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### **KINGDOM**

### KINGDOM HOLDINGS LIMITED

### 金達控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and carrying on business in Hong Kong as "Kingdom (Cayman) Limited")

(Stock Code: 528)

RENEWAL OF
GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND
TO BUY BACK SHARES;
RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND CONTINUOUS
APPOINTMENTS OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
WHO HAVE SERVED FOR MORE THAN NINE YEARS;
AND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting to be held at United Conference Centre, 10/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Friday, 2 June 2023 at 3:30 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 Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (http://www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (http://www.kingdom-china.com). Shareholders who intend to appoint a proxy to attend the Annual General Meeting shall complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Annual General Meeting (i.e. not later than 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 31 May 2023) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish. If you attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the authority of your proxy will be revoked.

References to time and dates in this circular are to Hong Kong time and dates.

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### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"Annual General Meeting" or "AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at United Conference Centre, 10/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Friday, 2 June 2023 at 3:30 p.m. and the notice of which is set out on pages 19 to 24 of this circular, or where the context so admits, any adjournment thereof
"Articles of Association"	the articles of association of the Company, as amended from time to time
"associate(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Board"	the board of Directors
"close associate(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Companies Act"	the Companies Act, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands
"Company"	Kingdom Holdings Limited (金達控股有限公司), an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the Shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"core connected person(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Extension Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to the effect that any Shares bought back under the Share Buy-back Mandate will be added to the total number of Shares which may be allotted and issued under the General Mandate
"General Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate to be granted to the Directors to allot, issue, and otherwise deal with new Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

People's Republic of China

"Latest Practicable Date" 21 April 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the

printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information

contained in this circular

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange, as amended from time to time

"Nomination Committee" the nomination committee of the Company

"PRC" the People's Republic of China

"RMB" Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC

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

Laws of Hong Kong)

"Share(s)" share(s) of HK\$0.01 each of the Company

"Share Buy-back Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate to be granted to the

Directors to exercise the power of the Company to buy back Shares in issue up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing the

relevant resolution

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

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"substantial shareholder(s)" has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"Takeovers Code" the Code on Takeovers and Mergers issued by the Securities

and Futures Commission in Hong Kong, as amended from

time to time

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Mr. ZHANG Hongwen

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Mr. LAU Ying Kit

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To: The Shareholders

Dear Sirs or Madams

# RENEWAL OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO BUY BACK SHARES;

RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND CONTINUOUS APPOINTMENTS OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS WHO HAVE SERVED FOR MORE THAN NINE YEARS;

#### **AND**

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to give you notice of the Annual General Meeting and to provide you with information regarding certain resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to enable you to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against those resolutions at the Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting, resolutions will be proposed for the Shareholders to approve, amongst others, (i) the granting of the General Mandate, the Share Buy-back Mandate and the Extension Mandate; and (ii) the re-election of retiring Directors and continuously appoint Mr. LAU Ying Kit and Mr. Lo Kwong Shun Wilson who have served the Company for more than nine years as independent non-executive Directors.

#### RENEWAL OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND TO BUY BACK SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 27 May 2022, ordinary resolutions were passed granting general mandates to the Directors (i) to allot and issue Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution; (ii) to buy back Shares up to 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution; and (iii) to have the power to extend the general mandate mentioned in (i) above by an additional number representing such number of Shares bought back under the mandate mentioned in (ii) above. Such general mandates will expire at the conclusion of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting, separate ordinary resolutions will be proposed:

- (a) to grant the General Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with new Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing the resolution. The General Mandate will end on the earliest of the date of the next annual general meeting, the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company. Based on 629,678,000 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming there will be no change to the total number of issued Shares prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Directors will be authorised to allot, issue and deal with up to 125,935,600 Shares under the General Mandate;
- (b) to grant the Share Buy-back Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to buy back issued Shares subject to the criteria set out in this circular. Under such Share Buy-back Mandate, the maximum number of Shares that the Company may be bought back shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing the resolution. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of Shares in issue is 629,678,000 Shares. The Share Buy-back Mandate will end on the earliest of the date of the next annual general meeting, the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company. Subject to the passing of the proposed ordinary resolution approving the granting of the Share Buy-back Mandate and assuming there will be no change to the total number of issued Shares prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Company would be allowed under the Share Buyback Mandate to buy back a maximum of 62,967,800 Shares, being 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution in relation thereof: and

(c) subject to the passing of the aforesaid ordinary resolutions of the General Mandate and the Share Buy-back Mandate, to extend the total number of Shares to be issued and allotted under the General Mandate by an additional number representing such number of Shares bought back under the Share Buy-back Mandate.

In accordance with the Listing Rules, an explanatory statement is set out in Appendix I to this circular to provide you with requisite information reasonably necessary to enable you to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the proposed resolution for approving the grant of the Share Buy-back Mandate at the Annual General Meeting.

# RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND CONTINUOUS APPOINTMENTS OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS WHO HAVE SERVED FOR MORE THAN NINE YEARS

The Board currently consists of eight Directors. The executive Directors of the Company are Mr. REN Weiming, Mr. SHEN Yueming, Mr. ZHANG Hongwen and Ms. SHEN Hong; the non-executive Director of the Company is Mr. NGAN Kam Wai Albert; and the independent non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. LAU Ying Kit, Mr. LO Kwong Shun Wilson and Mr. YAN Jianmiao.

In accordance with article 84 of the Articles of Association, at each annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at an annual general meeting at least once every three years and be eligible for re-election. In accordance with article 84 of the Articles of Association, Mr. NGAN Kam Wai Albert, Mr. YAN Jianmiao and Ms. SHEN Hong shall retire from office by rotation at the forthcoming annual general meeting. All retiring Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election as Directors at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

Pursuant to code provision B.2.3 of the corporate governance code (the "CG Code") set out in Part 2 of the Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, if an independent non-executive director has served more than nine years, such director's further appointment should be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by shareholders. Mr. LAU Ying Kit and Mr. LO Kwong Shun Wilson, independent non-executive Directors who have served the Company since 13 November 2006 and 17 May 2010, respectively. Separate resolutions will be proposed for their continuous appointments at the AGM. The Company has received from each of Mr. LAU Ying Kit and Mr. LO Kwong Shun Wilson a written confirmation of independence pursuant to rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, and Mr. LAU Ying Kit and Mr. LO Kwong Shun Wilson have not engaged in any executive management of the Group. Taking into consideration of their independent scope of work in the past years, the Board considers that Mr. LAU Ying Kit and Mr. LO Kwong Shun Wilson would independently fulfill their role as independent non-executive Directors despite the fact that each of Mr. LAU Ying Kit and Mr. LO Kwong Shun Wilson has served the Company for more than nine years. Each of Mr. LAU Ying Kit and Mr. LO Kwong Shun Wilson has the required character and integrity to act as a Director of the Company and possesses extensive experience and professional knowledge in accounting and corporate finance to bring objective judgement to the Board.

At the Annual General Meeting, ordinary resolutions will be proposed to re-elect Ms. Shen Hong as executive Director, Mr. Ngan Kam Wai Albert as non-executive Director, Mr. Yan Jianmiao as independent non-executive Director, and continuous appointment of Mr. LAU Ying Kit and Mr. LO Kwong Shun Wilson as independent non-executive Directors who have served for more than nine years.

The Nomination Committee has reviewed the structure and composition of the Board, the confirmations and disclosures given by each of the retiring Directors, the qualifications, skills and experience, time commitment and contribution of each of the retiring Directors with reference to the nomination principles and criteria set out in the Company's board diversity policy, the director nomination policy and the corporate strategy. The Nomination Committee has recommended to the Board that the re-election of all retiring Directors and continuous appointments of independent non-executive Directors who have served for more than nine years be proposed for Shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting. Based on the professional qualifications and the independent scope of work for Mr. LAU Ying Kit and Mr. LO Kwong Shun Wilson, the Board determines that the continuous appointments of Mr. LAU Ying Kit and Mr. LO Kwong Shun Wilson as independent non-executive Directors will bring considerable stability to the Board.

The biographical details of such retiring Directors and continuous appointments of independent non-executive Directors who have served for more than nine years as required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Company will convene the Annual General Meeting at United Conference Centre, 10/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Friday, 2 June 2023 at 3:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving the resolutions proposed in the notice of the Annual General Meeting as set out on pages 19 to 24 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is enclosed with this circular. Shareholders who intend to appoint a proxy to attend the Annual General Meeting shall complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. not later than 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 31 May 2023) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish. If you attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the authority of your proxy will be revoked.

#### VOTING BY WAY OF POLL

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman, 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. At the Annual General Meeting, the chairman of the Annual General Meeting will therefore demand a poll for every resolution put to vote at the Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 66 of the Articles of Association. An announcement on the poll results will be published by the Company after the Annual General Meeting in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

#### 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.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that (i) the granting of the General Mandate, the Share Buy-back Mandate and the Extension Mandate; and (ii) the re-election of retiring Directors and continuous appointment of independent non-executive Directors who have served for more than nine years are in the best interests of the Company as well as its Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors 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
Kingdom Holdings Limited
Mr. REN Weiming
Chairman

This is an explanatory statement given to all Shareholders relating to a resolution to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting for approving the Share Buy-back Mandate. This explanatory statement contains all the information required pursuant to Rule 10.06(1)(b) of the Listing Rules and other relevant provisions of the Listing Rules which is set out as follows:

#### 1. SHARES IN ISSUE

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there was a total of 629,678,000 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the Share Buy-back Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued, allotted, bought back or cancelled during the period from the Latest Practicable Date to the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed under the Share Buy-back Mandate to buy-back a maximum of 62,967,800 Shares, being 10% of the total number of Shares in issue of the Company as at the date of the passing of the relevant resolution.

#### 2. REASONS FOR SHARE BUY-BACK

The Directors have no present intention to buy back any Shares but consider that the ability to do so would give the Company additional flexibility that would be beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders as such buy-back may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value of the Company and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a buy back will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

As compared with the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2022 (as disclosed in its latest audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022), the Directors consider that there would not be any material adverse impact on the working capital and on the gearing position of the Company in the event that the proposed buy-back were to be carried out in full during the proposed buy-back period. In the circumstances, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Share Buy-back Mandate to such an extent as would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing ratio of the Company.

#### 3. FUNDING OF SHARE BUY-BACK

The Company is empowered by its Articles of Association to buy back its Shares. In buying back Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Articles of Association and laws of the Cayman Islands. The laws of the Cayman Islands and the Articles of Association provide that payment for a share buy-back may only be made out of profits or the proceeds of a new issue of Shares made for such purpose or subject to the Companies Act, out of capital of the Company. The amount of premium payable on buy-back of Shares may only be paid out of either the profits or subject to the Companies Act, out of capital of the Company.

In addition, under the laws of the Cayman Islands, payment out of capital by a company for the buy-back by a company of its own shares is unlawful unless immediately following the date on which the payment is proposed to be made, the Company shall be able to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business. In accordance with the laws of the Cayman Islands, the shares so bought back would be treated as cancelled.

#### 4. DIRECTORS, THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND CORE CONNECTED PERSONS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their close associates, has any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company in the event that the Share Buy-back Mandate is granted by the Shareholders.

No core connected person of the Company has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell Shares to the Company nor has he/she/it undertaken not to sell any of the Shares held by him/her/it to the Company in the event that the Share Buy-back Mandate is granted by the Shareholders.

#### 5. UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

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

#### 6. EFFECT OF TAKEOVERS CODE

If, as a result of a buy-back of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Buy-back Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder, or group of Shareholders acting in concert (within the meaning under the Takeovers Code) 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.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors, Mr. Ren Weiming, the chairman of the Company, an executive Director and a controlling Shareholder (as defined under the Listing Rules), together with Kingdom Investment Holdings Limited, a controlling Shareholder and a company beneficially owned as to approximately 76.38% by Mr. Ren Weiming, hold approximately 51.94% of the total number of issued Shares. Based on such shareholdings and assuming that there is no change in the number of the issued Shares after the Latest Practicable Date, in the event that the Directors exercise in full the Share Buy-back Mandate if so approved at the Annual General Meeting, the shareholding of Mr. Ren Weiming, together with Kingdom Investment Holdings Limited, would be increased to approximately 57.71% of the then total number of issued Shares, and such increase would not give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. In any case, the Company has no intention to exercise the Share Buy-back Mandate to such extent that it would give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under the Takeovers Code or result in the amount of Shares held by the public being reduced to less than 25% of the total number of issued Shares.

#### 7. SHARE BUY-BACKS BY THE COMPANY

The Company had not bought back any Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

#### 8. SHARE PRICES

During the period from 1 April 2022 to the Latest Practicable Date, the highest and lowest traded prices for Shares on the Stock Exchange were as follows:

	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2022		
April	1.22	1.10
May	1.26	1.13
June	1.45	1.21
July	1.40	1.25
August	1.41	1.28
September	1.39	1.31
October	1.41	1.23
November	1.51	1.25
December	1.70	1.34
2023		
January	1.61	1.36
February	1.62	1.43
March	1.55	1.39
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	1.52	1.38

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

#### NGAN KAM WAI ALBERT (顏金煒)

Mr. Ngan Kam Wai Albert (顏金煒), aged 73, is a non-executive Director. Mr. Ngan is the chairman of Millionfull Company Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong engaged in the trading of linen and linen blend textiles. Mr. Ngan was a member of the 9th and 10th Fujian Provincial People's Political Consultative Conference and vice-chairman of Po Leung Kuk from April 2010 to March 2012. He was the president of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Textiles Ltd. from September 2009 to August 2011 and was appointed as the permanent honorary chairman of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Textiles Ltd. in September 2011 and as a director of HuaQiao University in 2002. He is a member of the Election Committee of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. He joined the Group in September 2004. He is also the chairman of the board of directors of Millionfull International Co., Ltd. which has interests in the shares of the Company discloseable under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO. He is also a director of Interconnect Financial Leasing (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.\* (准通融資租賃 (上海) 有限公司).

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ngan and his spouse, Ms. Ngan Chan Kattie Sau Kat, held approximately 51.00% and 23.00% of the total number of issued shares of Millionfull International Co., Ltd. and 57.98% and 29.76% of the total number of issued shares of Millionfull Company Limited, respectively. Mr. Ngan therefore held controlling interests in both Millionfull International Co., Ltd. and Millionfull Company Limited and is deemed under the SFO to be interested in the Shares held by Millionfull International Co., Ltd. and Millionfull Company Limited. Together with the Shares held in his personal capacity, he was interested in 67,418,000 Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Mr. Ngan has entered into a service agreement with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 1 January 2022 and he is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. He is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$120,000 per annum which is determined with reference to the remuneration benchmark in the industry and the prevailing market conditions.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Ngan (i) has no other relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholder of the Company; and (ii) has not held any position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years; and there is no other information that should be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Mr. Ngan will retire as a non-executive Director, being eligible, offer himself for re-election by way of a separate resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

#### YAN JIANMIAO (嚴建苗)

Mr. Yan Jianmiao (嚴建苗), aged 57, has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director at the conclusion of the annual general meeting on 30 May 2016. Mr. Yan is currently a professor of Department of International Economics of Zhejiang University ("ZJU"), a director of China Society of World Economics (CSWE), an executive director of Zhejiang International Economics and Trade Association and a researcher of the Center for Research of Private Economy (CRPE) of ZJU. Prior to holding these positions, Mr. Yan served as a deputy director in Department of International Trade of Hangzhou University and a director of Department of International Economics of ZJU. Mr. Yan is currently an independent director of Baida Group Co., Ltd. (Stock Code: 600865), a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Rongsheng Petrochemical Co., Ltd. (Stock Code: 002493), a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. Mr. Yan was an independent director of Top Choice Medical Co., Inc. (Stock Code: 600763) from 24 December 2014 until 1 February 2021, and of Zhejiang Xinan Chemical Industrial Group Co. Ltd. (Stock Code: 600596) from 7 July 2014 until 1 July 2020, both of which are companies listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. Mr. Yan graduated from Hangzhou University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Economics degree. He obtained a master's degree in economics from the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences in 1988. Mr. Yan was a senior visiting scholar of Le Havre Business School in France in 1997 and obtained a PhD in Economics from ZJU in 2005. He joined the Group in May 2016.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Yan did not have any interests in securities of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Yan has extensive experience in the field of international trade and international economics. His participations in the Board bring independent judgments on issues relating to the Group's accounts, internal controls, risk management, nominations of directors, conflicts of interests and other management matters. The Board considered the re-election of Mr. Yan as independent non-executive Director can safeguard the interests of the Shareholders.

The Board also noted that Mr. Yan had not engaged in any executive management of the Group. Taking into consideration his independent scope of works in the past years, the Directors consider Mr. Yan to be independent under the Listing Rules and his background especially his international trade and international economics experience would complement and enhance the diversity of the Board.

Mr. Yan had entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing on 30 May 2022 and entitled to a director's fee of HK\$120,000 per annum. His director's fee is determined with reference to the remuneration benchmark in the industry and the prevailing market conditions. Mr. Yan is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Yan (i) has no other relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholder of the Company; and (ii) has not held any position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years; and there is no other information that should be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Mr. Yan will retire as an independent non-executive Director, being eligible, offer himself for re-election by way of a separate resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

#### SHEN HONG (沈鴻)

Ms. Shen Hong (沈鴻), aged 56, is an executive Director. Ms. Shen is the management controller of the Group. She completed her professional accounting studies at Zhejiang Long March Finance School in the People's Republic of China in July 1994 and has more than 20 years of experience in finance-related area. Ms. Shen is the director of Heilongjiang Kingdom Enterprise Co., Ltd.\* (黑龍江金達麻業有限公司) ("Heilongjiang Kingdom") and Heilongjiang Kangyuan Flax and Hemp Seed Co., Ltd.\* (黑龍江康源種業有限公司) ("Kangyuan Seed"), both of which are non-wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company. Ms. Shen is also a director of Zhejiang Kingdom Creative Co., Ltd.\* (浙江金達創業股份有限公司) ("Kingdom Creative") and its subsidiaries including Heilongjiang Kangyuan Bio-Technology Co., Ltd.\* (黑龍江康源生物科技有限公司) ("Kangyuan Bio-Tech"). Before joining the Group in March 2003, she worked in Kingdom Creative as the head of finance management department.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Shen had an interest in 504,000 Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Ms. Shen has reached the statutory retirement age in the PRC and regarded as a re-employed retiree. Ms. Shen has a retiree re-employment service contract, renewable on annual basis, with Zhejiang Jinyuan Flax Co., Ltd, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, with an annual remuneration of RMB390,000 and is also entitled to annual discretionary bonus. The total remuneration of Ms. Shen for the year ended 31 December 2022 was RMB390,000. No additional fee is payable to Ms. Shen for her role as an executive Director. Accordingly, no separate service contract has been entered between the Company and Ms. Shen in relation to her appointment as executive Director. Ms. Shen is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Save as disclosed above, Ms. Shen (i) has no other relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholder of the Company; and (ii) has not held any position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years; and there is no other information that should be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Ms. Shen will retire as an executive Director, being eligible, offer herself for re-election by way of a separate resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

### CONTINUOUS APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS WHO HAVE SERVED FOR MORE THAN NINE YEARS

#### LAU YING KIT (劉英傑)

Mr. Lau Ying Kit (劉英傑), aged 49, is an independent non-executive Director. Mr. Lau is the finance and investor relations director and the company secretary of Dalipal Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 01921), a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. Mr. Lau is also currently an independent non-executive director of United Strength Power Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 02337), Sinco Pharmaceuticals Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 06833) and KangLi International Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 06890), all of which are companies listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. From 16 May 2012 to 30 September 2020, Mr. Lau was an independent non-executive director of Xiezhong International Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 03663) which was delisted on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange on 5 July 2021 and from 20 December 2013 to 15 February 2022, was an independent non-executive director of China Wood Optimization (Holding) Limited (Stock Code: 01885) which is a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. Mr. Lau is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and holds a master's degree in finance from the City University of Hong Kong. He has extensive experience in financial and accounting in China and Hong Kong. He joined the Group in November 2006.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lau did not have any interests in securities of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Mr. Lau has been serving as an independent non-executive Director for more than nine years since his appointment on 13 November 2006. Pursuant to code provision B.2.3 of the CG Code, an independent non-executive director has served the Company for more than nine years could be relevant to the determination of his independence, and his further appointment should be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by shareholders. Accordingly, the re-election of Mr. Lau shall be approved by Shareholders by way of separate resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Lau has been an independent non-executive Director for over nine years. The Board, however, believes that an individual's independence cannot be determined arbitrarily on the basis of a set period of time. The Nomination Committee and the Board have considered his independent scope of works in the past years, received and reviewed the annual written independence confirmation of Mr. Lau, and assessed his independence based on the independence guidelines set out in rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and noted that none of the factors set out in rule 3.13 applies. In assessing the independence of Mr. Lau, the Board and the Nomination Committee have also considered the independent nature of his role and duties and the character and judgement demonstrated by his commitment and contribution during his years of service and other relevant factors. Mr. Lau has extensive experience in the accounting field. His participations in the Board bring independent judgments on issues relating to the Group's accounts, internal controls, risk management, nominations of directors, conflicts of interests and other management matters. Mr. Lau has not engaged in any executive management in the Company nor in any relationships which would interfere with the exercise of his independent judgement. The Board is of the view that despite his length of service, Mr. Lau maintains an independent mindset and provides invaluable expertise, knowledge, experience, professionalism, continuity and stability to the Board, and the Company has benefited greatly from his contribution and valuable insights derived from his indepth knowledge of the Company, and his background especially his accounting experience would complement and enhance the diversity of the Board. Based on the above, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, considers Mr. Lau to be independent and believes that he should be re-elected even after his more than nine years of services in the Company as an independent non-executive Director and should continue to contribute effectively to the Board and safeguard the interests of the Shareholders.

Mr. Lau has entered into a service agreement with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 1 January 2022 and he is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. He is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$12,000 per month which is determined with reference to the remuneration benchmark in the industry and the prevailing market conditions.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lau (i) has no other relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholder of the Company; and (ii) has not held any position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years; and there is no other information that should be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Mr. Lau will retire as an independent non-executive Director, being eligible, offer himself for re-election by way of a separate resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

#### LO KWONG SHUN WILSON (羅廣信)

Mr. Lo Kwong Shun Wilson (羅廣信), aged 49, is an independent non-executive Director. Mr. Lo has more than 20 years of working experience in investment banking and advising on corporate finance. Mr. Lo is the managing director of Caitong International Capital Company Limited. Mr. Lo is also an independent non-executive director of Raymond Industrial Limited (Stock Code: 00229), a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. Mr. Lo also has three years of experience in the field of auditing and accounting. Mr. Lo is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He obtained his bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of British Columbia in Canada in 1995. He joined the Group in May 2010.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lo did not have any interests in securities of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Mr. Lo has been serving as an independent non-executive Director for more than nine years since his appointment on 17 May 2010. Pursuant to code provision B.2.3 of the CG Code, an independent non-executive director has served the Company for more than nine years could be relevant to the determination of his independence, and his further appointment should be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by shareholders. Accordingly, the re-election of Mr. Lo shall be approved by Shareholders by way of separate resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Lo has been an independent non-executive Director for over nine years. The Board, however, believes that an individual's independence cannot be determined arbitrarily on the basis of a set period of time. The Nomination Committee and the Board have considered his independent scope of works in the past years, received and reviewed the annual written independence confirmation of Mr. Lo, and assessed his independence based on the independence guidelines set out in rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and noted that none of the factors set out in rule 3.13 applies. In assessing the independence of Mr. Lo, the Board and the Nomination Committee have also considered the independent nature of his role and duties and the character and judgement demonstrated by his commitment and contribution during his years of service and other relevant factors. Mr. Lo has extensive experience in the corporate finance field. His participations in the Board bring independent judgments on issues relating to the Group's corporate finance, accounts, internal controls, risk management, nominations of directors, conflicts of interests and other management matters. Mr. Lo has not engaged in any executive management in the Company nor in any relationships which would interfere with the exercise of his independent judgement. The Board is of the view that despite his length of service, Mr. Lo maintains an independent mindset and provides invaluable expertise, knowledge, experience, professionalism, continuity and stability to the Board, and the Company has benefited greatly from his contribution and valuable insights derived from his in-depth knowledge of the Company, and his background especially his corporate finance experience would complement and enhance the diversity of the Board. Based on the above, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, considers Mr. Lo to be independent and believes that he should be re-elected even after his more than nine years of services in the Company as an independent non-executive Director and should continue to contribute effectively to the Board and safeguard the interests of the Shareholders.

#### APPENDIX II

# BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mr. Lo has entered into a service agreement with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 1 January 2022 and he is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. He is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$10,000 per month which is determined with reference to the remuneration benchmark in the industry and the prevailing market conditions.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lo (i) has no other relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholder of the Company; and (ii) has not held any position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years; and there is no other information that should be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Mr. Lo will retire as an independent non-executive Director, being eligible, offer himself for re-election by way of a separate resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Others**

Save as disclosed above, each of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting (i) has no other relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholder; (ii) has not held any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries; and (iii) has not held any directorship in other listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years.

Save as disclosed above, there is no other information relating to the above Directors that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules, and there is no other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

\* For identification purpose only

### **KINGDOM**

### KINGDOM HOLDINGS LIMITED

### 金達控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and carrying on business in Hong Kong as "Kingdom (Cayman) Limited")

(Stock Code: 528)

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting (the "Annual General Meeting" or "AGM") of Kingdom Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at United Conference Centre, 10/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Friday, 2 June 2023 at 3:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

#### ORDINARY BUSINESS

To consider and if thought fit, approve the following resolutions (with or without modification) as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

- To receive, consider and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 together with the reports of the directors of the Company (the "Directors") and the auditors of the Company (the "Auditors") thereon;
- 2. To declare a final dividend of HK\$0.09 per ordinary share of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022;
- 3. To re-elect Mr. NGAN Kam Wai Albert as non-executive Director;
- 4. To re-elect Mr. YAN Jianmiao as independent non-executive Director;
- 5. To re-elect Ms. SHEN Hong as executive Director;
- 6. To re-elect Mr. LAU Ying Kit as independent non-executive Director;
- 7. To re-elect Mr. LO Kwong Shun Wilson as independent non-executive Director;
- 8. To authorize the board of Directors (the "**Board**") to fix the remuneration of the Directors;
- 9. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as Auditors to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration;

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS

10. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution (with or without modification) as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) shall be in addition to any other authorisation gives to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements, options and rights of exchange or conversion which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the total number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a), otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); (ii) the share option scheme of the Company approved by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"); or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution, and if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of shares is conducted, the maximum number of shares that may be issued under the mandate in paragraph (a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued shares of the Company at the date immediately before and after such consolidation and subdivision shall be the same; and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purposes of this resolution:

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles of Association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the date upon which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by way of ordinary resolution of the Company in a general meeting; and

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of ordinary shares on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusion 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 any regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong)."

11. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution (with or without modification) as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

#### "THAT:

(a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to buy back issued shares of the Company, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors on behalf of the Company during the Relevant Period to procure the Company to buy back its shares at a price determined by the Directors;
- (c) the total number of shares of the Company which are authorised to be bought back by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution, and if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of shares is conducted, the maximum number of shares that may be bought back under the mandate in paragraph (a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued shares of the Company at the date immediately before and after such consolidation and subdivision shall be the same; and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purposes of this resolution:

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles of Association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by way of ordinary resolution of the Company in a general meeting." and

12. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution (with or without modification) as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

"THAT conditional upon the passing of resolutions nos. 10 and 11 above, the general mandate to the Directors pursuant to resolution no. 10 be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of the total number of shares of the Company bought back by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to the resolution no. 11, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution."

By Order of the Board

Kingdom Holdings Limited

Mr. REN Weiming

Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 April 2023

Notes:

- (1) All resolutions at the meeting will be taken by poll (except where the chairman, 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) pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"). The results of the poll will be published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules.
- (2) A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint one or, if he holds two or more shares, more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (3) Where there are joint holders of any share, any one of such joint holder may vote, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the meeting, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes 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 joint holding.
- (4) In order to be valid, a form of proxy together with the power of attorney (if any) or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy thereof shall be deposited at the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting (i.e. not later than 3:30pm on Wednesday, 31 May 2023) or any adjournment thereof. The form of proxy will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange.

- (5) For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the above meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 29 May 2023 to Friday, 2 June 2023, 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 documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 25 May 2023.
- (6) For determining the entitlement to the proposed final dividend (subject to approval by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting), the register of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 21 June 2023 to Friday, 23 June 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 June 2023.
- (7) Shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Friday, 2 June 2023 are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting or any adjourned meetings, and shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Friday, 23 June 2023 are entitled to the proposed final dividend.
- (8) (a) Subject to paragraph (b) below, if a tropical cyclone typhoon signal no. 8 or above is hoisted or a black rainstorm warning signal is expected to be in force at any time between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the date of the AGM, the AGM will be postponed and the Shareholders will be informed of the date, time and venue of the postponed AGM by an announcement posted on the respective websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.
  - (b) If a black rainstorm warning signal is cancelled at or before three hours before the time fixed for holding the AGM and where conditions permit, the AGM will be held as scheduled.
  - (c) The AGM will be held as scheduled when an amber or red rainstorm warning signal is in force.
  - (d) After considering their own situations, the Shareholders should decide on their own as to whether they will attend the AGM under any bad weather condition and if they do so, they are advised to exercise care and caution.
- (9) References to time and dates in this circular are to Hong Kong time and dates.

As at the date of this notice, the executive Directors of the Company are Mr. REN Weiming, Mr. SHEN Yueming, Mr. ZHANG Hongwen and Ms. SHEN Hong; the non-executive Director of the Company is Mr. NGAN Kam Wai Albert; and the independent non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. LAU Ying Kit, Mr. LO Kwong Shun Wilson and Mr. YAN Jianmiao.