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Far East Consortium Announces Proposed Spin-off and Separate Listing of Palasino Holdings Limited on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange

(27 September 2023 - Hong Kong) **Far East Consortium International Limited** (“FEC”; SEHK: 35), is delighted to announce an important milestone with submitting its listing application form to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Stock Exchange”) for the proposed listing of Palasino Holdings Limited (“Palasino”, together with its subsidiaries as if the relevant reorganisation for the proposed spin-off and separate listing has been completed, the “Palasino Group”) on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. Upon completion of the proposed spin-off and listing, FEC is expected to have an interest of not less than 50% in Palasino and Palasino will remain as its subsidiary.

The proposed spin-off is expected to be implemented by way of the global offering which will consist of the Hong Kong public offering and the international offering (with the preferential offering to the qualifying shareholders), and a separate listing of the Palasino shares on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

The proposed separate listing constitutes a spin-off which is subject to the applicable requirements in Practice Note 15 to the Listing Rules. The Stock Exchange has agreed that FEC may proceed with the proposed spin-off.

Clear Rationale for the Spin-Off

The board of director of FEC considers that the proposed spin-off is commercially beneficial and in the interest of FEC and its shareholders as a whole and the proposed spin-off will better position each of FEC and its subsidiaries (excluding the Palasino Group) (“Remaining Group”) and Palasino Group for further growth in their respective businesses and deliver clear benefits to both.

Significant Benefits to Both Businesses

The proposed spin-off provides flexibility and a separate fund-raising platform for Palasino Group in raising future funds from the capital markets to support its growth. As Palasino will remain as a subsidiary of FEC upon completion of the proposed spin-off and listing, FEC will continue to benefit from any potential upside in the businesses to be owned by the Palasino Group through consolidation of financial results generated by the Palasino Group.

It would also better reflect the value of the Palasino Group on its own merits and increase its operational and financial transparency through which investors would assess the performance and potential of the Palasino Group separately and independently from the Remaining Group and it will allow the management of both the Remaining Group and the Palasino Group to focus more effectively on their respective businesses, thereby enhancing efficiency in their respective decision-making processes and responsiveness to market changes.

Mr. Chris HOONG, Managing Director of FEC, said, “Our decision to spin-off and list the Palasino Group as a separate publicly-listed entity on the Stock Exchange is a natural extension of the strategic realignment of our business. We believe that a separate listing of Palasino Group which engages in gaming and hotel businesses in Continental Europe, that will deliver benefits for all stakeholders.”

A redacted version of the application proof is expected to be available for viewing and downloading on the Stock Exchange’s website at <http://www.hkexnews.hk/app/sehkappmainindex.html>. The Application Proof contains, among other things, certain business and financial information relating to the Palasino Group. Shareholders should note that the application proof is in draft form and the information contained in it is subject to change which may be material.

Shareholders and other investors are reminded that there is no assurance that the listing committee will approve the proposed spin-off and the listing. FEC will make further announcement(s) in relation to the proposed spin-off as and when appropriate.

As the proposed spin-off is conditional upon, among other things, the approval of the listing committee, the final decision of the board of FEC and the board of Palasino, market conditions and other considerations, the proposed spin-off may or may not materialise. Shareholders and other investors are reminded to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of FEC. Any person who is in doubt about his/her/its position or any action to be taken is recommended to consult his/her/its own professional adviser(s).

This press release appears for information purposes only and does not constitute and is not an offer to sell or a solicitation of any offer to buy securities in Hong Kong or elsewhere. For details, please refer to our announcement dated 27 September 2023.

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About Palasino Holdings Limited

Palasino Holdings Limited (“Palasino”) is incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability. Palasino together with its subsidiaries (“Palasino Group”) is an entertainment, gaming and leisure group comprising (i) one integrated land-based casino and resort and two full-service land-based casinos operating in the Czech Republic, and (ii) three hotels in Germany and one hotel in Austria.

About Far East Consortium International Limited

Far East Consortium International Limited (“FEC”, together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) has been listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange since 1972 (HKEx Stock code: 35.HK). The Group is mainly engaged in property development and investment, hotel development and management, car park operations and facilities management, gaming and related operations, securities and financial product investments and provision of mortgage services. The Group adopts the diversified regional strategy and the “Asian Wallet” strategy with business covering Hong Kong, Mainland China, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, the United Kingdom and other European countries.

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