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**FOUNDER HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**方正控股有限公司** \*

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 00418)**

**PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**  
**AND**  
**PROPOSED GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES**  
**AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES**  
**AND**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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A notice convening the annual general meeting of Founder Holdings Limited to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 May 2024 at Unit 1408, 14th Floor, Cable TV Tower, 9 Hoi Shing Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong is set out on pages 17 to 21 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the annual general meeting, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible to the principal place of business of Founder Holdings Limited at Unit 1408, 14th Floor, Cable TV Tower, 9 Hoi Shing Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong, or the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, and in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the annual general meeting should you so wish.

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## DEFINITIONS

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

“AGM”	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 May 2024 at Unit 1408, 14th Floor, Cable TV Tower, 9 Hoi Shing Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong or any adjournment thereof;
“associate”	has the same meaning as ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules;
“Board”	the board of Directors of the Company;
“Bye-laws”	the bye-laws of the Company and “Bye-law” shall be construed accordingly;
“Company”	Founder Holdings Limited (方正控股有限公司*), a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 00418);
“connected person”	has the same meaning as ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules;
“Directors”	the directors of the Company;
“Founder Information”	Founder Information Industry Company Limited, a company incorporated in the PRC with limited liabilities, a controlling shareholder of the Company, which directly holds approximately 30.60% of the issued share capital of the Company as of the Latest Practicable Date;
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries;
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China;
“Latest Practicable Date”	12 April 2024, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information contained herein;
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;

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“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China;
“SFO”	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong);
“Share(s)”	ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company;
“Share Issue Mandate”	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to allot, issue and deal with Shares of up to twenty per cent. of the number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution granting such mandate for the period until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (or such earlier period as stated in the resolution);
“Share Repurchase Mandate”	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to exercise all the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares not exceeding ten per cent. of the number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution granting such mandate for the period until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (or such earlier period as stated in the resolution);
“Share Repurchase Rules”	the applicable provisions under the Listing Rules to regulate the repurchase by companies with primary listing on the Stock Exchange of their own securities on the Stock Exchange;
“Shareholder(s)”	the holder(s) of the Shares;
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; and
“Takeovers Code”	the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

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FOUNDER HOLDINGS LIMITED  
方正控股有限公司\*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 00418)

*Executive Directors:*

Mr. Qi Zi Xin (*Chairman*)  
Mr. Shao Xing (*President*)  
Mr. Wang Jin Chao  
Mr. Zhang Jian Guo  
Ms. Wu Jing  
Mr. Li Shuo Feng

*Independent non-executive Directors:*

Mr. Chan Chung Kik, Lewis  
Mr. Lai Nga Ming, Edmund  
Mr. Chak Chi Shing

*Registered office:*

Victoria Place, 5th Floor  
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Bermuda

*Principal place of business  
in Hong Kong:*

Unit 1408, 14th Floor  
Cable TV Tower  
9 Hoi Shing Road  
Tsuen Wan  
New Territories  
Hong Kong

19 April 2024

*To the Shareholders*

Dear Sir or Madam,

**PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS  
AND  
PROPOSED GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES  
AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES  
AND  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The Company will propose at the AGM resolutions to, *inter alia*, (i) re-elect Directors; and (ii) grant to the Directors the Share Issue Mandate and the Share Repurchase Mandate.

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with further information on resolutions to be proposed at the AGM and to give you notice of the AGM at which the resolutions will be proposed to consider and, if thought fit, approve such matters.

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### II. PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with Bye-law 99 of the Bye-laws, at each annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years. Accordingly, Mr. Chan Chung Kik, Lewis (“**Mr. Chan**”) and Mr. Lai Nga Ming, Edmund (“**Mr. Lai**”) will retire from office by rotation at the AGM. Each of Mr. Chan and Mr. Lai, being eligible, has indicated their willingness to offer themselves for re-election at the AGM.

Mr. Chan and Mr. Lai meet the independence factors set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and is not involved in the daily management of the Company nor in any relationships or circumstances which would interfere with the exercise of his independent judgment. In addition, they demonstrate the attributes of independent non-executive Directors and there is no evidence that their tenure had any impact on their independence. The Board is of the opinion that Mr. Chan and Mr. Lai remain independent and it believes that their valuable knowledge and experience in the accounting business and their general business acumen shall generate significant contribution to the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

In addition, the nomination committee of the Company had identified candidates pursuant to criteria set out in the nomination policy adopted by the Company and reviewed the written confirmations of independence from Mr. Chan and Mr. Lai. The nomination committee of the Company is also of the view that Mr. Chan and Mr. Lai would bring to the Board his own perspectives, skills and experience, as further described in his biographical details in Appendix I to this circular.

Based on the board diversity policy adopted by the Company, the nomination committee of the Company considers that Mr. Chan and Mr. Lai can contribute to the diversity of the Board, in particular, with their professional background in accounting, auditing and taxation enables them to provide valuable, independent and objective view to the Company’s affairs.

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 12 June 2023 in relation to, among other matters, the appointment of Mr. Chak Chi Shing (“**Mr. Chak**”) as the independent non-executive Director; the announcement of the Company dated 31 July 2023 in relation to, among other matters, the appointment of Mr. Wang Jin Chao (“**Mr. Wang**”) as the executive Director; and the announcement of the Company dated 10 April 2024 in relation to, among other matters, the appointment of Mr. Li Shuo Feng (“**Mr. Li**”) as the executive Director. In accordance with Bye-law 102(B) of the Bye-laws, Mr. Wang, Mr. Li and Mr. Chak will retire as Director at the AGM and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election.

Resolutions for re-electing Mr. Wang, Mr. Li, Mr. Chan, Mr. Lai and Mr. Chak will be proposed at the AGM.

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Relevant biographical details, as at the Latest Practicable Date, of each of the Directors proposed for re-election at the AGM are set out in Appendix I to this circular.

### III. PROPOSED GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 25 May 2023, resolutions were passed by the Shareholders granting general mandates to the Directors to issue Shares and to repurchase Shares. These general mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. Resolutions will therefore be proposed at the AGM to renew the grant of these general mandates.

#### 1. Share Issue Mandate

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to grant the Directors a general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue, grant, distribute and otherwise deal with additional Shares, not exceeding twenty per cent. of the number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution, for the period until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (or such earlier period as stated in the resolution).

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the authorised share capital of the Company comprised 2,100,000,000 Shares and the number of Shares in issue were 1,199,746,993. Subject to the passing of the relevant ordinary resolution at the AGM and on the basis that no further Shares will be issued or repurchased between the period from the Latest Practicable Date and the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Share Issue Mandate to issue a maximum of 239,949,398 new Shares during the period in which the Share Issue Mandate remains in force.

In addition, conditional upon the proposed resolution to authorise the repurchase of Shares as is more particularly described under the section headed “Share Repurchase Mandate” being passed, a separate ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to authorise the Directors to exercise the powers to allot, issue, grant, distribute and otherwise deal with additional Shares under the Share Issue Mandate in respect of the aggregate number of Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Share Repurchase Mandate.

#### 2. Share Repurchase Mandate

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will also be proposed to grant the Directors a general and unconditional mandate to exercise all the powers of the Company to repurchase an amount of Shares not exceeding ten per cent. of the number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the resolution, for the period until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (or such earlier period as stated in the resolution).

An explanatory statement required under the Share Repurchase Rules providing the requisite information in respect of the Share Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular.

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### IV. CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 22 May 2024 to Tuesday, 28 May 2024 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the AGM, all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21 May 2024.

### V. AGM

A notice convening the AGM to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 May 2024 at Unit 1408, 14th Floor, Cable TV Tower, 9 Hoi Shing Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong is set out on pages 17 to 21 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Such form of proxy is also published on The Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited's website ([www.hkexnews.hk](http://www.hkexnews.hk)) and the Company's website ([www.irasia.com/listco/hk/founder](http://www.irasia.com/listco/hk/founder)). Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same as soon as possible to the principal place of business of the Company at Unit 1408, 14th Floor, Cable TV Tower, 9 Hoi Shing Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong, or the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules and Bye-law 70 of the Bye-laws, each of the resolutions set out in the notice of the AGM will be put to the vote by way of a poll.

### VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Directors believe that the proposed re-election of Directors, the proposed grant of the Share Issue Mandate and the Share Repurchase Mandate and the adoption of the New Bye-laws are all in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

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### VII. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this circular and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement in this circular misleading.

Yours faithfully,  
By Order of the Board  
**Founder Holdings Limited**  
**Qi Zi Xin**  
*Chairman*

*The following are the relevant biographical details of those Directors proposed for re-election at the AGM:*

Mr. Wang, aged 48, holds the position of head of the Planning and Operation Department of New Founder Holdings Development Co., Ltd (“**New Founder**”), the substantial shareholder of the Company. He had served in multiple positions at Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China Ltd. (中國平安保險(集團)股份有限公司) (stock code: 2318), a company listed on the main board (the “**Main Board**”) of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) (the substantial shareholder of the Company) and its subsidiaries and had also worked at an international firm of Certified Public Accountants. He is also the director of two subsidiaries of the Company. He is a director of China Hi-Tech Group Co. Ltd. (中國高科集團股份有限公司) (Stock code: 600730), a company in which 20.03% of equity interest is indirectly held by New Founder and listed on Shanghai Stock Exchange, since June 2023. Mr. Wang received his Master’s degree in Business Administration from Tsinghua University. He holds the professional qualifications of Chinese Certified Public Accountant, Chartered Financial Analyst and Financial Risk Manager. He has solid professional skills and rich management experience in the aspects of corporate financial management, strategic management, and planning and operation.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wang does not hold any position with the Company or any members of the Group.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wang does not have any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wang does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wang does not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Wang has entered into a service agreement as an executive Director with the Company for a term of two years from 31 July 2023 and should continue thereafter unless and until terminated by either the Company or Mr. Wang in accordance with the service agreement. Mr. Wang is not entitled to any director’s fee payable or salary payable at the time entering into the service agreement, however, which may be reviewed from time to time at the discretion of the Board. Mr. Wang will also be entitled to discretionary bonus to be determined at the end of each financial year. Mr. Wang is entitled to participate in any profit-related bonus scheme as may be established by the Company and his entitlement thereunder shall be determined at the absolute discretion of the Board and the total amount of bonus payable to all executive Directors shall not exceed 15 per cent. of the audited consolidated net profit of the Group (after payment of all bonuses) after taxation and non-controlling interests of the Group for that financial year.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters relating to the re-election of Mr. Wang that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders nor any information that needs to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Li, aged 38, is a senior director of department of capital operations of New Founder. Mr. Li received a bachelor's degree of accountancy from Renmin University of China in 2009 and received a master's degree of business administration from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2023 respectively. He has been a Chinese Certified Public Accountant in an international firm of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Li has extensive business experience and managerial experience in the aspect of finance and treasury management.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Li does not hold any position with the Company or any members of the Group.

Mr. Li does not have any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Li does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Li does not have any interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Li has entered into a service agreement as an executive Director with the Company for a term of two years from 10 April 2024 and should continue thereafter unless and until terminated by either the Company or Mr. Li in accordance with the service agreement. Mr. Li is not entitled to any director's fee payable or salary payable at the time entering into the service agreement, however, which may be reviewed from time to time at the discretion of the Board. Mr. Li will also be entitled to discretionary bonus to be determined at the end of each financial year. Mr. Li is entitled to participate in any profit-related bonus scheme as may be established by the Company and his entitlement thereunder shall be determined at the absolute discretion of the Board and the total amount of bonus payable to all executive Directors shall not exceed 15 per cent. of the audited consolidated net profit of the Group (after payment of all bonuses) after taxation and non-controlling interests of the Group for that financial year.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters relating to the re-election of Mr. Li that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders nor any information that needs to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of Listing Rules.

Mr. Chan, aged 51, is an independent non-executive director of the Company since March 2017. He serves as the independent non-executive director of Wing Chi Holdings Limited (stock code: 6080), a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange, since September 2017. He also served as an independent non-executive director of (i) Hong Kong Aerospace Technology Group Limited (formerly known as “Eternity Technology Holdings Limited”) (stock code: 1725), a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange, from July 2018 to July 2021; (ii) Peking University Resources (Holdings) Company Limited (“**PKU Resources**”) (stock code: 00618), a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange from March 2017 to September 2021; and (iii) HongGuang Lighting Holdings Company Limited, a company which was previously listed on the GEM (stock code: 8343) in December 2016 and was subsequently transferred to the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 6908) in November 2019, from December 2016 to 5 June 2023. Mr. Chan obtained a bachelor degree of commerce in accounting from the University of Canberra in Australia in September 1997. He is currently a fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“**HKICPA**”) and a member of CPA Australia. He has extensive experience in auditing, accounting and corporate finance.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chan does not hold any position with the Company or any members of the Group.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chan does not have any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chan does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chan does not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Chan has entered into a letter of appointment as an independent non-executive Director with the Company for a period of one year from 31 March 2024. Mr. Chan is entitled to a director’s fee of HK\$180,000 per annum, which was determined by the Board by reference to the current market conditions and may be reviewed from time to time at the discretion of the Board.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters relating to the re-election of Mr. Chan that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders nor any information that needs to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Lai, aged 40, is an independent non-executive director of the Company since April 2020. He is (i) the company secretary of Luxxu Group Limited (stock code: 1327), a company listed on the Main Board; (ii) the company secretary and authorised representatives of C&N Holdings Limited (stock code: 8430), a company listed on the GEM, from July 2021 to July 2023; and (iii) the company secretary and authorised representative of Palinda Group Holdings Limited (stock code: 8179), a company listed on the GEM, since December 2023. He was an independent non-executive director of PKU Resources from April 2020 to September 2021. Mr. Lai received a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Accountancy from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and is a member of HKICPA. He has accumulated extensive experience in auditing and accounting by working in various international firms of Certified Public Accountants, listed and multinational companies in Hong Kong such as Grant Thornton Hong Kong, BDO Hong Kong and SDM Group Holdings Limited (stock code: 8363), a company listed on the GEM.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lai does not hold any position with the Company or any members of the Group.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lai does not have any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lai does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lai does not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Lai has entered into a letter of appointment as an independent non-executive Director with the Company for a period of one year from 1 April 2024. Mr. Lai is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$180,000 per annum, which was determined by the Board by reference to the current market conditions and may be reviewed from time to time at the discretion of the Board.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters relating to the re-election of Mr. Lai that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders nor any information that needs to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Chak, aged 43, holds a Bachelor's degree in commerce in Accounting and Finance from Curtin University of Technology. He is a certified public accountant of HKICPA and Certified Public Accountant Australia. Mr. Chak has more than 15 years of experience in auditing, accounting, corporate finance and financial management and years of experience in company secretarial matter and corporate governance in listed companies. Mr. Chak has been appointed as the chief financial officer and company secretary of Tokyo Chuo Auction Holdings Limited (stock code: 1939), a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange since September 2019. He has been an independent non-executive director of (i) SDM Group Holdings Limited (stock code: 8363), a company listed on the GEM since May 2019; (ii) China Energy Storage Technology Development Limited (Formerly known as Link-Asia International MedTech Group Limited) (stock code: 1143), a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange from June 2021 to 22 September 2023; (iii) Sunyes Electronics Manufacturing (Guangdong) Co., Ltd\* (stock code: 002388), a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange since February 2023; and (iv) Net Pacific Financial Holdings (stock code: 5QY), a company listed on the Singapore Exchange since 8 November 2023.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chak does not hold any position with the Company or any members of the Group.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chak does not have any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chak does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chak does not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Chak has entered into a letter of appointment as an independent non-executive Director with the Company for a period of one year from 12 June 2023. Mr. Chak is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$180,000 per annum, which was determined by the Board by reference to the current market conditions and may be reviewed from time to time at the discretion of the Board.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters relating to the re-election of Mr. Chak that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders nor any information that needs to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

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*This appendix serves as an explanatory statement, as required by the Share Repurchase Rules, to provide requisite information to you for your consideration of the Share Repurchase Mandate.*

### **SHARE REPURCHASE RULES**

The Share Repurchase Rules provide that all proposed repurchases of securities by a company with a primary listing on the Stock Exchange must be approved in advance by an ordinary resolution of its shareholders in general meeting, either by way of a general mandate or by a specific approval of a particular transaction. A maximum of ten per cent. of the fully paid-up securities of a company as at the date of the passing of the relevant resolution may be repurchased on the Stock Exchange.

### **SHARE CAPITAL**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the authorised share capital of the Company comprised 2,100,000,000 Shares and the number of Shares in issue were 1,199,746,993.

Subject to the passing of the relevant ordinary resolution at the AGM and on the basis that no further Shares will be issued or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Share Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 119,974,699 Shares during the period in which the Share Repurchase Mandate remains in force. Any Shares repurchased pursuant to the Share Repurchase Mandate must be fully paid-up.

**SHARE PRICES**

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months preceding the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	<b>Highest</b> <i>HK\$</i>	<b>Lowest</b> <i>HK\$</i>
<b>2023</b>		
April	0.560	0.500
May	0.700	0.490
June	0.690	0.610
July	0.690	0.610
August	0.700	0.570
September	0.640	0.425
October	0.500	0.400
November	0.490	0.430
December	0.450	0.380
<b>2024</b>		
January	0.410	0.310
February	0.355	0.310
March	0.470	0.330
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.610	0.430

**REASONS FOR REPURCHASE**

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

**FUNDING OF REPURCHASE**

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its memorandum of association, the Bye-laws, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Bermuda.

The laws of Bermuda provide that such repurchases may only be effected out of the capital paid up on the repurchased shares or out of the funds of the Company which would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purposes.

Any premium payable on a repurchase over the par value of the Shares to be repurchased is to be provided for out of funds of the Company otherwise available for dividend or distribution or out of the Company's share premium account before the Shares are repurchased.

There might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023) in the event that the Share Repurchase Mandate was to be exercised in full at any time during the repurchase period. However, the Board does not propose to exercise the Share Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements or the gearing level of the Company.

## **UNDERTAKING**

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that they will exercise the powers of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the Share Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the memorandum of association of the Company, the Bye-laws, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Bermuda so far as the same may be applicable.

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) has any present intention to sell Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries under the Share Repurchase Mandate, if such is approved by the Shareholders.

No connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) has notified the Company that he has a present intention to sell Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries, or has undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Share Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Company confirms that the explanatory statement set out in this Appendix contains the information required under Rule 10.06(1)(b) of the Listing Rules and that neither the explanatory statement nor the proposed Share Repurchase Mandate has unusual features.

## **EFFECT OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE**

If, as a result of a share repurchase by the Company, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase may be treated as an acquisition for the purpose of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder, or group of Shareholders acting in concert (within the meaning of the Takeovers Code) depending on the level of increase of the Shareholder's interests, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company or become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code as a result of the increase.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Company, Founder Information, being the only direct controlling Shareholder of the Company, was interested in 367,179,610 Shares, representing approximately 30.60% of the issued share capital of the Company. In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares in accordance with the Share Repurchase Mandate, the shareholding of Founder Information in the Company will be increased to approximately 34.01% of the issued share capital of the Company. As a result, Founder Information would be required under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code to make a mandatory offer pursuant to such increase. The Directors have no present intention to exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Share Repurchase Mandate so as to trigger the Takeovers Code.

#### **SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY**

There have been no repurchases of Shares by the Company made in the six months prior to the date of this circular (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

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# FOUNDER HOLDINGS LIMITED 方正控股有限公司\*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 00418)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Annual General Meeting of Founder Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 May 2024 at Unit 1408, 14th Floor, Cable TV Tower, 9 Hoi Shing Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong for the following purposes:

### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

1. To receive and adopt the audited financial statements and the reports of directors and auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.
2.
  - (a) To re-elect Mr. Wang Jin Chao as an executive director of the Company;
  - (b) To re-elect Mr. Li Shuo Feng as an executive director of the Company;
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Chan Chung Kik, Lewis as an independent non-executive director of the Company;
  - (d) To re-elect Mr. Lai Nga Ming, Edmund as an independent non-executive director of the Company;
  - (e) To re-elect Mr. Chak Chi Shing as an independent non-executive director of the Company; and
  - (f) To authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix the directors’ remuneration.
3. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditors of the Company and to authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.
4. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

“**THAT:**

- (A) subject to paragraph (B) below, the exercise by the Board of Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue, grant, distribute and otherwise deal with additional Shares and to make,

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issue or grant offers, agreements, options, warrants and other securities which will or might require Shares to be allotted, issued, granted, distributed or otherwise dealt with during or after the end of the Relevant Period, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

(B) the aggregate number of Shares allotted, issued, granted, distributed or otherwise dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued, granted, distributed or otherwise dealt with (whether pursuant to an option, conversion or otherwise) by the Board of Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (A) above, otherwise than pursuant to:

- (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below); or
- (ii) the grant of options under the share option scheme of the Company or the exercise of any of the subscription rights attaching to any options that have been or may be granted thereunder; or
- (iii) the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrant issued by the Company or any securities which are convertible into Shares; or
- (iv) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for allotment of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of any dividend on Shares in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company,

shall not exceed the aggregate of:

- (a) twenty per cent. of the number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of this Resolution; and
- (b) (if the Board of Directors are so authorised by a separate resolution of the shareholders of the Company) the aggregate number of Shares purchased by the Company subsequent to the passing of this Resolution (up to a maximum equivalent to ten per cent. of the number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of this Resolution),

and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(C) for the purposes of this Resolution:

- (i) “Relevant Period” means the period from (and including) the date of passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;

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- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable law to be held; and
  - (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting;
- (ii) “Rights Issue” means an offer of Shares open for a period fixed by the Board of Directors to holders of Shares on the register of members (and, if appropriate, to the holders of warrants and other securities which carry a right to subscribe or purchase shares in the Company on the relevant register) on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares (and, if appropriate, such warrants and other securities) (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Board of Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any legal or practical restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any jurisdiction or territory applicable to the Company); and
- (iii) “Shares” means shares of all classes in the capital of the Company and warrants and other securities which carry a right to subscribe or purchase shares in the Company.”
5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

**“THAT:**

- (A) subject to paragraph (B) below, the exercise by the Board of Directors during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to purchase Shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and which is recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, including the Hong Kong Code on Share Repurchases and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange or of any other stock exchange (as amended from time to time), be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (B) the aggregate number of Shares which may be purchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be purchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (A) above shall not exceed ten per cent. of the number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of this Resolution, and the said approval be limited accordingly; and

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(C) for the purposes of this Resolution:

- (i) “Relevant Period” means the period from (and including) 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 expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable law to be held;
  - (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting; and
- (ii) “Shares” means shares of all classes in the capital of the Company and warrants and other securities which carry a right to subscribe or purchase shares in the Company.”

6. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

“**THAT**, conditional on the passing of the resolutions set out in items 4 and 5 of the notice convening this meeting (“**Resolutions 4 and 5**”, respectively), the exercise by the Board of Directors of the powers referred to in paragraph (A) of Resolution 4 in respect of the share capital of the Company referred to in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (B) of Resolution 4, be and is hereby approved and authorised.”

By Order of the Board  
**Founder Holdings Limited**  
**Cheang Yee Wah Eva**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 19 April 2024

*Notes:*

1. Any shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint another person as his/her proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her. A shareholder who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company but must be present in person at the meeting to represent the shareholder. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a shareholder from attending the meeting and voting in person. In such event, his/her form of proxy will be deemed to have been revoked.

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2. Where there are joint holders of any share, any one of such joint holders may vote at the meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he/she were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the meeting, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company in respect of such share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
3. In order to be valid, the instrument appointing a proxy together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed, or a notorially certified copy of that power or authority must be deposited at the principal place of business of the Company at Unit 1408, 14th Floor, Cable TV Tower, 9 Hoi Shing Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong, or the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
4. The register of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 22 May 2024 to Tuesday, 28 May 2024, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting, all share transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21 May 2024.
5. At the meeting (or at any adjournment thereof), the Chairman of the meeting will put each of the above resolutions to the vote by way of a poll as required under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Bye-laws of the Company. The poll results will be published on the websites of the Company at [www.irasia.com/listco/hk/founder](http://www.irasia.com/listco/hk/founder) and the website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited at [www.hkexnews.hk](http://www.hkexnews.hk) following the meeting.