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# Tam Jai International Co. Limited 譚 仔 國 際 有 限 公 司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 2217)

# CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

### MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Board announces that on 31 May 2022 (after trading hours), the Company entered into the Management Services Agreement with Toridoll HK (a controlling shareholder of the Company) for a term commencing from 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023 (both days inclusive).

### LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As at the date of this announcement, Toridoll HK is a controlling shareholder of the Company, interested in approximately 74.60% of the issued share capital of the Company. Therefore, Toridoll HK is a connected person of the Company. The transactions contemplated under the Management Services Agreement constitute continuing connected transactions for the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

As the highest of the applicable percentage ratios as defined under the Listing Rules in respect of the annual cap for the Management Services Agreement exceeds 0.1% but is less than 5%, the Management Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder are subject to the reporting, annual review and announcement requirements but are exempt from the circular (including independent financial advice) and independent Shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

# MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

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#### Date

31 May 2022

# **Parties**

- (a) The Company; and
- (b) Toridoll HK (a controlling shareholder of the Company).

### Term

1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023 (both days inclusive).

# Subject matter

The Group shall provide Toridoll HK Group with management services including (i) assistance in stabilizing the Business operations; (ii) assistance in the procurement process of the Business; (iii) provision of expertise and knowledge sharing on improving frontline store operations; (iv) assistance in marketing activities and provision of marketing plans for the Business; (v) provision of general support services; and (vi) assistance in strengthening the enforcement of reporting system (collectively, the "Management Services").

# **Pricing policy**

Pursuant to the Management Services Agreement, the services fee payable by Toridoll HK to the Group for the Management Services shall be determined on a cost-plus basis taking into account the actual cost (including labour costs based on the actual number of man hours) incurred by the Group plus a mark-up rate of 3% to 5%. Such pricing term has been determined by the parties after arm's length negotiation.

In determining the mark-up rate, the Company has taken into account the scope of the Management Services to be provided by the Company to the Toridoll HK Group, and the analysis performed by the Company in respect of the market margin by making comparisons with comparable organizations providing similar services under similar terms.

# Payment arrangement

The Group shall issue invoice to Toridoll HK on a monthly basis for the Management Services rendered during the preceding month, and Toridoll HK shall settle such invoice by the end of the following month of the month in which the invoice was issued.

# Annual caps

Prior to the date of this announcement, there is no previous transactions in respect of the Management Services between the Group and Toridoll HK Group.

It is anticipated that the annual caps for the service fees to be paid by Toridoll HK to the Group pursuant to the Management Services Agreement shall not exceed HK\$4,000,000 and HK\$800,000 for the period from 1 June 2022 to 31 March 2023 and the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 May 2023, respectively.

The annual caps for the Management Services were determined based on the expected business needs of Toridoll HK Group for the Management Services during the term of the Management Services Agreement taking into account, among other factors, the number of restaurants operated or expected to be operated by Toridoll HK Group and the expected demand for the relevant Management Services in relation to the operation of the Business.

# REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF ENTERING INTO THE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Board is of the view that the provision of the Management Services will enable the Group to better utilize its existing business resources to expand its source of income. Further, the provision of the Management Services will enhance the overall business operation of Toridoll HK Group, which may in turn benefit the Group as the Group may be able to leverage on Toridoll HK Group's business operation advancement, and to explore areas of potential future strategic cooperation between the Group, Toridoll HK Group and/or Toridoll Japan. It is also the Board's view that the Business is not, and will not be, in direct or indirect competition with the Group's business since there is clear and adequate delineation of the Group's business and the Business. Hence, it is believed that the transactions contemplated under the Management Services Agreement are beneficial to the business growth and development of the Group as a whole.

In light of the foregoing, the Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) consider that although the provision of the Management Services is not in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group, the terms of the Management Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder are fair and reasonable, entered into on normal commercial terms or better and are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

# INTERNAL CONTROL MEASURES

In order to ensure that the continuing connected transactions of the Group are being conducted in a fair and reasonable manner, the Group adopts the following internal control methods and procedures:

- (i) the relevant management personnel of the Company will conduct regular checks on a quarterly basis to review and assess whether the relevant continuing connected transaction are being conducted in accordance with the terms of the Management Services Agreement and are on normal commercial terms;
- (ii) the finance department of the Company will review the relevant invoices on a monthly basis to ensure the price charged for a specific transaction is fair and reasonable and in accordance with the applicable pricing policy; and
- (iii) the Company also conducts regular quarterly reviews to ensure the transaction amounts are within the relevant annual caps.

The independent non-executive Directors will review the transactions contemplated under the Management Services Agreement on an annual basis as required under Rule 14A.55 of the Listing Rules and confirm in the Company's annual report whether such transactions have been entered into (i) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group; (ii) on normal commercial terms or better; and (iii) according to the agreement(s) governing the transactions on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Shareholders as a whole.

For compliance with Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, the Company will also engage its external auditors to conduct an annual review of the continuing connected transactions under the Management Services Agreement to ensure that, among others, the transaction amounts are within the annual cap limit and the transactions are in accordance with the terms of the agreement(s) governing the transactions.

# INFORMATION ON THE PARTIES TO THE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Group is a restaurant chain operator of the TamJai and SamGor branded fast casual restaurant chain in Hong Kong with operations also in Mainland China, Singapore and Japan, specialising in mixian (a type of rice noodle).

Toridoll HK is principally engaged in the operation of "Marugame Seimen" restaurants serving udon noodles under the brand name of "Marugame" in Hong Kong through its subsidiaries (i.e. the Business). As at the date of this announcement, Toridoll HK is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Toridoll Japan, whose shares are listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

# LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

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# **BOARD APPROVAL**

At the Board meeting held to approve the Management Services Agreement, each of Mr. Tanaka Kimihiro, Mr. Sugiyama Takashi and Mr. Shinkuma Satoshi is considered as having a material interest in the transactions contemplated under the Management Services Agreement as each of them is a director of certain subsidiaries of Toridoll Japan. Accordingly, each of Mr. Tanaka Kimihiro, Mr. Sugiyama Takashi and Mr. Shinkuma Satoshi has abstained from voting on the Board resolution for approving the Management Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder. Save as disclosed, none of the Directors was required to abstain from voting on the relevant Board resolution.

# **DEFINITIONS**

"Board" the board of Directors "Business" the operation of "Marugame Seimen" restaurants serving udon noodles under the brand name of "Marugame" in Hong Kong by Toridoll HK Group "Company" Tam Jai International Co. Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock code: 2217) "connected shall have the same meaning as ascribed to it under the Listing person(s)" Rules "controlling shall have the same meaning as ascribed to it under the Listing shareholder(s)" "Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company "Group" the Company and its subsidiaries "Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC "Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited "Management the management services agreement entered into between the Services Company and Toridoll HK on 31 May 2022 Agreement" "SamGor" TamJai SamGor Mixian (譚仔三哥米線) "Shareholder(s)" shareholder(s) of the Company "Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited "TamJai" TamJai Yunnan Mixian (譚仔雲南米線) "Toridoll Japan" Toridoll Holdings Corporation, a company established in Japan with limited liability on 11 June 1990 whose shares are listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (stock code: 3397) and a controlling shareholder of the Company "Toridoll HK" Toridoll Holding Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability on 21 September 2012 and a

controlling shareholder of the Company

"Toridoll HK Group" Toridoll HK and its subsidiaries, excluding the Group

# By order of the Board Tam Jai International Co. Limited Lau Tat Man

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 31 May 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Lau Tat Man, Ms. Chan Ping, Rita and Mr. Lee Yuk Hang, the non-executive Directors are Mr. Tanaka Kimihiro, Mr. Sugiyama Takashi and Mr. Shinkuma Satoshi, and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Lee Kwok Ming, Mr. Loo Kwok Wing and Mr. Yeung Yiu Keung.