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MIDEA REAL ESTATE HOLDING LIMITED

美的置業控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 3990)

**RENEWAL OF CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE SMART TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS**

BACKGROUND

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LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As at the date of this announcement, Mr. He and Ms. Lu are the controlling shareholders of the Company and Midea Group Company. Each of Midea Group Company and its subsidiaries is an associate of Mr. He and Ms. Lu and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. Accordingly, the transactions contemplated under the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. As the applicable percentage ratios (other than the profits ratio as defined under the Listing Rules) exceed 0.1% but are less than 5%, the transactions contemplated thereunder are subject to the reporting, announcement and annual review requirements but exempt from independent shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

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2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement

Date:	28 December 2023
Parties:	The Company (as the purchaser of Smart Technology Products); and Midea Group Company (as the supplier of Smart Technology Products)
Nature of transactions:	Provision of the Smart Technology Products by Midea Group to the Group.
Term:	The 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement shall substitute and replace the 2021 Smart Home Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement for a fixed term commencing on 1 January 2024 and ending on 31 December 2026 (both days inclusive), renewable by mutual agreement of the parties, subject to compliance with all relevant requirements under the Listing Rules and applicable laws and regulations.
Payment terms:	The payment terms for the Smart Technology Products will be stipulated in the separate agreements governing each particular transaction entered into pursuant to the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement. In general, the Continuing Connected Transactions will normally be settled in the form of bank transfer or such other manner and subject to credit terms as agreed by the parties.
Pricing policy:	The pricing of the Smart Technology Products is to be determined by the Company and Midea Group Company on normal commercial terms, negotiated on an arm's length basis, subject to applicable laws and regulations, and with reference to the prevailing market conditions and the principle of fairness.

In principle, the purchase prices will be determined based on the quotations provided by other qualified supplier(s) for similar goods of similar quality with comparable order quantities upon the parties' arm's length negotiations with reference to, among other things, the costs, scales, quality and reliability of the Smart Technology Products to be provided by Midea Group to us.

To ensure Midea Group is providing Smart Technology Products at the prevailing market prices and terms, the Group has implemented the following review procedures and approval process against the assessment criteria:

- (i) for products and/or services which are commonly available in the market, we will obtain fee quotes from a minimum of three potential suppliers (including at least two independent third parties) based on our needs and the criteria set out by our relevant department; and
- (ii) for products and/or services which are uncommon in the market, our sourcing department will assess bi-annually whether there are potential suppliers for such products and/or services and obtain fee quotes based on our needs and the criteria set out by our relevant department, and obtain fee quotes to the extent available where there are fewer than three suppliers and where there are three or more suppliers, fee quotes will be obtained from at least three of such suppliers (including at least two independent third parties where available).

Existing annual caps and historical transaction amounts:

The table below sets out the existing annual caps in respect of the provision of the Smart Technology Products as contemplated under the 2021 Smart Home Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement and the historical transaction amounts for the three years ending 31 December 2023:

	For the year ended 31 December 2021 RMB'000	For the year ended 31 December 2022 RMB'000	For the year ending 31 December 2023 RMB'000
Existing annual caps	471,000	576,430	720,530
Historical transaction amounts	202,830	213,628	230,800 ^(Note)

Note:

This is the historical transaction amount for the eleven months ended 30 November 2023, which is based on the unaudited management accounts of the Company and is subject to change and may differ from the figure to be disclosed in the audited financial statements to be published by the Company.

The Board confirms that as at the date of this announcement, the transaction amount for the provision of the Smart Technology Products as contemplated under the 2021 Smart Home Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement has not exceeded the existing annual cap for the year ending 31 December 2023.

Annual caps: The table below sets out the annual caps in respect of the provision of the Smart Technology Products as contemplated under the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement for the three years ending 31 December 2026:

	For the year ending 31 December 2024 RMB'000	For the year ending 31 December 2025 RMB'000	For the year ending 31 December 2026 RMB'000
Annual caps	250,000	250,000	250,000

The aforesaid annual caps have been determined by the Directors mainly by reference to:

- (i) the historical transaction amounts between the Group and Midea Group for purchase of Smart Technology Products;
- (ii) the number of development projects of the Group with fine interior decorations on hand for 2024 and reasonable business projections for the next few years based on the currently available sales data, partly because the sales of residential property projects will become steady year by year, and in particular, the market demand for Smart Technology Products is expected to remain fairly stable from 2024 onwards; and
- (iii) a provision of 10% as a buffer to cater for potential increase in the unit prices of the Smart Technology Products and number of properties to be delivered for the three years ending 31 December 2026.

Save for the annual caps, the other key terms of the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement are substantially the same as those of the 2021 Smart Home Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement.

REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

The Continuing Connected Transactions are conducted because of the business and operational needs of the Group. The Directors are of the view that the Group would benefit from entering into the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement for a number of reasons.

We have engaged Midea Group, a leader of home appliances industry in the PRC for the provision of the Smart Technology Products primarily because (i) the production capacity of Midea Group allows it to quickly meet our potential increase in demand if we expand our operations and require additional products; (ii) Midea Group is reputable and has a certain degree of brand influence in the relevant industry, and Midea Group displays obvious advantages in PRC's consumer appliances market, including product quality, service quality, and a complete range of products; (iii) we have established a long-term and stable cooperative relationship with Midea Group during the course of which we are able to leverage a shared product technology platform and create standards for product specifications, which facilitates our promotion of product application and maintenance significantly, thereby increasing our service and market share; and (iv) we consider that the prices and terms of services offered by Midea Group are in line with market and on normal commercial terms or better.

In addition, the entering into of the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement does not preclude our Group from using other qualified supplier(s). We still have the discretion in selecting other qualified supplier(s) as we think fit and appropriate for the benefits of our Group.

Given the transactions contemplated under the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement are of a recurrent nature and will occur on a regular and continuing basis in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group and Midea Group, the Company considered it necessary for Listing Rules compliance purposes and administrative convenience to enter into a framework agreement with Midea Group Company in order to better document and manage these Continuing Connected Transactions.

Taking into account the commercial benefits to the Group, the Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) believe that the transactions (including the annual caps) contemplated under the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement have been entered into in the ordinary and usual course of business and on normal commercial terms that are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

Mr. He Jianfeng, a non-executive Director, is the spouse of Ms. Lu. Therefore, Mr. He Jianfeng is deemed to be interested in Ms. Lu's interest in the Company by virtue of the SFO. Mr. Zhao Jun, a non-executive Director, is the supervisor of Midea Group Company. Both of them were regarded as having a material interest in the transactions contemplated under the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement and had abstained from voting in respect of the relevant Board resolutions for considering and approving the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder. Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors has a material interest in the transactions contemplated thereunder.

INTERNAL CONTROL MEASURES

The following internal control measures have been implemented in order to ensure that the Continuing Connected Transactions are conducted on normal commercial terms and will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole:

- (1) The Group has established a series of measures to ensure that the Continuing Connected Transactions will be conducted in accordance with the principal terms of the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement, such as the sourcing department obtaining quotations from a minimum of three potential suppliers (including at least two independent third parties) based on the Group's requirements and specifications for commonly available products and/or services prior to placing an order; and the implementation of the separate agreements governing each particular transaction must be approved by, depending on size of the transaction, the business department, the sourcing department, the legal department, the finance department and/or the management to ensure that it is in accordance with the pricing policy.
- (2) The sourcing department will also maintain a list of carefully selected suppliers that is regularly reviewed and updated, including identifying potential suppliers for products and/or services which are uncommon in the market. Selection criteria of the suppliers will be based on their delivery times, payment terms, specifications, product quality, and overall performance in the past.
- (3) In addition, the finance department will keep proper documentation of the agreements governing each particular transaction entered into between the Group and Midea Group pursuant to the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement and the compliance department will report to the audit committee on a quarterly basis whether the internal control measures in respect of the Continuing Connected Transactions remain complete and effective.
- (4) The finance department and compliance department shall be jointly responsible for monitoring the transaction amounts of the Continuing Connected Transactions on a monthly basis to ensure it does not exceed the annual caps.
- (5) The independent non-executive Directors will review the Continuing Connected Transactions, at least annually, to ensure that such transactions are entered into in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group, on normal commercial terms, and the terms of the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement are fair and reasonable, and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.
- (6) The external auditors of the Company will conduct an annual review on the Continuing Connected Transactions, including the annual caps and their actual utilisation, and will confirm, among other matters, whether anything has come to their attention that causes them to believe such transactions were not entered into, in all material respects, in accordance with the relevant agreements governing the transaction.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group is a large national property developer based in the PRC and operates the following major businesses: (i) property development and sales; (ii) property management services; (iii) investment and operation of commercial properties; and (iv) real estate technologies.

Midea Group Company is a global technologies group based in the PRC principally engaged in the manufacturing, marketing and installation of heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems. It is also involved in the production of consumer appliances and various small home appliances; robotics and industrial automation systems; and other digital businesses.

DEFINITIONS

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

“2021 Smart Home Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement”	an agreement dated 28 December 2020 entered into between the Company and Midea Group Company in relation to the provision of the Smart Technology Products by Midea Group to the Group for a fixed term with effect from 1 January 2021 and ending on 31 December 2023 (both days inclusive), which is terminated and superseded by the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement upon it becoming effective on 1 January 2024
“2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement”	an agreement dated 28 December 2023 entered into between the Company and Midea Group Company in relation to the provision of the Smart Technology Products by Midea Group to the Group for a fixed term with effect from 1 January 2024 and ending on 31 December 2026 (both days inclusive)
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Company”	Midea Real Estate Holding Limited (美的置業控股有限公司), a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 3990)

“Continuing Connected Transactions”	the provision of the Smart Technology Products by Midea Group to the Group as contemplated under the 2024 Smart Technology Products Framework Purchase Agreement
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Hong Kong”	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
“Midea Group Company”	美的集團股份有限公司 (Midea Group Co., Ltd.*), a company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (stock code: 000333), which was held collectively by 美的控股有限公司 (Midea Holding Co., Ltd.*) and Mr. He who is a party acting-in-concert as to approximately 30.85% as at the date of this announcement.
	美的控股有限公司 (Midea Holding Co., Ltd.*), a company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability, which was held by Mr. He and Ms. Lu, as to 94.55% and 5.45% respectively, as at the date of this announcement.
“Midea Group”	Midea Group Company and its subsidiaries
“Mr. He”	Mr. He Xiangjian (何享健) and Ms. Lu are parties acting-in-concert. Therefore, Mr. He is deemed to be interested in Ms. Lu’s interest in the Company by virtue of the SFO and is a controlling shareholder of the Company. However, as confirmed by Mr. He and Ms. Lu in the deed of acting-in-concert dated 14 May 2018 entered into between Mr. He and Ms. Lu, Mr. He does not hold any economic interest (including the right to dividend) in the Group.
“Ms. Lu”	Ms. Lu Deyan (盧德燕) is a controlling shareholder of the Company, the spouse of Mr. He Jianfeng (何劍鋒) (a non-executive Director) and a daughter-in-law of Mr. He.
	Ms. Lu holds the entire equity interest in each of Midea Development Holding (BVI) Limited, Midea Ever Company Limited and Midea Field Company Limited which these companies in turn hold 1,097,029,727, 30,000,000 and 37,576,736 shares of the Company respectively. Therefore, Ms. Lu is deemed to be interested in the shares of the Company held by Midea Development Holding (BVI) Limited, Midea Ever Company Limited and Midea Field Company Limited, as to approximately 81.13%, collectively, as at the date of this announcement by virtue of the SFO.

“PRC”	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), as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
“Shareholders”	holders of the shares of the Company
“Smart Technology Products”	products comprising household appliances, including kitchen appliances, water heating machines, water purification equipment, washing machines and air conditioning machines, and smart home products, including smart household appliances (such as kitchen appliances and restroom appliances), security monitoring products and smart entertainment products, elevator products, as well as other related ancillary products
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“%”	per cent

In addition, the terms “associate”, “connected person”, “controlling shareholder”, “percentage ratios” and “subsidiary” shall have the meanings ascribed to them under the Listing Rules.

- * The Chinese names of the PRC entities have been translated into English in this announcement for reference only. In the event of any discrepancies between the Chinese names of the PRC entities and their respective English translations, the Chinese version shall prevail.

By order of the Board
Midea Real Estate Holding Limited
Hao Hengle
Chairman, Executive Director and President

Hong Kong, 28 December 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Hao Hengle, Mr. Wang Quanhui, Mr. Lin Ge and Mr. Zhang Ziliang; the non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. He Jianfeng and Mr. Zhao Jun; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Tan Jinsong, Mr. O’Yang Wiley and Mr. Lu Qi.