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# MIRAMAR HOTEL AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 71)

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES

#### **AND**

### **RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

A notice convening the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at The Ballroom, 18/F, The Mira Hong Kong, 118-130 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 1 June 2011 at 12:00 noon is set out in the Company's annual report 2010.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular, unless the context requires otherwise, the expressions as stated below will have the following meanings:

"Annual General Meeting" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at

The Ballroom, 18/F, The Mira Hong Kong, 118-130 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong on

Wednesday, 1 June 2011 at 12:00 noon;

"Chairman" the chairman presiding at any meeting of members or of

the board of Directors;

"Companies Ordinance" the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of

Hong Kong) and any amendments thereto;

"Company" Miramar Hotel and Investment Company, Limited;

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company;

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries;

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

People's Republic of China;

"Issue Mandate" the general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue and

deal with Shares not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the resolution

approving the Issue Mandate;

"Latest Practicable Date" 8 April 2011, being the latest practicable date prior to the

printing of this circular for ascertaining certain

information contained in this circular;

"Listing Rules" Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange;

"Notice" the notice convening the Annual General Meeting dated

14 April 2011 contained in the Company's annual report

2010;

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Repurchase Mandate" the general mandate to exercise the power of the

Company to repurchase Shares not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the resolution

approving the Repurchase Mandate;

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the

Laws of Hong Kong) and any amendments thereto;

"Share(s)" the shares of nominal value of HK\$0.70 each in the share

capital of the Company;

"Shareholders" registered holders of the Shares;

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; and

"Takeovers Code" The Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

### LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



# MIRAMAR HOTEL AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

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Executive Directors

Dr the Honourable LEE Shau Kee (Chairman)

Mr LEE Ka Shing (Managing Director)

Mr Richard TANG Yat Sun

Mr Colin LAM Ko Yin

Mr Eddie LAU Yum Chuen

Mr Norman HO Hau Chong

Non-executive Directors

Dr Patrick FUNG Yuk Bun

Mr Dominic CHENG Ka On

Mr Tony NG

Mr Howard YEUNG Ping Leung

Mr Thomas LIANG Cheung Biu

Mr Alexander AU Siu Kee

Independent Non-executive Directors

Dr David SIN Wai Kin (Vice Chairman)

Mr WU King Cheong

Dr Timpson CHUNG Shui Ming

14 April 2011

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To the Shareholders of the Company

Dear Sir or Madam.

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES AND RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding the proposals for the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the re-election of Directors and to seek your approval at the Annual General Meeting in connection with, inter alia, such matters.

#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES

Ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to grant to the Directors new general mandates:

- (i) to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new Shares with an aggregate nominal amount not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the proposed resolution at the Annual General Meeting (as at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company would be allowed under the Issue Mandate to allot, issue and otherwise deal with a maximum of 115,446,250 new Shares); and
- (ii) to repurchase Shares with an aggregate nominal amount not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the proposed resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

In addition, a separate ordinary resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to add to the Issue Mandate those Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate (if granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting).

The Directors have no present intention to exercise the Issue Mandate or the Repurchase Mandate (if granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting).

An explanatory statement containing information regarding the Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

#### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with Articles 77, 78 and 79 of the Articles of Association, Dr Patrick Fung Yuk Bun, Mr Lee Ka Shing, Mr Richard Tang Yat Sun, Mr Alexander Au Siu Kee and Mr Wu King Cheong shall retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election.

Their biographical details which are required to be disclosed by the Listing Rules are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### DEMAND FOR POLL AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll. The Chairman of the Annual General Meeting will therefore put each of the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to be voted by way of a poll pursuant to Article 56 of the Company's Articles of Association.

Whether or not you intend to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete and return the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's registered office at 15/F, Miramar Tower, 132 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Annual General Meeting. The return of a form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person if you so wish.

An announcement will be made by the Company following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting to inform you of the results of the Annual General Meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the proposals for the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the re-election of Directors are all in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that all shareholders of the Company should vote in favour of the resolutions set out in the notice of Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully, LEE SHAU KEE Chairman This explanatory statement constitutes the memorandum required under section 49BA(3)(b) of the Companies Ordinance and contains all the information required under the Listing Rules for you to consider the Repurchase Mandate.

#### 1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 577,231,252 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution set out in the Notice and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 57,723,125 Shares.

#### 2. REASONS FOR REPURCHASE

The Directors believe that the Repurchase Mandate is in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders. The exercise of the Repurchase Mandate may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per share and/or earnings per share of the Company and will only be made when the Directors believe that a repurchase of Shares will benefit the Company and the Shareholders.

#### 3. FUNDING OF REPURCHASE

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Companies Ordinance. The Companies Ordinance provides that the amount of capital repaid in connection with a share repurchase may only be paid from the distributable profits of the Company and/or the proceeds of a new issue of Shares, made for the purpose of the repurchase to such an extent allowable under the Companies Ordinance.

Pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, repurchases would be financed by the Company's internal resources and/or available banking facilities.

The exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full could have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company compared with that as at 31 December 2009, being the date of its latest audited accounts. The Directors do not, however, intend to make any repurchase in circumstances that would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company.

#### 4. SHARES PRICES

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

|   | $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Highest} \\ HK\$ \end{array}$ |      |
|---|---|------|
|   |   |      |
| 2010                                      |   |      |
| April                                     | 8.48  | 7.80 |
| May                                       | 8.03  | 7.20 |
| June                                      | 7.80  | 7.40 |
| July                                      | 7.90  | 7.55 |
| August                                    | 8.20  | 7.90 |
| September                                 | 8.72  | 7.90 |
| October                                   | 9.65  | 8.70 |
| November                                  | 9.58  | 8.90 |
| December                                  | 9.20  | 8.85 |
| 2011                                      |   |      |
| January                                   | 9.66  | 9.16 |
| February                                  | 10.00   | 9.35 |
| March                                     | 9.75  | 9.27 |
| April (up to the Latest Practicable Date) | 9.50  | 9.45 |

#### 5. UNDERTAKING AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, their associates, has any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company under the Repurchase Mandate if the same is approved by the Shareholders.

No other connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the powers of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Companies Ordinance and any other applicable laws of Hong Kong.

#### 6. TAKEOVERS CODE AND SHARE REPURCHASES

The controlling shareholder of the Company owns 44.21% of the existing share capital of the Company. On the assumption of the full exercise of the Repurchase Mandate, the controlling shareholder's shareholding interests in the Company will be increased to approximately 49.12% and such an increase may give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeover Code. The Directors have no present intention to exercise the power to repurchase Shares to such an extent that it will trigger the obligations of the Company's controlling shareholders under the Takeovers Code to make a mandatory offer.

#### 7. SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

The Company has not purchased any of its Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months preceding the date of this circular.

Particulars of the retiring Directors subject to re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out below:

#### 1. Dr Patrick FUNG Yuk Bun

Aged 63. Dr Fung was appointed Director of the Company in 1985. He obtained his MBA degree from University of Toronto in 1973, and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2001 and an Honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of Toronto in 2005. Dr Fung joined Wing Hang Bank in 1976 and was appointed director in 1980. He was appointed Chief Executive of the Bank in 1992, and then Chairman and Chief Executive in April 1996.

Dr Fung is an independent non-executive director of The Link Management Limited. He is a member of the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee ("EFAC") and the EFAC Financial Infrastructure Sub-Committee, a member of the Hong Kong Tourism Board, a member of the Court of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, a Council member of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Vice President of the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Dr Fung has not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr Fung is interested in 8,426,710 Shares of the Company (representing approximately 1.46% of the issued share capital of the Company) within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Dr Fung has no relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Dr Fung has not entered into any service contract with the Company. He was appointed for a specific term of three years until 31 December 2012 but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, in which it is stipulated that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting. He is entitled to a fixed annual remuneration of HK\$200,000 per annum for acting as a non-executive Director and a member of the Audit Committee of the Company, which is determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibilities.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor is there any other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders in connection with Dr Fung's re-election.

#### 2. Mr LEE Ka Shing

Aged 39. Mr Lee was appointed Director of the Company in 2004 and has been actively involved in formulating the Group's corporate development strategies and directions. On 1 August 2006, he was appointed as Managing Director of the Company, and has been in charge of corporate policy formulation and schematization, as well as promoting the Group's business development and enhancing its competitiveness and status in the industry. He was educated in Canada. He is the Vice Chairman of Henderson Land Development Company Limited ("Henderson Land"), Henderson Investment Limited and a director of The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited, all of which are listed companies. He is also a Vice Chairman of Henderson Development Limited ("Henderson Development"). Mr Lee is a Member of the Tenth Guangxi Zhuangzu Zizhiqu Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and a Member of the Tenth Foshan Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Henderson Land and Henderson Development have discloseable interests in the share capital of the Company under the provisions of Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr Lee has not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

Mr Lee is the son of Dr Lee Shau Kee; otherwise Mr Lee is not connected with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Lee is interested in 255,188,250 Shares of the Company (representing approximately 44.21% of the issued share capital of the Company) within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr Lee has not entered into any service contract with the Company. He was not appointed for a specific term but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, in which it is stipulated that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting. He is entitled to a fixed annual remuneration of HK\$50,000 per annum for acting as an executive Director of the Company, which is determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibilities.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor is there any other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders in connection with Mr Lee's re-election.

#### 3. Mr Richard TANG Yat Sun, MBA, BBS, JP

Aged 58. Mr Tang was appointed Director of the Company in 1986. He is an MBA graduate from the University of Santa Clara, California, U.S.A., and a holder of Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Menlo College, California, U.S.A. He is currently the Chairman and Managing Director of Richcom Company Limited, Vice Chairman of King Fook Holdings Limited, a director of Hang Seng Bank Limited and various private business enterprises. He is an Advisor of Tang Shiu Kin and Ho Tim Charitable Fund. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr Tang has not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Tang is interested in 11,366,900 Shares of the Company (representing approximately 1.97% of the issued share capital of the Company) within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Mr Tang has no relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Mr Tang has not entered into any service contract with the Company. He was not appointed for a specific term but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, in which it is stipulated that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting. He is entitled to a fixed annual remuneration of HK\$100,000 per annum for acting as an executive Director and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company, which is determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibilities.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor is there any other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders in connection with Mr Tang's re-election.

#### 4. Mr Alexander AU Siu Kee, OBE, ACA, FCCA, FCPA, AAIA, FCIB, FHKIB

Aged 64. Mr Au was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 17 January 2005 and re-designated as a non-executive Director of the Company on 7 November 2005. Mr Au is a well-known banker in Hong Kong and had more than 32 years' experience in local and international banking business, having been the Chief Executive of Hang Seng Bank Limited (from October 1993 to March 1998) and of Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited in Singapore (from September 1998 to April 2002). He is currently an executive director and the Chief Financial Officer of Henderson Land Development Company Limited ("Henderson Land"), an independent non-executive director of Wheelock and Company Limited and a non-executive director of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited, all of which are listed companies. He is the chairman and non-executive director of Henderson Sunlight Asset Management Limited, the manager of the publicly-listed Sunlight Real Estate Investment Trust. He is also a member of the Court of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. An accountant by training, Mr Au is a Chartered Accountant as well as a Fellow of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. As at the Latest Practicable Date Henderson Land had discloseable interests in the share capital of the Company under the provisions of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr Au has not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Au does not hold any Shares in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Mr Au has no relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Mr Au has not entered into any service contract with the Company. He was appointed for a specific term of three years until 31 December 2013 but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, in which it is stipulated that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting. He is entitled to a fixed annual remuneration of HK\$50,000 per annum for acting as a non-executive Director of the Company, which is determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibilities.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor is there any other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders in connection with Mr Au's re-election.

#### 5. Mr WU King Cheong, BBS, JP

Aged 60. Mr Wu was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company in 2005. He is a Life Honorary Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the Honorary Permanent President of the Chinese Gold & Silver Exchange Society and the Permanent Honorary President of the Hong Kong Securities Association Ltd. He is an executive director of Lee Cheong Gold Dealers Limited. He is also an independent non-executive director of Yau Lee Holdings Limited, Chevalier Pacific Holdings Limited, Henderson Land Development Company Limited ("Henderson Land"), Henderson Investment Limited and Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited, all of which are companies listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Henderson Land has discloseable interests in the share capital of the Company under the provisions of Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Save as disclosed above, Mr Wu has not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Wu does not hold any Shares in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Mr Wu has no relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Mr Wu has not entered into any service contract with the Company. He was appointed for a specific term of three years until 31 December 2013 but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, in which it is stipulated that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting. He is entitled to a fixed annual remuneration of HK\$250,000 per annum for acting as an independent non-executive Director, a member of the Audit Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company, which is determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibilities.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor is there any other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders in connection with Mr Wu's re-election.