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**OneConnect Financial** 

**Bo Yu Limited** 

(Incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability) Technology Co., Ltd. 壹账通金融科技有限公司 (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock code: 6638) (NYSE Stock Ticker: OCFT)

# JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT (1) INSIDE INFORMATION (2) ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 3.7 OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE AND (3) RESUMPTION OF TRADING

This announcement is jointly made by OneConnect Financial Technology Co., Ltd. (the "Company") and Bo Yu Limited ("Bo Yu") pursuant to Rule 3.7 of the Code on Takeovers and Mergers issued by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "Takeovers Code"), and by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO").

The Company is dual listed on the New York Stock Exchange (Ticker: OCFT) and on the Stock Exchange. Pursuant to the disclosure rules under the U.S. Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and New York Stock Exchange requirements, including NYSE Listed Company Manual 202.05 (Timely Disclosure of Material News Development), details of the Indicative Proposal (as defined below), including the proposed cancellation price, are required to be included in the Form 6-K to be furnished with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

As required by the U.S. securities laws and regulations, including the SEC Rule Section 240.13d-1 (Filing of Schedules 13D and 13G) and Schedule 13D Item 7 (Material to be Filed as Exhibits), Bo Yu shall also, within 5 business days from the date of Indicative Proposal dated March 1, 2025, report on applicable schedule detailing its plans or proposals (including the Indicative Proposal which contains the proposed cancellation price) that relate to further acquisition of Company's securities or any extraordinary corporate transaction involving the Company. Accordingly, the disclosure of the cancellation price and Annex A in this joint announcement is necessary to prevent selective disclosure of material information between jurisdictions.

The board (the "**Board**") of directors of the Company has noted irregular trading volumes and price movements in the shares of the Company (the "**Shares**") on February 28, 2025 and wishes to inform its shareholders that on March 1, 2025, the Company received a preliminary non-binding proposal from Bo Yu (together with its affiliated entities, the "**Proposing Buyer**") in relation to a possible privatization of the Company by way of a scheme of arrangement, which if proceeded with, could result in a delisting of the Company from the Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange (the "**Indicative Proposal**"). A copy of the Indicative Proposal is attached hereto as Annex A, which will also be furnished as an exhibit to the Form 6-K of the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

As of the date of this joint announcement, Bo Yu (which directly holds 353,077,356 Shares, representing approximately 30.18% of the total issued share capital of the Company based on information available to the Company) is a controlling shareholder of the Company and a subsidiary of Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd. ("**Ping An Group**"). As of the date of this joint announcement and based on information available to the Company, Ping An Group (through its subsidiaries including Bo Yu) holds 375,764,724 Shares, representing approximately 32.12% of the issued share capital of the Company.

As provided in the Indicative Proposal, Bo Yu proposes to acquire each Share for HK\$2.068 in cash (the "**Cancellation Price**"), equivalent to approximately US\$7.98 per American Depositary Share of the Company ("**ADS**", with each ADS representing thirty (30) Shares), which represents a premium of 72.33% over the closing price of the Shares of HK\$1.200 quoted on the Stock Exchange as of February 27, 2025 (being the last trading day prior to February 28, 2025 when there were irregular trading volumes and price movements in the Shares), a premium of 100.00% over the average closing price of the Shares of HK\$1.034 quoted on the Stock Exchange during the last 15 trading days prior to February 27, 2025 and including such date, and a premium of 131.66% over the average closing price of the Shares of HK\$0.893 quoted on the Stock Exchange during the last 30 trading days prior to February 27, 2025 and including such date.

As provided in the Indicative Proposal, Bo Yu does not anticipate revising the Cancellation Price, and should the Indicative Proposal progress to a firm offer under the Takeovers Code, Bo Yu will then confirm its intention not to increase the Cancellation Price. For the purposes of the Takeovers Code, the Cancellation Price shall be regarded as a floor price in any eventual offer. However, your attention is drawn to the Indicative Proposal, where Bo Yu states that it has no intention of revising the Cancellation Price, and will confirm the same in any eventual offer unless as required under the Takeovers Code.

The consideration of the Indicative Proposal is at a preliminary stage and there is therefore no certainty that the Indicative Proposal will ultimately lead to an Offer (as defined in the Takeovers Code) being made in relation to the Shares and ADSs. Save as disclosed above, the Board is not aware of any information that would need be disclosed under Rule 13.09 of Listing Rules and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the SFO.

WARNING: Shareholders, holders of ADSs and potential investors of the Company should be aware that the Indicative Proposal is non-binding in nature, and may or may not proceed, and if it does proceed, the terms of any such Indicative Proposal are at this stage uncertain. Shareholders, holders of ADSs and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the Shares, ADSs and/or other securities of the Company. Persons who are in doubt as to the action they should take should consult their stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor or other professional advisors.

#### **MONTHLY UPDATE**

In compliance with Rule 3.7 of the Takeovers Code, monthly announcement(s) setting out the progress of the Indicative Proposal will be made until an announcement of a firm intention to make an offer under Rule 3.5 of the Takeovers Code or of a decision not to proceed with an offer is made. Further announcement(s) will be made by the Company as and when appropriate or required in accordance with the Listing Rules and/or the Takeovers Code (as the case may be).

# **RELEVANT SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY**

As of the date of this joint announcement, the authorized share capital of the Company is US\$50,000 divided into 5,000,000,000 Shares, and the Company has 1,169,980,653 Shares in issue. Additionally, the Company has adopted a stock incentive plan on November 7, 2017 (the "**Stock Incentive Plan**", which was amended from time to time) which permits the award of, among others, options (the "**Options**") and performance share units ("**PSUs**"). As of the date of this joint announcement, the number of underlying Shares in respect of the outstanding Options and PSUs are 6,803,200 Shares and 21,821,258 Shares, respectively.

Save for the above, the Company has no other relevant securities (as defined in Note 4 to Rule 22 of the Takeovers Code) in issue.

# **DISCLOSURE OF DEALINGS**

For the purpose of the Takeovers Code, the offer period commences on the date of this joint announcement, being March 3, 2025.

In accordance with Rule 3.8 of the Takeovers Code, the respective associates (as defined under the Takeovers Code which includes, among others, any person who owns or controls 5% or more of any class of relevant securities (as defined in Note 4 to Rule 22 of the Takeovers Code) of the Proposing Buyer and the Company) of the Proposing Buyer and the Company are hereby reminded to disclose their dealings in any relevant securities of the Company pursuant to Rule 22 of the Takeovers Code.

In accordance with Rule 3.8 of the Takeovers Code, reproduced below is the full text of Note 11 to Rule 22 of the Takeovers Code:

"Responsibilities of stockbrokers, banks and other intermediaries

Stockbrokers, banks and others who deal in relevant securities on behalf of clients have a general duty to ensure, so far as they are able, that those clients are aware of the disclosure obligations attaching to associates of an offeror or the offeree company and other persons under Rule 22 and that those clients are willing to comply with them. Principal traders and dealers who deal directly with investors should, in appropriate cases, likewise draw attention to the relevant Rules. However, this does not apply when the total value of dealings (excluding stamp duty and commission) in any relevant security undertaken for a client during any 7 day period is less than \$1 million.

This dispensation does not alter the obligation of principals, associates and other persons themselves to initiate disclosure of their own dealings, whatever total value is involved.

Intermediaries are expected to co-operate with the Executive in its dealings enquiries. Therefore, those who deal in relevant securities should appreciate that stockbrokers and other intermediaries will supply the Executive with relevant information as to those dealings, including identities of clients, as part of that co-operation."

"Executive" referred to above has the meaning ascribed to it under the Takeovers Code.

# TRADING HALT AND RESUMPTION OF TRADING IN THE SHARES

At the request of the Company, trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange was halted with effect from 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025 pending the release of this joint announcement. Application has been made by the Company for resumption of trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange with effect from 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

By order of the board of directors of	By order of the Board
Bo Yu Limited	<b>OneConnect Financial Technology Co., Ltd.</b>
Ms. Yanmei Dong	Mr. Chen Dangyang
Director	Chairman of the Board and
	Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, March 3, 2025

As at the date of this joint announcement, the directors of the Offeror are Ms. Song Gao and Ms. Yanmei Dong.

The directors of the Offeror accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this joint announcement (other than that relating to the Company) and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this joint announcement (other than those expressed by the Directors) have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this joint announcement, the omission of which would make any statement in this joint announcement misleading.

As at the date of this joint announcement, the executive directors of Ping An Group are Ma Mingzhe, Xie Yonglin, Michael Guo, Cai Fangfang and Fu Xin; the non-executive directors of Ping An Group are Soopakij Chearavanont, Yang Xiaoping, He Jianfeng and Cai Xun; the independent non-executive directors of Ping An Group are Ng Sing Yip, Chu Yiyun, Liu Hong, Ng Kong Ping Albert, Jin Li and Wang Guangqian.

The directors of Ping An Group jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this joint announcement (other than the information relating to the Company) and confirm, having made all reasonable inquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this joint announcement (other than those expressed by the Directors in their capacity as such) have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this joint announcement the omission of which would make any statement in this joint announcement misleading.

As at the date of this joint announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises Mr. Chen Dangyang as the executive director, Mr. Michael Guo, Ms. Xin Fu, Mr. Wenwei Dou and Ms. Wenjun Wang as the non-executive directors and Dr. Yaolin Zhang, Mr. Tianruo Pu, Mr. Wing Kin Anthony Chow and Mr. Koon Wing Ernest Ip as the independent non-executive directors.

The directors of the Company jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this joint announcement (other than information relating to the Offeror and Ping An Group) and confirm, having made all reasonable inquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this joint announcement (other than those expressed by the directors of the Offeror and of the Ping An Group in their respective capacity as such) have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this joint announcement, the omission of which would make any statement in this joint announcement misleading.

Where the English and the Chinese texts conflict, the English text prevails.

#### Annex A

# Preliminary Non-Binding Proposal to Acquire OneConnect Financial Technology Co., Ltd.

March 1, 2025

The Board of Directors (the "**Board**") OneConnect Financial Technology Co., Ltd. 21/24F, Ping An Finance Center No. 5033 Yitian Road Futian District Shenzhen, Guangdong Province 518000 People's Republic of China

Dear Members of the Board of Directors,

After carefully evaluating the recent challenges in the business and financial performance of OneConnect Financial Technology Co., Ltd. (the "**Company**"), its trading price, the prospects of enabling digital transformation of its services, and the potential benefits of transitioning to a private, non-traded company, Bo Yu Limited (together with its affiliated entities, "**Bo Yu**" or the "**Proposing Buyer**") is pleased to submit this non-binding proposal (the "**Proposal**") to acquire all outstanding shares of the Company not already owned by the Proposing Buyer in a going-private transaction (the "**Transaction**").

We propose to acquire each share of the Company for HK\$2.068 in cash, equivalent to approximately US\$7.98 per American Depositary Share of the Company ("ADS," with each ADS representing thirty (30) ordinary shares). This offer represents a premium of 72.33% over the closing price of the Company's shares quoted on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("HKSE") as of February 27, 2025, a premium of 100.00% over the average closing price of the Company's shares quoted on the HKSE during the last 15 trading days prior to and including such date, and a premium of 131.66% over the average closing price of the Company's shares quoted on the HKSE during the last 30 trading days prior to and including such date.

We have noted irregular trading volumes and price movements in the Company's shares on February 28, 2025. Accordingly, we have calculated our premium based on the closing price as of February 27, 2025, the last trading day prior to such price disturbance. To ensure equal dissemination of information regarding our intentions, we urge the Board to issue an announcement pursuant to the Code on Takeovers and Mergers of Hong Kong (the "**Takeovers Code**") upon receipt of this Proposal.

Our Proposal represents a well-considered and substantial premium over the Company's recent trading price. We encourage the Board to engage with us and give shareholders the opportunity to evaluate and decide whether to accept this Proposal. We do not anticipate revising the price stated in this Proposal, and should the Transaction progress to a firm offer under the Takeovers Code, we will confirm our intention not to increase the offer price.

Given the Company's dual listing on the New York Stock Exchange and the HKSE, we intend to implement the Transaction through a court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement. Such scheme of arrangement will, inter alia, require the approval by at least 75% of disinterested shareholders at a general meeting of the Company, with no more than 10% of all disinterested shareholders voting against it. We are confident in the attractiveness of this Proposal to disinterested shareholders.

We look forward to working collaboratively with the Company and the Board to implement this Proposal in an efficient and timely manner. We do not expect the need to conduct due diligence on the Company, nor do we anticipate substantial regulatory obstacles to impede the successful completion of the Transaction. We have sufficient financial resources readily available to fund the Transaction.

Please note that this letter does not constitute a binding commitment regarding the Transaction. A binding commitment will only arise from a firm offer made in compliance with the Takeovers Code, the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and other applicable laws and regulations, and will be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the relevant documentation.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of **BO YU LIMITED** 

Name: Title: Director