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## PROPOSED ANNUAL CAPS

The proposed Annual Caps for the Spot Contracts, based on aggregate amount of Spread, will be HK\$2.28 million, HK\$2.84 million and HK\$3.55 million for each of the three years ending 31 December 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

The proposed Annual Caps for the Forward Contracts, based on aggregate amount of Hedging Cost, will be HK\$96.73 million, HK\$120.91 million and HK\$151.14 million for each of the three years ending 31 December 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

# LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As CHB is a subsidiary of YXE, the controlling shareholder of the Company, CHB is a connected person of the Company. The FX Transactions between the Group and the CHB Group therefore constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company.

As the applicable percentage ratios (other than the profits ratio) for the proposed Annual Caps under the 2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement exceed 0.1% but are below 5%, the transactions contemplated thereunder are only subject to the reporting, annual review and announcement requirements but exempt from independent Shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

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As the Group's principal operations are in the PRC, its income and expenses are primarily denominated in RMB. At the same time, the Group has certain operations outside the PRC and a portion of the Group's indebtedness is denominated in a Foreign Currency. The Group has the need to enter into spot contracts to convert one currency into another currency for its business and operations, and it has the need to enter into, among others, forward contracts to manage its foreign exchange exposure, from time to time.

Pursuant to the 2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement, the Group may enter into spot contracts and forward contracts with the CHB Group from time to time during the term of the 2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement. Standard documentation for such FX Transactions, as prescribed by the CHB Group in accordance with usual banking practices in Hong Kong and in such form acceptable to the Group, may be entered into between the relevant members of the Group and the CHB Group from time to time to effect such FX Transactions.

## Duration

The term of the 2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement shall commence from 1 January 2022 and continue up to and including 31 December 2024. Subject to compliance with the then relevant requirements under the Listing Rules, the 2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement may be renewed by the Company and CHB by agreement in writing.

## **Pricing Policy**

In order to ensure that the FX Transactions between the Group and the CHB Group are fair and reasonable and on normal commercial terms, the Group will, before entering into a FX Transaction with the CHB Group, compare the quotation that it receives from the CHB Group with quotations from two independent banks and that the Group will only enter into the FX Transaction with the CHB Group if the quotation from the CHB Group is no less favourable to the Group when compared with quotations from the two independent banks.

## **Historical Amounts**

The historical aggregate amount of the Spread of spot contracts and the Hedging Cost of forward contracts entered into between the Group and the CHB Group for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2020 and the eleven months ended 30 November 2021 are set out as follows:

	For the year ending 31 December 2019	For the year ending 31 December 2020	For the eleven months ended 30 November 2021
Historical aggregate amount of the Spread of spot contracts entered into between the Group and the CHB Group <sup>Note</sup>	Approximately HK\$0.3 million	Approximately HK\$0.6 million	Approximately HK\$1.46 million
Historical aggregate amount of the Hedging Cost of forward contracts entered into between the Group and the CHB Group <sup>Note</sup>	Approximately HK\$8.71 million	Nil	Approximately HK\$70.35 million

## **Proposed Annual Caps**

The proposed Annual Caps for each of the three years ending 31 December 2022, 2023 and 2024 are set out as follows:

	For the year ending 31 December 2022	For the year ending 31 December 2023	For the year ending 31 December 2024
Spot Contracts – Aggregate amount of the Spread of the Spot Contracts	HK\$2.28 million	HK\$2.84 million	HK\$3.55 million
Forward Contracts – Aggregate amount of Hedging Cost of the Forward Contracts	HK\$96.73 million	HK\$120.91 million	HK\$151.14 million

#### **Basis of determining the proposed Annual Caps**

In determining the Annual Caps, the management of the Company has taken into account various factors, including:

- (1) the historical volumes of spot contracts and forward contracts entered into between the Group and the CHB Group for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2020 and the eleven months ended 30 November 2021, respectively;
- (2) the projected aggregate amount of Spot Contracts and Forward Contracts to be entered into with the CHB Group;

- (3) the estimated Spread and Hedging Cost (as the case may be) in 2022;
- (4) the Group's growing business size;
- (5) fluctuation in the RMB exchange rate amid global trade uncertainty and other external factors; and
- (6) a buffer to cater for any possible unexpected increase in the volume of FX Transactions to be entered into between the Group and the CHB Group.

## **INTERNAL CONTROL PROCEDURES**

The Group has established internal control procedures as follows:

- (1) The Group will enter into foreign exchange transactions with the CHB Group only on a nonexclusive basis and subject always to the quotations comparison procedure as described in the sub-section "Pricing Policy" under the section headed "Continuing Connected Transactions in relation to FX Transactions" above.
- (2) The Group will monitor the aggregate amounts of FX Transactions before entering into any new FX Transactions to ensure that the relevant Annual Caps will not be exceeded.
- (3) The Group will prepare a continuing connected transaction report once every six months on the FX Transactions which will be submitted to the Group's audit committee for consideration, such report to include, among other things, the status of compliance with the Annual Caps and utilization of the Annual Caps.
- (4) The Group's audit committee will in its meetings discuss and assess the implementation of the continuing connected transactions of the Group at least twice a year.
- (5) The auditors of the Group will, in addition to its interim review and year-end audit, conduct annual review of the FX Transactions and confirm to the Board as to whether such FX Transactions are indeed conducted in accordance with the terms of the 2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement in all material respects, on normal commercial terms and in accordance with the pricing policy of the Group and whether the Annual Caps have been complied with. In addition, the independent non-executive Directors will also provide their annual confirmations with respect to the continuing connected transactions of the Group in the annual reports of the Group. The Company is satisfied that it has an adequate system of controls to safeguard the FX Transactions, and to provide information for the independent non-executive Directors annually.

## **REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE FX TRANSACTIONS**

As discussed in the section headed "Continuing Connected Transactions in relation to FX Transactions" above, the Group has the need to enter into spot contracts for its business and operations and to enter into, among others, forward contracts to manage its foreign exchange exposure from time to time. CHB, as a reputable and long-established authorized institution in Hong Kong, is able to provide different banking and related services in support of the Group's business and treasury activities. The Company believes that it would be in the interest of the Group to enter into the FX transactions with the CHB Group on a non-exclusive basis in accordance with the 2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement, subject always to the Group's internal control procedures.

The Directors (excluding the Directors who have abstained from voting on the relevant board resolutions of the Company) are of the view that the 2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement have been entered into on normal commercial terms and in the ordinary and usual course of the Group's business, and that the transactions contemplated thereunder (together with the Annual Caps) are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

## LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As CHB is a subsidiary of YXE, the controlling shareholder of the Company, CHB is a connected person of the Company. The FX Transactions between the Group and the CHB Group therefore constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company.

As the applicable percentage ratios (other than the profits ratio) for the proposed Annual Caps under the 2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement exceed 0.1% but are below 5%, the transactions contemplated thereunder are only subject to the reporting, annual review and announcement requirements but exempt from independent Shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

As Mr. LI Feng, Ms. CHEN Jing, Mr. LEE Ka Lun and Mr. YU Lup Fat Joseph are also serving as directors of CHB, each of them is regarded as having a material interest in the transactions contemplated under the 2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement and has abstained from voting on the relevant board resolutions.

## INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY AND CHB

## The Company

The Company is incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 00123). The Group is principally engaged in property development and investment, deepening the implementation of the "1+4" national strategic layout and deep cultivation of the Greater Bay Area market, and focusing on expanding its business in Eastern China, Central China, Northern China and southwestern China.

## CHB

CHB is incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability. CHB and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the provision of banking and related financial services.

# DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, the following expressions have the meanings set out below unless the context requires otherwise:

"2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement"	the framework agreement dated 5 January 2022 entered into between the Company and CHB in relation to the FX Transactions
"Annual Caps"	the maximum aggregate amount of the Spread of the Spot Contracts and the aggregate amount of Hedging Cost of the Forward Contracts for each of the financial years set out in this announcement
"Board"	the board of Directors
"CHB"	Chong Hing Bank Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability
"CHB Group"	CHB and its subsidiaries
"Company"	Yuexiu Property Company Limited, a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 00123)
"connected person"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Directors"	the directors (including the independent non-executive directors) of the Company
"Foreign Currency(ies)"	currency(ies) other than RMB
"Forward Contract(s)"	the forward contract(s) entered into or to be entered into between the Group and the CHB Group in relation to the purchase of one currency with another currency by the Group from the CHB Group at a future date under the 2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement
"FX Transactions"	the Spot Contracts and Forward Contracts
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"Hedging Cost"	the difference between the forward rate under a Forward Contract and the spot exchange rate as quoted by independent external financial information service providers (e.g. Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters, etc.) on the date of such Forward Contract as multiplied by the notional amount under such Forward Contract
"HK\$"	the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China which, for the purpose of this announcement, excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"Shareholders"	shareholders of the Company
"Spot Contract(s)"	the spot contract(s) entered into or to be entered into between the Group and the CHB Group in relation to the purchase of one currency with another currency by the Group from the CHB Group under the 2022 Foreign Exchange Framework Agreement
"Spread"	the difference between the exchange rate under a Spot Contract and the exchange rate as quoted by independent external financial information service providers (e.g. Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters, etc.) on the date of such Spot Contract as multiplied by the notional amount under such Spot Contract
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"subsidiary"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"YXE"	Yue Xiu Enterprises (Holdings) Limited, a limited company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and the controlling shareholder of each of the Company and CHB
	By Order of the Board Yuexiu Property Company Limited Yu Tat Fung Company Secretary
Hong Kong, 5 January 2022	

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

Executive Directors:	LIN Zhaoyuan (Chairman), LIN Feng, LI Feng, CHEN Jing and LIU Yan
Non-executive Director:	OUYANG Changcheng
Independent Non-executive Directors:	YU Lup Fat Joseph, LEE Ka Lun and LAU Hon Chuen Ambrose