



PF Group Holdings Limited

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The board of Directors (the "Board") is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2018 together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding periods in 2017, as follows:

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2018

	Notes	Three months ended 31 December		Nine months ended 31 December	
		2018 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2017 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2018 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2017 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Revenue					
Commission income from securities dealing and brokerage services		1,232	1,894	4,890	7,594
Fee and commission income from placing and underwriting activities	4	11,430	30,449	32,501	52,136
Interest income from margin financing		1,796	1,773	5,089	5,166
Fee income from asset management services		480	600	1,498	1,161
Others	5	200	26	2,868	4,540
Total revenue		15,138	34,742	46,846	70,597
Bank interest income		34	8	43	18
Gain on disposal of property and equipment		-	-	-	8
Other gains and losses		138	200	625	832
		15,310	34,950	47,514	71,455
Commission expenses	6	(3,316)	(6,385)	(7,561)	(8,050)
Depreciation expenses		(64)	(65)	(191)	(153)
Staff costs	7	(2,548)	(2,094)	(7,403)	(6,272)
Other operating expenses		(3,088)	(3,683)	(11,932)	(10,612)
Profit before tax		6,294	22,723	20,427	46,368
Income tax expense	9	(1,114)	(3,825)	(3,679)	(7,904)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to owners of the Company		5,180	18,898	16,748	38,464
		HK cents	HK cents	HK cents	HK cents
Earnings per share					
Basic	10	0.26	0.94	0.84	1.92

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the nine months ended 31 December 2018

	Equity attributable to owners of the Company				
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Other reserves HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 April 2018 (audited)	20,000	48,229	9,762	180,396	258,387
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	16,748	16,748
At 31 December 2018 (unaudited)	20,000	48,229	9,762	197,144	275,135

For the nine months ended 31 December 2017

	Equity attributable to owners of the Company				
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Other reserves HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 April 2017 (audited)	20,000	48,229	9,762	145,290	223,281
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	38,464	38,464
At 31 December 2017 (unaudited)	20,000	48,229	9,762	183,754	261,745

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2018

1. GENERAL

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability on 3 August 2015 under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands. The shares of the Company have been listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange since 6 January 2017. Its ultimate holding company is Thoughtful Mind Limited (“TML”), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability.

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group is principally engaged in the provision of (i) securities dealing and brokerage services; (ii) placing and underwriting services; (iii) financing services including securities and initial public offering (“IPO”) margin financing; and (iv) asset management services.

The Company’s registered office is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman, KY1-1111, Cayman Islands and the principal place of business of the Company is 11/F, New World Tower II, 16–18 Queen’s Road Central, Central, Hong Kong.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”), which is also the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited, but have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company (the “Audit Committee”). The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were approved for issue by the Directors on 13 February 2019.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Group's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), which collective term includes all applicable individual HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and the applicable disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 except for the adoption of the standards, amendments and interpretation issued by the HKICPA mandatory for the annual periods beginning on 1 April 2018. The effect of the adoption of these standards, amendments and interpretation is not material on these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

The preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying amounts of assets and liabilities not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

3. SEGMENT REPORTING

The chief operating decision maker (“CODM”) of the Group, being the executive Directors and senior management of the Group, regularly review revenue analysis by major services to make decisions about resource allocation. No discrete financial information other than revenue is regularly provided to the CODM. The management assesses the performance of the Group based on the revenue and profit as presented in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Revenue from major services

The Group provides five types of services:

- (a) securities dealing and brokerage services, which primarily generate commission on securities dealing;
- (b) placing and underwriting services, which primarily generate fee and commission from equity and debt securities placing and underwriting;
- (c) financing services, including securities and IPO margin financing, which generate interest income from margin clients;
- (d) asset management services, which primarily generate management fee and performance fee; and
- (e) other services, which primarily generate fee income (such as settlement fees and referral fees) from other services provided.

3. SEGMENT REPORTING *(Continued)*

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue from its major services.

	Three months ended 31 December		Nine months ended 31 December	
	2018 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2017 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2018 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2017 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Securities dealing and brokerage services	1,232	1,894	4,890	7,594
Placing and underwriting services	11,430	30,449	32,501	52,136
Financing services	1,796	1,773	5,089	5,166
Asset management services	480	600	1,498	1,161
Other services	200	26	2,868	4,540
	15,138	34,742	46,846	70,597

Revenue reported above represents revenue generated from external customers during the periods.

4. FEE AND COMMISSION INCOME FROM PLACING AND UNDERWRITING ACTIVITIES

	Three months ended 31 December		Nine months ended 31 December	
	2018 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2017 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2018 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2017 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Fee and commission income from selling shareholders/issuers/ brokers	11,127	27,854	31,114	48,445
Commission income from subscribers	303	2,595	1,387	3,691
	11,430	30,449	32,501	52,136

5. OTHER REVENUE

	Three months ended 31 December		Nine months ended 31 December	
	2018 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2017 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2018 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2017 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Referral fee income	200	–	2,700	4,268
Handling fee income	–	26	168	272
	200	26	2,868	4,540

6. COMMISSION EXPENSES

	Three months ended 31 December		Nine months ended 31 December	
	2018 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2017 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2018 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2017 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Commission to account executives	518	807	1,723	1,679
Commission to sub-placing agents and sub-underwriters	2,798	5,578	5,838	6,371
	3,316	6,385	7,561	8,050

7. STAFF COSTS

	Three months ended 31 December		Nine months ended 31 December	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Salaries	1,674	1,382	4,793	4,128
Contributions to Mandatory Provident Fund	76	64	215	199
Directors' emoluments				
— Fees	99	99	297	297
— Salaries	690	540	2,070	1,620
— Contributions to Mandatory Provident Fund	9	9	28	28
	2,548	2,094	7,403	6,272

8. DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 (2017: Nil).

9. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Three months ended 31 December		Nine months ended 31 December	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Current tax:				
— Hong Kong profits tax	1,114	3,825	3,679	7,904

Hong Kong profits tax is calculated at 8.25% on the first HK\$2,000,000 of the estimated assessable profit of the qualifying entity and 16.5% of the remaining balance of the estimated assessable profit of the Group for the nine months ended 31 December 2018.

Hong Kong profits tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profit of the Group for the nine months ended 31 December 2017.

10. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Three months ended 31 December		Nine months ended 31 December	
	2018 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2017 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2018 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2017 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Earnings				
Earnings for the purpose of basic earnings per share:				
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company	5,180	18,898	16,748	38,464
	Three months ended 31 December		Nine months ended 31 December	
	2018 (unaudited)	2017 (unaudited)	2018 (unaudited)	2017 (unaudited)
Number of shares				
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	2,000,000,000	2,000,000,000	2,000,000,000	2,000,000,000

For each of the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2018 and 2017, there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue, thus no diluted earnings per share is presented.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

The Group is principally engaged in the provision of (i) securities dealing and brokerage services; (ii) placing and underwriting services; (iii) financing services including securities and IPO margin financing; and (iv) asset management services.

For the nine months ended 31 December 2018, the market's average daily transaction value slightly increased by approximately 1.9% as compared to the corresponding period in 2017. However, the Group's commission income from securities dealing and brokerage services for the period decreased by approximately HK\$2.7 million from approximately HK\$7.6 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2017. This was mainly due to the fact that during the nine months ended 31 December 2017, the Group completed a securities trading transaction in which the Group generated commission income of approximately HK\$2.9 million, whereas no such one-off significant commission income was recorded for the nine months ended 31 December 2018.

The fee and commission income from placing and underwriting activities decreased by approximately 37.7% from approximately HK\$52.1 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2017 to approximately HK\$32.5 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 which was mainly attributed to the decrease in both the total transaction value and the number of engagements participated by the Group during the period.

During the period under review, the Group managed to generate a stable income of approximately HK\$5.1 million (2017: HK\$5.2 million) from its margin financing business.

The Group's fee income from asset management services for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 was approximately HK\$1.5 million, representing an increase of approximately 29.0% as compared to approximately HK\$1.2 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2017. As at 31 December 2018, the Group had six asset management clients in total and the total net assets value managed by the Group was approximately HK\$3.6 billion.

On the other hand, the Group recorded revenue from other services of approximately HK\$2.9 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 which mainly comprised of referral fee income of approximately HK\$2.7 million.

Overall, total revenue for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 was approximately HK\$46.8 million, representing a decrease of approximately 33.6% as compared to the nine months ended 31 December 2017.

Going forward, the Directors are of the view that the Hong Kong and global financial markets are still full of uncertainties arising from, among others, concerns over trade tensions between the United States (the “US”) and Mainland China, Mainland China’s economic situation, the Brexit negotiation process and hikes in Hong Kong’s benchmark interest rate to catch up with the US. The Directors and senior management of the Group will continue to monitor the Group’s risk and credit exposure prudently, review the working capital level on an on-going basis, keep abreast of the latest developments of statutory requirements and the Hong Kong financial industry in order to maximise returns to shareholders.

With the potential development opportunities arising from favorable policies, such as the Mainland China’s Belt and Road Initiative and the reform of the Hong Kong stock market, the Group and the Directors shall continue to strive to achieve the business objective to increase the Group’s exposure and scale of operations in Hong Kong within the capital markets and to capture a larger market share.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The Group’s total revenue for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 was approximately HK\$46.8 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$23.8 million or 33.6% from approximately HK\$70.6 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2017. The decrease in total revenue was mainly attributed to the decrease in commission income from securities dealing and brokerage services, fee and commission income from placing and underwriting activities and other revenue.

During the nine months ended 31 December 2017, the Group completed a securities trading transaction in which the Group generated commission income of approximately HK\$2.9 million, whereas no such one-off significant commission income was recorded for the nine months ended 31 December 2018. As a result, although there was a slight increase in the market’s average daily transaction value during the period, the Group’s commission income from securities dealing and brokerage services decreased by approximately HK\$2.7 million or 35.6% from approximately HK\$7.6 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2017 to approximately HK\$4.9 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018.

Placing and underwriting fee and commission income is principally affected by the number of engagements participated by the Group, the size of engagements and the commission rates. For the nine months ended 31 December 2018, the Group completed 19 placing and underwriting engagements with a total transaction value of approximately HK\$504.0 million (2017: 34 placing and underwriting engagements with a total transaction value of approximately HK\$1.1 billion). Attributed to the decrease in both the total transaction value and the number of engagements participated by the Group which was then partly offset by the increase in the average commission rate, fee and commission income from placing and underwriting activities decreased by approximately HK\$19.6 million or 37.7% from approximately HK\$52.1 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2017 to approximately HK\$32.5 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018.

Interest income from margin financing recorded a slight decrease of approximately 1.5% from approximately HK\$5.2 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2017 to approximately HK\$5.1 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018.

As at 31 December 2018, the Group had six (31 March 2018: six) asset management clients and the total net assets value managed by the Group amounted to approximately HK\$3.6 billion (31 March 2018: HK\$4.8 billion). Pursuant to the relevant asset management agreements with these clients, the Group acts as an investment manager and provides asset management services to them on a discretionary basis pursuant to each client's investment requirements, objectives and restrictions, and is entitled to (i) management fees on a fixed fee basis or on a percentage basis ranging from 1.0% per annum to 1.5% per annum; (ii) performance fees on a percentage basis ranging from 10% to 20%; and (iii) discretionary bonus. For the nine months ended 31 December 2018, the Group recorded a total fee income from its asset management services of approximately HK\$1.5 million (2017: HK\$1.2 million).

In addition to the above business activities, the Group may on a case by case basis come across other projects, the fee income from which is recorded as other revenue.

For the nine months ended 31 December 2018, revenue from other services mainly represented referral fee income of approximately HK\$2.7 million which mainly comprised a referral fee of approximately HK\$2.5 million generated from the referral of a client to obtain financing services from third party and such referral fee was calculated with reference to the amount of financing obtained by such client.

The Group was notified the interest of some investors in trading securities through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect. However, the Group currently does not have a Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect licence to execute such trades on behalf of these investors. As such, the Group entered into referral agreements with other securities companies in Hong Kong (the "Securities Companies"), who have proper licences, and pursuant to the referral agreements, the Group will refer investors to the Securities Companies (the "Referral") and is entitled to a monthly referral fee calculated with reference to the revenue of the Securities Companies generated from the referred investors. For the nine months ended 31 December 2017, revenue from other services mainly represented referral fee income of approximately HK\$4.3 million generated from such Referral.

Profit for the period

Profit for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 was approximately HK\$16.7 million, representing a substantial decrease of approximately HK\$21.7 million or 56.5% from approximately HK\$38.5 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2017 which was primarily attributed to the decrease in total revenue as discussed above.

LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

During the nine months ended 31 December 2018, the Group mainly financed its operations by internal resources and net proceeds raised from the placing upon listing. As at 31 December 2018, the Group had net current assets of approximately HK\$267.6 million (31 March 2018: HK\$250.8 million), including cash and cash equivalents of approximately HK\$180.0 million (31 March 2018: HK\$178.4 million). The current ratio, being the ratio of current assets to current liabilities, was approximately 5.2 times as at 31 December 2018 (31 March 2018: 2.7 times).

As at 31 December 2018, the Group had no bank borrowings outstanding (31 March 2018: Nil).

The capital of the Group comprises only ordinary shares. Total equity attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$275.1 million as at 31 December 2018 (31 March 2018: HK\$258.4 million).

PLEDGE OF THE GROUP'S ASSETS

As at 31 December 2018, the Group had pledged its bank deposit amounting to HK\$5.0 million for banking facilities granted by a bank in Hong Kong to the Group (31 March 2018: HK\$5.0 million).

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

As at 31 December 2018, the Group had 28 employees (31 March 2018: 29), including the Directors. Total staff costs (including staff salaries, Directors' emoluments and contribution to Mandatory Provident Fund) for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 were approximately HK\$7.4 million (2017: HK\$6.3 million).

MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS OR DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES

There was no material acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and affiliated companies during the nine months ended 31 December 2018.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK

The Group's exposure to foreign exchange risk is primarily related to transactions denominated in a currency other than Hong Kong dollars. Except for part of the referral fee income which was settled in Renminbi, the turnover and operation costs of the Group were principally denominated in Hong Kong dollars. The Group currently does not have a policy on hedges of foreign exchange risk. However, the Group will closely monitor the fluctuations in exchange rates and will consider to employ financial instrument for hedging should the needs arise.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group had no significant contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2018.

EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

After the reporting period and up to the date of this report, there was no significant event relevant to the business or financial performance of the Group that come to the attention of the Directors.

OTHER INFORMATION

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY AND ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS

As at 31 December 2018, the interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO")) held by the Directors and chief executives of the Company (the "Chief Executives") which have been notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or have been entered in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise have been notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules are as follows:

Long position in ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each of the Company

Name of Director	Capacity/Nature of interest	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding
Mr. Lo Tak Wing Benson ("Mr. B Lo")	Interest in controlled corporation (Note)	1,500,000,000	75%
Mr. Lo Shiu Wing Chester ("Mr. C Lo")	Interest in controlled corporation (Note)	1,500,000,000	75%

Note: TML is beneficially owned by Mr. B Lo and Mr. C Lo as to 57.1% and 42.9%, respectively. As such, Mr. B Lo and Mr. C Lo are deemed to be interested in the 1,500,000,000 shares held by TML under the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2018, none of the Directors or Chief Executives had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which would have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or which was required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein, or pursuant to rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

So far as the Directors and the Chief Executives are aware, as at 31 December 2018, other than the Directors and the Chief Executives, the following person/corporation had or was deemed or taken to have an interest and/or short position in the shares or the underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which would be recorded in the register of the Company required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO, or which would be, directly or indirectly, interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company or any other members of the Group:

Long position in ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each of the Company

Name	Capacity/Nature of interest	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding
TML	Beneficial interest	1,500,000,000	75%
Ms. Lui Wing Patsie	Interest in spouse (Note)	1,500,000,000	75%

Note: Ms. Lui Wing Patsie is the spouse of Mr. B Lo.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2018, the Directors were not aware of any person or corporation (other than the Directors and the Chief Executives) who had any interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or pursuant to section 336 of the SFO, which would have to be recorded in the register referred to therein.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

A share option scheme (the “Scheme”) was adopted by the shareholder of the Company and was effective on 5 December 2016. Unless otherwise cancelled or amended, the Scheme will remain in force for a period of 10 years from the date of its adoption on 5 December 2016. Subject to the terms of the Scheme, the Board shall be entitled to make an offer of the grant of an option to subscribe for shares of the Company to any Directors, employees of the Group, consultants or advisers of the Group, providers of goods and/or services to the Group, customers of the Group, holders of securities issued by any member of the Group, or any other person, who at the sole discretion of the Board, has contributed to the Group, whom the Board may select at its absolute discretion. Since the adoption of the Scheme and up to 31 December 2018, no share option has been granted by the Company.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company’s listed securities during the nine months ended 31 December 2018.

COMPETING INTERESTS

None of the Directors, the controlling shareholders of the Company nor their respective close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interest in a business which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group during the nine months ended 31 December 2018 and up to the date of this report.

COMPLIANCE ADVISER’S INTERESTS

As at 31 December 2018, as notified by Ample Capital Limited (the “Compliance Adviser”), save and except for the compliance adviser’s agreement entered into between the Company and the Compliance Adviser dated 5 December 2016, neither the Compliance Adviser nor its directors, employees or close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interests in the securities of the Company or any other companies of the Group (including options or rights to subscribe for such securities) which is required to be notified to the Company pursuant to rule 6A.32 of the GEM Listing Rules.

DIRECTORS’ SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the required standard of dealings (the “Required Standard of Dealing”) set out in rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules as the code of conduct for dealing in securities of the Company by the Directors. Having made specific enquiries with all the Directors, all of them confirmed that they have complied with the Required Standard of Dealings during the nine months ended 31 December 2018 and up to the date of this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS PURSUANT TO RULE 17.50A(1) OF THE GEM LISTING RULES

The updated information on Directors disclosable under rule 17.50A(1) of the GEM Listing Rules is as follows:

- The Directors' service contracts of the non-executive Director, namely Mr. Khoo Ken Wee, and the three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Ma Wai Hung Vincent ("Mr. Ma"), Mr. Mok Kwai Pui Bill ("Mr. Mok") and Mr. Ng Shu Bun Andrew ("Mr. Ng"), were expired on 5 January 2019 and had been renewed for one year commencing from 6 January 2019. Except for the renewal of service period, all other terms of the new service contracts, including the Directors' emoluments, are the same as the previous ones.
- With effect from 1 April 2018, the monthly salaries of Mr. B Lo and Mr. C Lo, both of whom are the executive Directors, have been increased to HK\$130,000 and HK\$100,000 respectively. The increments have been reviewed and approved by the remuneration committee of the Company.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board is committed to promoting high standards of corporate governance practices and procedures. The Directors believe that sound and reasonable corporate governance practices are essential for the growth of the Group and for safeguarding the shareholders' interests and the Group's assets.

The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the principles and code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules. For the nine months ended 31 December 2018, to the best knowledge of the Board, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the CG Code, save for the deviation from the code provision A.6.7 as explained below:

Pursuant to A.6.7 of the CG Code, the independent non-executive Directors, as equal board members, should attend general meetings and develop a balanced understanding of the views of shareholders of the Company. Due to other unavoidable engagements, an independent non-executive Director was unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 29 August 2018.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established the Audit Committee in compliance with rules 5.28 and 5.29 of the GEM Listing Rules and with the written terms of reference in compliance with the CG Code. The Audit Committee currently comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Ma, Mr. Mok and Mr. Ng. Mr. Mok is the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee had reviewed the Group's unaudited condensed consolidated results for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 and was of the opinion that such results had complied with the applicable accounting standards, the requirements under the GEM Listing Rules and other applicable legal requirements and that adequate disclosures had been made.

By order of the Board
PF Group Holdings Limited
Lo Tak Wing Benson
Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 13 February 2019

As at the date of this report, the executive Directors are Mr. Lo Tak Wing Benson and Mr. Lo Shiu Wing Chester; the non-executive Director is Mr. Khoo Ken Wee; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Ma Wai Hung Vincent, Mr. Mok Kwai Pui Bill and Mr. Ng Shu Bun Andrew.