) since October 2018.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Li has not held any directorship in any listed public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the past three years. He is not a director of and does not hold any executive position in any member of the Group. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Li does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial Shareholders or the Controlling Shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Li does not hold any Shares.

Mr. Li has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial term of three years commencing from the Listing Date, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either Mr. Li or the Company. Pursuant to the service contract, he does not receive any Director's fee from the Company. Pursuant to the Articles of Association, he shall be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company. His remuneration packages may be adjusted by the Board according to the suggestions of the remuneration committee of the Company and by reference to his duties and responsibilities, the performance of the Company, current market conditions and remuneration benchmarks in the industry.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters in relation to Mr. Li that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lui Shing Ming, Brian (雷勝明), aged 61, was appointed as our independent non-executive Director on 3 December 2019 and is responsible for providing independent advice on the operations and management of our Group.

From April 1982 to May 1982, Mr. Lui served as an audit assistant at John B.P. Byrne & Co (莊栢彬會計事務所), where he was responsible for audit work, From June 1982 to January 1983, Mr. Lui served as an audit trainee at PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited (羅兵咸永道會計 師事務所) (formerly known as Coopers & Lybrand (Hong Kong) (永道會計師事務所(香港)), where he was responsible for audit work. From March 1983 to May 1986, Mr. Lui served as an accountant at The Grolier Society of Australia Pty. Ltd., a publisher of general encyclopedias, where he was responsible for audit work. From July 1986 to March 1989, Mr. Lui served as an accounting and administration manager at Cheong Ming Press Factory Limited (昌明印刷廠有限公司) where he was responsible for accounting work. From March 1989 to November 1991, Mr. Lui served as a manager at the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong. From December 1992 to December 1996, Mr. Lui served as a finance director at Cheong Ming Press Factory Limited where he was primarily responsible for the management of accounting and financial control functions, corporate finance matters and company restructuring. From June 1997 to July 2014, Mr. Lui served as a director of Reaload Group Holdings Limited (偉祿集團控股有限公司) (formerly known as Cheong Ming Investments Limited (昌明投資有限公司) and Cheong Ming Holdings Limited (昌明控股有限公司)), a company listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 1196), where he was primarily responsible for company policies and strategies and financial matters and was appointed as the chairman in 2008. From September 2004 to August 2016, Mr. Lui served as an independent non-executive director at Hong Kong Food Investment Holdings Limited (香港食品投資控股 有限公司) (formerly known as Four Seas Investment Holdings Limited (四洲食品投資控股有 限公司)), a food conglomerate listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code:0060). Since May 2000, he has been serving as the chairman of Capital Financial Press Limited (資本財經印刷 有限公司), a financial printing services provider, where he has been primarily responsible for company policies and strategies and financial matters.

Mr. Lui received his bachelor's degree in commerce and his master's degree in commerce from The University of New South Wales in Australia in April 1982 and May 1985, respectively. He has been serving as the honorary president of Chamber of Commerce of Guangzhou Foreign Investment Enterprises (廣州外商投資企業商會) since January 2017 and an executive vice president of the 8th committee of Hong Kong Guangdong Foreign Merchants Association (香港廣東外商公會). Mr. Lui was admitted as a fellow member of Certified Practicing Accountants Australia in June 1985 and a fellow member of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants in April 2005. He is currently an authorized supervisor of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lui has not held any directorship in any listed public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the past three years. Mr. Lui is not a director of and does not hold any executive position in any member of the Group. Mr. Lui does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial Shareholders or the Controlling Shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lui held 200,000 Shares.

Mr. Lui entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for an initial term of three years commencing on the Listing Date, which may be terminated by Mr. Lui or the Company by giving not less than three months written notice, and shall comply with provisions in relation to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company pursuant to the Articles of Association. Pursuant to the letter of appointment, his Director's fee is RMB300,000 per year. His remuneration packages may be adjusted by the Board according to the suggestions of the remuneration committee of the Company and by reference to his duties and responsibilities, the performance of the Company, current market conditions and remuneration benchmarks in the industry.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters in relation to Mr. Lui that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### Further information in relation to the re-election of the retiring Directors

#### Procedure for nomination of Directors (including independent non-executive Directors)

The nomination committee of the Company will give consideration to the current composition and size of the Board and the Board diversity policy adopted by the Company to identify or select suitable candidates. The nomination committee of the Company will then hold a meeting and/or by way of written resolutions to provide the relevant information of the selected candidate to the remuneration committee of the Company for consideration of the remuneration package of such selected candidate and the recommendation to the Board for appointment; the remuneration committee of the Company will make the recommendation to the Board on the policy and structure for the remuneration; the Board will finally deliberate and decide the appointment as the case may be.

#### Recommendation of the Board

The Board has considered Ms. Xie Rao's extensive experience in the property management fields, her working profile and other experience and factors as set out in Appendix I to this circular, and the Board has also reviewed her overall contribution and service to the Company, including her attendance of Board meetings and general meetings, the level of participation and performance on the Board, and believes Ms. Xie would contribute to bring valuable business experience, knowledge and professionalism to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning, to achieve diversification while maintaining high standards of corporate governance.

The Board has considered Mr. Li Qiang's extensive experience in the audit, supervision, legal and quality service management fields, his working profile and other experience and factors as set out in Appendix I to this circular, and the Board has also reviewed his overall contribution and service to the Company, including his attendance of Board meetings and general meetings, the level of participation and performance on the Board, and believes Mr. Li would contribute to bring valuable business experience, knowledge and professionalism to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning, to achieve diversification while maintaining high standards of corporate governance.

The Board has considered Mr. Lui Shing Ming, Brian's extensive experience in the audit, financial management and strategies development fields, his working profile and other experience and factors as set out in Appendix I to this circular, and the Board has also reviewed his overall contribution and service to the Company, including his attendance of Board meetings and general meetings, the level of participation and performance on the Board, and believes Mr. Lui would contribute to ensure that the Board has the appropriate balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives necessary on the financial aspect to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Board and to achieve diversification while maintaining high standards of corporate governance. The Board has also taken into account Mr. Lui's contributions as the independent non-executive Director and his commitment to his role. The Company has also received his independence confirmation pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and was satisfied with his independence. The Board believes the independent non-executive Director is independent.

In view of the above, the Board believes the respective education, background and experience of the above executive Director, non-executive Director and independent non-executive Director will allow them to provide valuable insights and contribute to the diversity of the Board and therefore should be re-elected.

The following is an explanatory statement required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Listing Rules in connection with the proposed Buy-back Mandate.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of issued Shares was 985,672,747 Shares of nominal value of HK\$0.01 each which have been fully paid. Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the Buy-back Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or bought-back before the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to buy-back a maximum of 98,567,274 Shares which represent 10% of the issued Shares during the period ending on the earlier of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the Articles of Association to be held; or (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by Shareholders in general meeting of the Company revoking or varying such mandate.

#### REASONS FOR AND FUNDING OF BUY-BACKS

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders to have a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to buy-back its Shares in the market. Such buy-backs may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the Company's net asset value and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such buy-backs will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

Buy-back of the Shares must be funded out of funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the Articles of Association, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands. The Directors may not buy-back the Shares on the Stock Exchange for a consideration other than cash or for settlement otherwise than in accordance with the trading rules of the Stock Exchange.

The Directors have no present intention to buy-back any Shares and they would only exercise the power to buy-back in circumstances where they consider that the buy-back would be in the best interests of the Company. The Directors believe that if the Buy-back Mandate is exercised in full, it may have a material adverse impact on the working capital and gearing position of the Company, as compared with the positions disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as at 31 December 2021, being the date to which the latest published audited consolidated financial statements of the Company were made up. The Directors do not propose to exercise the Buy-back Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or its gearing levels which, in the opinion of the Directors, are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), have any present intention if the Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell any Shares to the Company.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Buy-back Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Articles of Association and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

No core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) has notified the Company that he or she has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, if the Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### **TAKEOVERS CODE**

If as a result of a buy-back of Shares pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder, or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (within the meaning under the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase in the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and thereby become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. Save as aforesaid, the Directors are not aware of any consequences which would arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any buy-back of Shares pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best knowledge and belief of the Directors, Super Reach, Best Source, East Profit, Renowned Brand, Ms. Li and Mr. Shum are deemed to be interested in 473,431,769 Shares, respectively through its controlled corporations under the SFO, representing approximately 48.03% of the issued Shares. In the event that the Directors should exercise in full the Buy-back Mandate, such interests will be increased to approximately 53,37% of the issued Shares.

To the best knowledge and belief of the Directors, such increase may give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under the Takeovers Code. The Directors have no present intention to buy-back the Shares to the extent that will trigger the obligations under the Takeovers Code for Super Reach, Best Source, East Profit, Renowned Brand, Ms. Li and Mr. Shum to make a mandatory offer. The Directors are not aware of any other consequences which may arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any purchase by the Company of its Shares.

APPENDIX II

The Listing Rules prohibit a company from making buy-back on the Stock Exchange if buy back results in the Company's public float falling below 25% (or such other prescribed minimum percentage as determined by the Stock Exchange) of the total number of issued shares of the Company. The Directors do not propose to buy-back Shares which would result in less than the prescribed minimum percentage of Shares in public hands.

#### SHARE BUY-BACK MADE BY THE COMPANY

No buy-backs of Shares have been made by the Company during the six months prior to the Latest Practicable Date (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

#### **SHARE PRICES**

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the twelve months immediately prior to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Highest	Lowest
Month	prices	prices
	HK\$	HK\$
2021		
April	6.32	5.54
May	6.41	4.89
June	7.16	5.56
July	6.70	4.63
August	5.53	4.61
September	4.99	3.49
October	4.40	3.65
November	3.83	3.21
December	3.63	2.78
2022		
January	3.35	2.50
February	3.36	2.57
March	2.74	1.58
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	2.63	1.91



## **Times Neighborhood Holdings Limited**

## 時代鄰里控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 9928)

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the annual general meeting of Times Neighborhood Holdings Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at Victoria Room 4, Level 2, Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong on Monday, 30 May 2022 at 2:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and the reports of the directors and independent auditor of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.
- 2. To declare a final dividend of RMB4.7 cents per share for the year ended 31 December 2021.
- 3. (a) To re-elect the following retiring directors of the Company (the "Directors"):
  - i. Ms. Xie Rao as an executive Director;
  - ii. Mr. Li Qiang as a non-executive Director; and
  - iii. Mr. Lui Shing Ming, Brian as an independent non-executive Director.
  - (b) To authorise the board of Directors of the Company (the "**Board**") to fix the remuneration of the Directors.
- 4. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as independent auditor of the Company and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration.

5. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modification the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### (A) "That:

- (i) subject to paragraph (iii) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and/or otherwise deal with additional shares of the Company or securities convertible into shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for shares or such convertible securities of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and/or options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which may require the exercise of such powers, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the approval in paragraph (i) above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) to make or grant offers, agreements and/or options which may require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (iii) the aggregate number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to options or otherwise) by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) pursuant to paragraph (i) above, otherwise than pursuant to paragraph (i) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (1) any Rights Issue (as defined hereinafter);
  - (2) the grant or exercise of any option under any share option scheme of the Company (if applicable) or any other option, scheme or similar arrangements for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to the Directors officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries and/or other eligible participants specified thereunder of options to subscribe for shares or rights to acquire shares;
  - (3) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment and issue of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares in accordance with the articles of association of the Company; or

- (4) any issue of shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any existing convertible notes issued by the Company or any existing securities of the Company which carry rights to subscribe for or are convertible into shares, shall not exceed the aggregate of:
  - (a) 20% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution; and
  - (b) (if the Board is so authorised by resolution numbered 5(C)) the aggregate number of shares of the Company bought-back by the Company subsequent to the passing of resolution numbered 5(B) (up to a maximum equivalent to 10% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing resolution numbered 5(B)),

and the approval shall be limited accordingly; and

- (iv) for the purpose of this resolution:-
  - (a) "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:-
    - (1) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
    - (2) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the articles of association of the Company to be held; or
    - (3) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution; and
  - (b) "Rights Issue" means an offer of shares of the Company or an issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for shares of the Company, open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of shares of the Company on the register of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares of the Company (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or, having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the exercise or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction applicable to the Company, any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange applicable to the Company)."

#### (B) "That:

- (i) subject to paragraph (ii) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) of all the powers of the Company to buy-back shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and which is recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange under the Code on Share Buy-backs and, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"), be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the aggregate number of the shares to be bought-back pursuant to the approval in paragraph (i) of this resolution shall not exceed 10% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (iii) subject to the passing of each of the paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this resolution, any prior approvals of the kind referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this resolution which had been granted to the Directors and which are still in effect be and are hereby revoked; and
- (iv) for the purpose of this resolution:-

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:—

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the articles of association of the Company to be held; or
- (c) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution."

(C) "That conditional upon the resolutions numbered 5(A) and 5(B) set out in this notice being passed, the general mandate granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and/or otherwise deal with new shares of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers pursuant to the resolution numbered 5(A) set out in this notice be and is hereby extended by the addition to the number of the issued shares of the Company which may be allotted or agreed conditional or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the number of the issued shares of the Company bought-back by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution numbered 5(B) set out in this notice, provided that such extended amount shall represent up to 10% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the said resolutions."

By order of the Board

Times Neighborhood Holdings Limited

Mr. Bai Xihong

Chairman

Hong Kong, 29 April 2022

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#### Notes:

- (i) Resolution numbered 5(C) will be proposed to the shareholders of the Company for approval provided that resolutions numbered 5(A) and 5(B) are passed by the shareholders of the Company.
- (ii) A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend, speak and vote in his/her stead. The proxy does not need to be a shareholder of the Company.
- (iii) Where there are joint registered holders of any shares, any one of such persons may vote at the above meeting (or at any adjournment of it), either personally or by proxy, in respect of such shares as if he/she were solely entitled thereto but the vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the vote(s) of the other joint holders and, for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the relevant joint holding.
- (iv) In order to be valid, the completed form of proxy, must be deposited at the Hong Kong share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power of attorney or authority (such certification to be made by either a notary public or a solicitor qualified to practice in Hong Kong), at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the above meeting or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). The completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude shareholders of the Company from attending and voting in person at the above meeting (or any adjourned meeting thereof) if they so wish and in such event the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- (v) The register of members of the Company will be closed from 24 May 2022 to 30 May 2022, both days inclusive, in order to determine the eligibility of shareholders to attend the above meeting, during which period no share transfers will be registered. To be eligible to attend the above meeting, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Hong Kong share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 23 May 2022.
- (vi) The register of members of the Company will be closed from 7 June 2022 to 9 June 2022, both days inclusive, in order to determine the entitlement of shareholders to receive the final dividend of the Company, during which period no share transfers will be registered. To qualify for the final dividend, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Hong Kong share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 6 June 2022.
- (vii) In respect of resolutions numbered 3 above, Ms. Xie Rao, Mr. Li Qiang and Mr. Lui Shing Ming, Brian will retire, and being eligible to be re-elected. Details of the above retiring Directors are set out in Appendix I to the circular dated 29 April 2022.
- (viii) In respect of the resolution numbered 5(A) above, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company referred therein. Approval is being sought from the shareholders of the Company as a general mandate for the purposes of the Listing Rules.
- (ix) In respect of resolution numbered 5(B) above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred by the general mandate to buy-back shares of the Company in circumstances which they deem appropriate and for the benefits of shareholders of the Company. The explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution to approve the buy-back by the Company of its own shares, as required by the Listing Rules, is set out in Appendix II to the circular dated 29 April 2022.
- (x) Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, voting for all the resolutions set out in this notice will be taken by poll at the above meeting.