ZHONG HUA INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
中華國際控股有限公司
(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1064)

UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS

The Board of Directors (the "Directors") of Zhong Hua International Holdings Limited (the "Company") would like to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2018 (the "Interim Results"), together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2017, as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

		For the six months ended 30 June	
		2018	2017
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	Notes	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*
Revenue	2	**24,047**	19,323
Other income		**219**	182
Administrative expenses		**(14,130)**	(12,907)
Finance costs	3	**(3,500)**	(3,444)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	4	**6,636**	3,154
Income tax expense	5	**(3,521)**	(2,670)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		**3,115**	484
ATTRIBUTABLE TO:			
Ordinary equity holders of the Company		**(1,172)**	(3,142)
Non-controlling interests		**4,287**	3,626
		3,115	484
LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY	7		
– Basic		**HK(0.19) cents**	HK(0.52) cents
– Diluted		**HK(0.19) cents**	HK(0.52) cents

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Profit for the period	**3,115**	484
Other comprehensive income/(expense)		
Other comprehensive income/(expense) to be reclassified to income statement in subsequent periods:		
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	**(53,293)**	101,998
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(EXPENSE) FOR THE PERIOD	**(50,178)**	102,482
Total comprehensive income/(expense) attributable to:		
Ordinary equity holders of the Company	**(17,088)**	27,104
Non-controlling interests	**(33,090)**	75,378
	(50,178)	102,482

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	30 June 2018 (Unaudited) HK$'000	31 December 2017 (Audited) HK$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		**4,811**	5,028
Investment properties		**4,401,400**	4,476,000
Total non-current assets		**4,406,211**	4,481,028
CURRENT ASSETS			
Properties held for sales		**36,692**	37,314
Trade receivables	8	**21,181**	1,187
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		**12,771**	13,638
Cash and bank balances		**69,413**	82,084
Total current assets		**140,057**	134,223
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade payables	9	**(2,103)**	(2,129)
Other payables and accruals		**(41,669)**	(40,992)
Tax payable		**(51,271)**	(50,173)
Interest-bearing bank borrowings		**(6,960)**	(6,874)
Total current liabilities		**(102,003)**	(100,168)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**38,054**	34,055
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**4,444,265**	4,515,083
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Loan from a director		**(75,496)**	(76,776)
Due to a director		**(184,568)**	(183,840)
Long term other payables		**(137,283)**	(137,622)
Interest-bearing bank borrowings		**(3,787)**	(7,409)
Deferred tax liabilities		**(951,493)**	(967,620)
Total non-current liabilities		**(1,352,627)**	(1,373,267)
Net assets		**3,091,638**	3,141,816
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company			
Issued capital		**15,140**	15,140
Reserves		**878,569**	895,657
		893,709	910,797
Non-controlling interests		**2,197,929**	2,231,019
Total equity		**3,091,638**	3,141,816

Notes:

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". The accounting policies and basis of preparation adopted in the preparation of the interim financial statements are the same as those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017, except in relation to the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") which also include HKASs and Interpretations, that affect the Group and are mandatory for the accounting period beginning on or after 1 January 2018:

Amendments to HKFRS 2	*Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions*
Amendments to HKFRS 4	*Applying HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments with HKFRS 4 Insurance Contracts*
Amendments to HKFRS 15	*Clarifications to HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers*
HKFRS 9	*Financial Instruments*
HKFRS 15	*Revenue from Contracts with Customers*
Amendments to HKAS 40	*Transfers of Investment Property*
HK(IFRIC)-Int 22	*Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration*
Annual Improvements 2014-2016 Cycle	Amendments to HKFRS 1 and HKAS 28

The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs had no material effect on how the results and financial position for the current or prior accounting periods have been prepared and presented. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been required.

2. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their services and two reportable operating segments as follows:

(a) the property investment segment, which invests in properties located in the Mainland of the People's Republic of China ("Mainland China") for generating potential income from letting; and

(b) the corporate and other segment, which provides management services to group companies.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as those described in the Group's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

No geographical segment information is presented as over 90% of the Group's revenue is derived from customers based in Mainland China.

The following table presents revenue and results information for the Group's operating segments:

For the six months ended 30 June

	Property investment		**Corporate and others**		**Total**	
	2018	2017	**2018**	2017	**2018**	2017
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*
Segment revenue:						
Sales to external customers	**24,047**	19,323	**–**	–	**24,047**	19,323
Segment results	**17,475**	14,015	**(7,558)**	(7,599)	**9,917**	6,416
Other income					**219**	182
Finance costs					**(3,500)**	(3,444)
Profit before tax					**6,636**	3,154
Income tax expense					**(3,521)**	(2,670)
Profit the period					**3,115**	484

Information about major customers

For the six months ended 30 June 2018 (the "Period"), aggregate revenue from four customers (2017: four) with each of whom transactions had exceeded 10% of the Group's total revenue amounted to approximately HK$24,047,000 (2017: HK$19,323,000).

3. FINANCE COSTS

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Interest on:		
Bank loans	**422**	617
Loan from a director	**3,078**	2,827
	3,500	3,444

4. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Depreciation	**139**	127
Interest income	**(117)**	(85)
Income from letting of investment properties	**(24,047)**	(19,323)

5. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Provision for the period:		
Elsewhere	**3,521**	2,670

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax had been made as the Group did not generate any taxable profits in Hong Kong during the Period (2017: Nil).

Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof. The subsidiaries established in Mainland China are subject to income taxes at the rate of 25% (2017: 25%).

6. INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Period (2017: Nil).

7. LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

The calculation of basic loss per share for the Period is based on the loss attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company of HK$1,172,000 (2017: HK$3,142,000) and the weighted average number of 605,616,520 (2017: 605,616,520) ordinary shares in issue during the Period.

During the six months ended 30 June 2018 and 2017, the Group had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares in issue.

8. TRADE RECEIVABLES

An ageing analysis of the Group's trade receivables at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	30 June 2018 (Unaudited)		31 December 2017 (Audited)	
	HK$'000	*%*	*HK$'000*	*%*
Within 6 months	**21,181**	**100**	1,187	100

The Group generally grants a credit term of 3 months to 12 months to its customers.

The ageing of the Group's trade receivables is based on the date of recognition of revenue. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over its trade receivable balances. Trade receivables are non-interest-bearing.

9. TRADE PAYABLES

An ageing analysis of the Group's trade payables at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	30 June 2018 (Unaudited)		31 December 2017 (Audited)	
	HK$'000	*%*	*HK$'000*	*%*
Within 1 year	**50**	**2**	–	–
More than 1 year	**2,053**	**98**	2,129	100
	2,103	**100**	2,129	100

The ageing of the Group's trade payables is based on the dates of the goods received or services rendered. The trade payables are non-interest-bearing.

REVIEW OF RESULTS

The Group's consolidated turnover for the Period was HK$24,047,000, representing an increases of approximately 24% compared with the turnover for the same period last year (30 June 2017: HK$19,323,000). The Group's profit for the Period was HK$3,115,000 (30 June 2017: HK$484,000). The Group's loss attributable to equity shareholders was HK$1,172,000 for the Period (30 June 2017: HK$3,142,000).

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Company is an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries are principally engaged in property development, investment and management businesses in Mainland China and have two property interests, one in Chongqing (重慶市) and the other in Guangzhou (廣州市).

Guang Yu Square (港渝廣場), a 15-storey commercial building, is situated at the most prime commercial area at Chaotianmen (朝天門), Yuzhong District (渝中區), Chongqing (重慶市). Chaotianmen is one of the major clothing wholesale points in Chongqing while Guang Yu Square is the most popular men's clothing and footwear wholesale centre in the region.

The property interest in Guangzhou (廣州市) is situated at the most prime commercial area in Yuexiu District (越秀區), Guangzhou. It is planned that the development site will be developed into a versatile grade A commercial building complex with wholesale and exhibition hall facilities and with an objective to be the landmark of the Yuexiu District. The development site is comprised of three contiguous land parcels located at the east of Jiefang Road South (解放南路), to the south of Daxin Road (大新路), to the north of Yede Road (一德路) and to the west of Xieen Road (謝恩里), Yuexiu District and is wholly owned by Guangzhou Zheng Da Real Estate Development Company Limited (廣州市正大房地產開發有限公司) ("Guangzhou Zheng Da") which in turn Zheng Da Real Estate Development Co. Ltd. ("HK Zheng Da"), a private company incorporated in Hong Kong, has 100% interest.

Guangzhou Zheng Da was set up as a Sino-foreign joint venture by HK Zheng Da as the foreign partner and 越秀房地產開發經營公司 ("越秀國企"), a state-owned enterprise, as the Sino partner in Guangzhou in December 1993. Since its formation, 越秀國企 has not provided any capital or management support to Guangzhou Zheng Da to a material extent. Pursuant to the terms of the Enforcement Rules of the Joint Venture Agreement (合作合同實施細則) (the "Enforcement Rules") executed in 1994, 越秀國企 agreed to surrender its entire interest in Guangzhou Zheng Da except those benefits specified in the Enforcement Rules and therefore HK Zheng Da assumed 100% interest in Guangzhou Zheng Da.

The Group acquired a 25% indirect interest in HK Zheng Da in December 2007 while the remaining 75% interest to be completed by the Group not later than 30 June 2019 at an aggregate consideration of RMB1,361,100,000 (approximately HK$1,606,098,000 as at 30 June 2018). Details of the intended acquisition, including terms and conditions, consideration and settlement mechanism, and their amendments thereafter were disclosed in the Company's circular dated 26 November 2007 and the Company's subsequent announcements, latest of which dated 27 June 2018 (primarily refers to the deferment of the long stop date for completion of the acquisition from 31 March 2010 to 30 June 2019).

Pending for re-developing into a commercial complex, the development site is presently comprised of a 2-storey non-permanent commercial podium and a car park for loading and offloading inventory. With a history of over one century for footwear wholesale business in the area surrounding the development site, the commercial podium is the most popular footwear boutique showcase and wholesale centre in Guangzhou.

The development project was initially planned to be completed within a period of 15 years but its progress was interrupted by the modifications of municipal planning in the region by the Yiuxiu District People's Government (越秀區人民政府) from time to time in the past years. Pursuant to the terms of the relevant joint venture agreement, the joint venture period of Guangzhou Zheng Da is from 31 December 1993 to 31 December 2008 and can be further extended at the request of either foreign or sino partner upon maturity. In December 2008, both Guangzhou Zheng Da and its foreign partner, HK Zheng Da, agreed to extend the joint venture period by 15 years with effect from 1 January 2009 in accordance with the provisions of the articles of Guangzhou Zheng Da but 越秀國企, its sino partner, had become dormant a couple of years ago and therefore its consent could not be obtained. Contemporaneously, it appeared that another enterprise namely 越秀房地產開發經營有限公司 ("越房私企"), a privately owned enterprise which acquired certain assets (but interest in Guangzhou Zheng Da not included) from 越秀國企 some years ago, claimed that it had taken up certain interest in Guangzhou Zheng Da from 越秀國企, but that was not the case. As such, In late December 2008, Guangzhou Zheng Da, served a writ against 越房私企 at the Guangdong Provincial Guangzhou Municipal Yuexiu District People's Court (廣東省廣州市越秀區人民法院) (the "Yuexiu Court") demanding for the confirmation of disqualification of 越房私企 from the sino partnership (if any) of the subject joint venture.

The relevant judgment was granted in July 2009 with rulings endorsing the request made by Guangzhou Zheng Da, 越房私企 then filed an appeal petition (the "Appeal") at the Guangdong Provincial Guangzhou Municipal Intermediate People's Court (廣東省廣州市中級人民法院) (the "Guangzhou Court") in August 2009. An hearing was made in October 2009 and no further hearings had been made since then. Both Guangzhou Zheng Da and HK Zheng Da have not yet received a valid judgement in writing issued by the Guangzhou Court in accordance with the relevant PRC laws and due judicial procedures. Since then, both Guangzhou Zheng Da and HK Zheng Da had dialogues with the relevant court officials from time to time and are looking forward to receiving a formal and legally valid verdict, notice or directive in relation to the Appeal to be granted by the Guangzhou Court or its higher court in accordance with the relevant PRC laws and due judicial procedures, but no such verdict or directive in proper manner was received up to the date of this report. Taking into account the rulings granted by the Yuexiu Court in July 2009, the facts and legal grounds substantiated at the first hearing of the Appeal, and the opinion given by the PRC legal counsels and advisors, the Group remains optimistic in obtaining a favourable judgement in the Appeal. Details of the developments of the Appeal were disclosed in the Company's 2017 annual report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity and financial resources

The Group generally financed its businesses with internally generated cash flows and banking facilities during the Period. Cash and bank balances of the Group as at 30 June 2018 amounted to HK$69,413,000 (31 December 2017: HK$82,084,000). As at 30 June 2018 and 31 December 2017, there were no pledged deposits.

As at 30 June 2018, the Group had outstanding borrowings of approximately HK$86,243,000 (31 December 2017: HK$91,059,000) comprising interest-bearing bank loans amounted to HK$10,747,000 (31 December 2017: HK$14,283,000), and a loan from a director amounted to HK$75,496,000 (31 December 2017: HK$76,776,000). Of the Group's interest-bearing bank loans, 65% and 35% respectively were repayable within one year or on demand, and in the second year, inclusive.

As at 30 June 2018, the secured bank loan of HK$10,747,000 (31 December 2017: HK$14,283,000) of the Group bore interest at floating interest rate, which was entirely denominated in Renminbi ("RMB").

The Group's gearing ratio as at 30 June 2018 was 0.02 (31 December 2017: 0.02), calculated based on the Group's interest-bearing bank and other borrowings and loan from a director of HK$86,243,000 (31 December 2017: HK$91,059,000) over total assets of HK$4,546,268,000 (31 December 2017: HK$4,615,251,000). The Group's gearing was maintained at a relatively low level during the Period.

Currency structure

The Company's consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars notwithstanding the financial statements of all its operating subsidiaries are presented in RMB. Exchange exposure may arise when the revenue, expenses, non-monetary items, assets and liabilities of these operating subsidiaries booked in Renminbi are converted into Hong Kong dollars on consolidations at the Company's group account level. Given the exchange rates between RMB and Hong Kong dollars were relatively stable during the year, the Group had limited exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations throughout the period.

Pledge of assets

The Group had utilized bank loan facilities amounting to approximately HK$10,747,000 (31 December 2017: HK$14,283,000) as at 30 June 2018. Certain investment properties and trade receivables of the Group were pledged to secure banking facilities utilised by the Group and an independent third party. In addition, the Company and one of its substantial shareholders also granted guarantees to these banking facilities.

Contingent liabilities

As at 30 June 2018, guarantees given for mortgage loans granted by banks to certain purchasers of the Group's properties amounted to HK$139,000 (31 December 2017: HK$139,000).

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

The total staff cost for the Period was approximately HK$4.2 million. The Group employed about 30 full time staff in Hong Kong, Chongqing and Guangzhou as at 30 June 2018. Employees are remunerated according to the nature of their job and market trend, with built-in merit components incorporated in the annual increment to reward and motivate individual performance. In Chongqing and Guangzhou, the Group provided staff welfare and bonuses to its employees in accordance with the prevailing labour law. In Hong Kong, other staff benefits included medical schemes, Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme and employee share option scheme.

OUTLOOK

Looking ahead to 2018, the unfriendly US-Sino trade polices imposed by the Trump administration of the United States will have material impact to the exports of China. The strong US dollar and the uprising trend of US Federal interest rates will also accelerate the devaluation pressure of Renminbi and hence may hit the domestic economy in China.

Notwithstanding the above, the State Council of China will continue its efforts for the stability of the China economy. In order to meet the growth target of GDP at around 6.5% for the year set by the Ministry of Finance, it is likely to increase the domestic demand by using both fiscal and monetary policies. Hence, the property market in Tier-1 cities should remain strong.

Having considered these matters, the Directors will keep on a cautious approach in its property development projects on hand and re-mapping its business directions for the coming three years and are of the view that the Group should diversify its business. It is anticipated that the engagement in renewable energy and related industries will be a new business model all over the world in the forthcoming years. With strong asset backing and low gearing ratio for the Group's financial position, the Group may take these advantages to explore new business opportunities in 2018 and 2019. The Directors will also strengthen its management expertise and redeploy the Group's resources for meeting these new challenges.

Looking ahead, the Directors are confident and optimistic about the Group's future prospects.

CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICE

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company complied with the Code on Corporate Governance Practice (the "Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules from time to time throughout the Period, except for the following deviation:

Code Provision A.4.2

The second part of Code A.4.2 stipulates that every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

The Managing Director of the Company, though without a specific term, had retired and voluntarily offered himself for re-election at general meetings in the past years. The Directors consider that this practice, though is voluntary by nature, is in line with the spirit of the Code's practice.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company had adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its code of conduct regarding securities transactions by its directors. Having made specific enquiry of the Directors, the Company confirmed that the Directors had complied with required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the accounting period covered by the Company's interim report.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any listed securities of the Company.

REVIEW BY AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Interim Results had been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company.

PUBLICATION OF THE INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

The Company's interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2018 will be despatched to shareholders and will be published on the website of Hong Kong Exchange and Clearing Limited (www.hkex.com.hk) as well as the website of the Company (www.zhonghuagroup.com) as soon as practicable.

By order of the Board
Ho Kam Hung
Executive Director

Hong Kong, 27 August 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises: (i) Ho Kam Hung as executive director; (ii) Young Kwok Sui as non-executive director; and (iii) Tam Kong, Lawrence, Wong Miu Ting, Ivy and Wong Kui Fai as independent non-executive directors.