



TREE HOLDINGS LIMITED

齊家控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(於開曼群島註冊成立的有限公司)

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT

- The Group's revenue amounted to approximately HK\$72.3 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2020, representing an increase of approximately HK\$2.5 million or 3.6% as compared with the nine months ended 31 December 2019.
- The core net profit, excluding the one-off HKSAR Government wage subsidies was approximately HK\$7.2 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$2.0 million or 22.1% as compared with the nine months ended 31 December 2019.
- The profit and total comprehensive income of the Group was approximately HK\$10.4 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2020, representing an increase of approximately HK\$1.2 million or 12.5% as compared with the nine months ended 31 December 2019.
- The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the nine months ended 31 December 2020.

THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS

The board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of the Company is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the nine months ended 31 December 2020 (the “**Relevant Period**”), which has been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company, together with the unaudited comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2019, as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

For the nine months ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Nine months ended 31 December	
		2020 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Revenue	3	72,260	69,760
Cost of sales		(20,758)	(18,856)
Gross Profit		51,502	50,904
Other income	4	3,579	624
Selling and marketing expenses		(31,226)	(27,652)
Administrative expenses		(11,148)	(12,824)
Finance costs		(1,088)	(279)
Profit before income tax		11,619	10,773
Income tax expense	5	(1,224)	(1,537)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company		10,395	9,236
Earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company (expressed in HK cents per share)			
— Basic and diluted	6	0.66	0.58

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

For the nine months ended 31 December 2020

	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Capital reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated profits/ (Accumulated losses) HK\$'000	Total equity HK\$'000
Balance as at 1 April 2020 (audited)	15,840	31,564	5,474	2,667	55,545
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	10,395	10,395
Balance as at 31 December 2020 (unaudited)	15,840	31,564	5,474	13,062	65,940
Balance as at 1 April 2019 (adjusted)	15,840	31,564	5,474	(3,106)	49,772
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	9,236	9,236
Balance as at 31 December 2019 (unaudited)	15,840	31,564	5,474	6,130	59,008

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Tree Holdings Limited was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 9 March 2016 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law (as revised) of the Cayman Islands. The address of the Company's registered office is Windward 3, Regatta Office Park, P.O. Box 1350, Grand Cayman KY1-1108, Cayman Islands. The address of its principal place of business is 28/F., Horizon Plaza, 2 Lee Wing Street, Ap Lei Chau, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the sale and distribution of furniture and home accessories, distribution and licencing of intellectual property rights, the provision of styling and consulting services and the operation of a café.

As at 31 December 2020, the directors consider the immediate and ultimate holding company of the Company to be Tiptop Honour Limited ("**Tiptop**"), a company incorporated in Samoa.

The Company's shares were listed on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 25 January 2018 (the "**Listing**").

2. REORGANISATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

Pursuant to a group reorganisation (the "**Reorganisation**") of the Company in connection with the listing of its shares on GEM of the Stock Exchange, the Company became the holding company of the companies now comprising the Group on 29 July 2016. Details of the Reorganisation are set out in the paragraph headed "Reorganisation" in the section headed "History, Development and Reorganisation" in the Company's prospectus dated 12 January 2018.

Prior to the Reorganisation, TREE Limited, the Group's sole operating subsidiary, was wholly owned and controlled by Tiptop. The Group is under the common control of the Tiptop prior to and after the Reorganisation. The Group comprising the Company and its subsidiaries resulting from the Reorganisation is regarded as a continuing entity.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared as if the Company had always been the holding company of the Group. The unaudited consolidated statement of comprehensive income, and consolidated statement of changes in equity of the Group for the nine months ended 31 December 2020 include the results of operations of the companies now comprising the Group as if the current group structure had been in existence and remained unchanged throughout the periods, or since their respective dates of incorporation or acquisition when there is a shorter period.

These unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("**HKFRSs**") which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("**HKASs**") and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("**HKICPA**") and the accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and include the applicable disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange.

The significant accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these unaudited consolidated financial statements have been consistently applied to all the periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for cash surrender value of life insurance which are carried at fair value. The unaudited consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”), which is the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousands (“HK\$’000”), except when otherwise indicated.

HKICPA has issued a number of new and amended HKFRSs and interpretations that are first effective or available for early adoption for the Relevant Period. There have been no significant changes to the accounting policies applied in these financial statements for the Relevant Period presented as a result of these developments.

The preparation of the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Relevant Period is in conformity with the HKFRSs requirements in the use of certain critical accounting estimates. The HKFRSs also require the management to exercise their judgements in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements for the Relevant Period have not been audited by the Company’s independent auditor but have been reviewed by the Company’s audit committee.

3. REVENUE

An analysis of the Group’s revenue is as follows:

	Nine months ended	
	31 December	
	2020	2019
	HK\$’000	HK\$’000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Types of goods or services		
Sale of furniture and home accessories	56,565	52,706
Distribution and license fee income	2,400	2,400
Food and beverage income	2,057	2,040
Commission income	9,688	11,754
Consulting income	1,550	860
Total	72,260	69,760

4. OTHER INCOME

	Nine months ended 31 December	
	2020 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Bank Interest Income	379	624
HKSAR Government wage subsidies	3,200	–
Total	3,579	624

5. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Nine months ended 31 December	
	2020 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Hong Kong	1,224	1,537

On 21 March 2018, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017 (the “**Bill**”) which introduces the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The Bill was signed into law on 28 March 2018 and was gazette on the following days.

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits of qualifying corporations will be taxed at 8.25%, and assessable profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. The assessable profits of corporations not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

For the Relevant Period, Hong Kong Profit Tax is calculated in accordance with the two-tiered profits tax rates regime for the qualifying corporation and the remaining corporations are calculated at a flat rate of 16.5%.

6. BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE

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

	Nine months ended 31 December	
	2020 (Unaudited)	2019 (Unaudited)
Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company (HK\$'000)	10,395	9,236
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share (thousands)	1,584,000	1,584,000
Basic earnings per share (expressed in HK cents per share)	0.66	0.58

Diluted earnings per share equals the basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in existence during the nine months ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019.

7. DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Relevant Period (2019: nil).

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The Group's revenue increased from approximately HK\$69.8 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 to approximately HK\$72.3 million for the Relevant Period, representing a growth of approximately 3.6%. The increase was mainly due to the increase in sale of furniture and accessories in Hong Kong particularly via our online platform. This was partly offset by a decrease in commission income generated from HK Itliving International Company Limited ("**HK Itliving**") and Shanghai Itliving International Co., Ltd. ("**Shanghai Itliving**") which provided a furniture agency service in Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**"), respectively.

Cost of sales

The Group's cost of sales increased from approximately HK\$18.9 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 to approximately HK\$20.8 million for the Relevant Period, representing an increase of approximately 10.1%. The increase was mainly due to the increase in sales of furniture and home accessories in Hong Kong.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

Our gross profit of the Group increased by approximately 1.2% from approximately HK\$50.9 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 to approximately HK\$51.5 million for the Relevant Period. The gross profit margin for the Relevant Period dropped from 73.0% to 71.3% for the nine months ended 31 December 2019.

Other Income

Other income increased by approximately 473.6% to approximately HK\$3.6 million for the Relevant Period from approximately HK\$0.6 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019. The increase was due to the HKSAR Government wage subsidies of approximately HK\$3.2 million for the support of Hong Kong's economy.

Selling and marketing expenses

Our selling and marketing expenses comprised of (i) rental payments and depreciation of right-of-use assets; (ii) staff costs attributable to the salary of our staff engaged in sales and marketing activities; (iii) marketing expenses; (iv) payment gateway charges attributable to fees for our payment channels such as credit cards or EPS; and (v) electricity and water expenses.

Our selling and marketing expenses of the Group increased by approximately 12.9% from approximately HK\$27.7 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 to approximately HK\$31.2 million for the Relevant Period. The increase was mainly due to the increase in marketing expenses for the expansion of our agency service in Shanghai, PRC.

Administrative expenses

Our administrative expenses comprised of (i) staff costs for our administrative staff and Directors' emoluments; (ii) professional fees which included legal fees, consultancy fees and auditor's remuneration; (iii) travel expenses; (iv) office expenses; (v) depreciation of our property, plant and equipment, and amortisation of our intangible assets; (vi) repairs and maintenance for our trucks and retail stores; (vii) insurance expenses which included business insurance, vehicle insurance and medical insurance; (viii) recruitment expenses which included fees to the recruitment agents and advertisements on websites; (ix) bank charges; (x) handling fee; and (xi) others which included motor vehicle expenses, net foreign exchange losses and entertainment expenses.

Our administrative expenses of the Group decreased by approximately 13.1% from approximately HK\$12.8 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 to approximately HK\$11.1 million for the Relevant Period. The decrease was mainly attributable to the decrease in the professional fees.

Income tax expense

The Income tax expense of the Group decreased from approximately HK\$1.5 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 to approximately HK\$1.2 million for the Relevant Period.

Profit for the period

Our Group recorded an increase in profit by approximately 12.5% from approximately HK\$9.2 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 to approximately HK\$10.4 million for the Relevant Period.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

Headquartered in Hong Kong and operating under the brand name “TREE”, we engage in (i) the sale and distribution of furniture and home accessories; (ii) the distribution and licencing of our intellectual property rights; (iii) the operation of TREE Café in our flagship store in Ap Lei Chau (the “**Flagship Store**”); (iv) consignment sales of home accessories and furniture agency services; (v) the provision of styling and consulting services and (vi) provision of furniture rental business. We offer a variety of (i) furniture including tables, chairs, storage solutions, sofas and beds; and (ii) home accessories including kitchenware, bed and bathroom related products, cushions, mattresses and baskets. In addition, we acquired HK Italive in December 2018, and it is principally engaged in the provision of furniture agency service in Hong Kong. Furthermore, a subsidiary, Shanghai Italive, was incorporated in July 2019, and it is principally engaged in the provision of furniture agency service in the PRC.

As at the date of this report, we operated three “TREE” retail stores in Hong Kong namely, our Flagship Store, our Sha Tin store, and our Yuen Long store. We started online sales in May 2019. We served notice to American Tree, Ltd. to terminate the license agreement in December 2020.

During the nine months ended 31 December 2020, we generated revenue from the (i) sale of furniture and home accessories; (ii) distribution and license fee income; (iii) operation of TREE Café; (iv) consignment sales of home accessories and furniture agency service; and (v) provision of styling, consulting service. The table below sets forth a breakdown of our revenue for the nine months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019:

	Nine months ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Sale of furniture and home accessories	56,565	52,706
Distribution and license fee income	2,400	2,400
Food and beverage income	2,057	2,040
Commission income	9,688	11,754
Consulting income	1,550	860
Total	72,260	69,760

For the nine months ended 31 December 2020, our revenue amounted to approximately HK\$72.3 million, representing an increase of approximately HK\$2.5 million or 3.6% from approximately HK\$69.8 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019. Such increase was mainly attributable to the increase in sales of furniture and home accessories via our online platform and an increase in non-retail sales.

Sale of furniture and home accessories

TREE primarily sells its products to (i) retail customers who visited our retail stores, being the Direct Sales; and (ii) our distributor in the PRC, being the Distribution Sales. The following table sets forth a breakdown of our sale of furniture and home accessories by the Direct Sales and Distribution Sales for the nine months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, respectively.

	2020		2019	
	Revenue HK\$'000	% of total revenue from sale of furniture and home accessories %	Revenue HK\$'000	% of total revenue from sale of furniture and home accessories %
Direct Sales				
Retail stores ⁽¹⁾	48,818	86.3	48,947	92.9
Online sales and non-retail sales	6,761	12.0	2,874	5.4
Sub-total	55,579	98.3	51,821	98.3
Distribution Sales	986	1.7	885	1.7
Total	56,565	100.0	52,706	100.0

Notes:

(1) Our retail stores include our Flagship Store, Sha Tin Store and Yuen Long Store.

For the nine months ended 31 December 2020, revenue generated from the Direct Sales amounted to approximately HK\$55.6 million, representing an increase of approximately HK\$3.8 million or 7.3% from approximately HK\$51.8 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019. Such increase was primarily attributable to the significant increase in online sales for the Relevant Period as compared to the nine months ended 31 December 2019.

For the nine months ended 31 December 2020, revenue generated from the delivery income amounted to approximately HK\$1.0 million, representing a slight increase of approximately HK\$0.1 million or 11.4% from approximately HK\$0.9 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019.

Distribution and license fee income

We entered distribution agreements with our PRC distributor, and we are entitled to receive annual non-refundable fees of HK\$2.4 million and HK\$0.8 million from our PRC distributor for the distribution of our products in Beijing and Hainan province, the PRC, respectively. Our distribution and license fee income was approximately HK\$2.4 million and HK\$2.4 million, representing approximately 3.3% and 3.4% of our total revenue for the nine months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Food and beverage income

Our food and beverage income generated from operating TREE Café in our Flagship Store remained stable at approximately HK\$2.1 million and HK\$2.0 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Commission income

Our commission income comprised of income generated from (i) the furniture agency service by HK Italiving and Shanghai Italiving, and (ii) the sales of consignment goods. The decrease of approximately HK\$2.1 million was primarily due to the lower income earned from our furniture agency service HK Italiving and Shanghai Italiving as a result of the impact of COVID-19 on the logistic arrangement for the delivery of furnitures to the PRC market.

Consulting income

Our consulting income comprised of income generated from providing styling ideas, advising on furniture to be used and conducting site visits and sourcing trips for projects. During the Relevant Period, the Group provided styling and consulting services of approximately HK\$1.6 million in relation to Hong Kong residential show flats.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In this quarter the Group achieved the CarbonCare label for TREE Holdings Limited and TREE Limited. This label was launched to recognise the sustainability efforts made by businesses and organisations. The Group also enhanced its sustainability efforts by increasing tree planting (9,000 planted to date) through its Indonesia partner Trees4Trees in addition to making financial donations to Hong Kong registered charities during the nine months ending 31 December 2020.

PROSPECTS

This forthcoming financial year will continue to be challenging as the retail market conditions in Hong Kong and China continue to be negatively impacted by the outbreak of the COVID-19. We will continue to consolidate and invest to build on our existing revenue streams while identifying new opportunities.

The Group has also strengthened its income base and expended the products offered within its portfolio by providing furniture agency services for furniture imported from Italy, primarily to customers in the PRC. The Group continues to look for ways to provide comprehensive services to customers in Hong Kong and the PRC.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from the Listing in January 2018, after deducting the underwriting fees, the Stock Exchange trading fee and the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (“SFC”) transaction levy and other listing related expenses in connection with the Share Offer, were approximately HK\$20.3 million.

The original allocation of proceeds from the Share Offer, the utilisation and remaining balance of the proceeds as at 31 December 2020, are summarised below:

Uses	Planned use of	Actual use of	Unutilised	Revised
	Net Proceeds	Net Proceeds	Net Proceeds	allocation of
	HK\$ million	from the Listing	up to	the unutilised
		Date to	31 December	Net Proceeds
		31 December	2020	HK\$ million
		2020	2020	HK\$ million
Expand our sales network	14.5	6.5	8.0	(8.0)
Promote and strengthen brand image and recognition	2.1	2.1	-	-
Enhance styling and consulting services and distribution sales	1.8	1.8	-	-
Enhance operational efficiencies	1.9	1.9	-	-
Settlement of the future consideration payable in relation to the acquisition of HK Italiving	-	-	-	8.0
Total	20.3	12.3	8.0	-

The Board having considered the business environment and the development of the Group (in particular the political and social unrest in 2019 and the outbreak of the COVID-19 in the PRC and Hong Kong), resolved to change the use of the unutilised net proceeds of approximately HK\$8.0 million for the settlement of the future consideration payable in relation to the acquisition (the “**Acquisition**”) of HK Italiving, which was completed on 31 December 2018, as disclosed in the disclosable transaction acquisition announcement dated 17 December 2018. The Group expects to settle an amount of not less than approximately HK\$11.2 million within one month from the date of the audited account of HK Italiving for the year ending 31 December 2020 in relation to the Acquisition. The settlement of the future consideration payable will be expected in the second quarter of 2021.

The expected timeline for utilising the unutilised net proceeds is based on the best estimation of the present market situations in Hong Kong made by the Boards.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Interests and short positions of the Company's Directors and chief executives in the Company's Shares, underlying shares and debentures and the Company's associated corporations

As at 31 December 2020, the interests or short positions of the Company's Directors in the Company's Shares, underlying shares or debentures which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") (including interests and short positions in which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register as referred to therein, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the "required standard of dealings" as contained in Chapter 5 of the GEM Listing Rules, were as follows:

i. Long position in the Company's Shares

Name of Director	Nature of interest	Number of shares held (Note 1)	Percentage of shareholding
Mr. TONG Tang Joseph ("Mr. Tong")	Interest in a controlled corporation (Note 2)	1,108,800,000 (L)	70.00%
Ms. Mary Kathleen Babington ("Ms. Babington")	Interest in a controlled corporation (Note 3)	59,400,000 (L)	3.75%
Mr. BIAN Dahai ("Mr. Bian")	Beneficial owner	8,000,000 (L)	0.51%

Notes:

1. The letter "L" denotes a person's "long position" (as defined under Part XV of the SFO) in such shares.
2. The Company is owned as to 70.00% by Tiptop. Tiptop is wholly-owned by Mr. Tong. Under the SFO, Mr. Tong is deemed to be interested in the same number of shares held by Tiptop.
3. The Company is owned as to 3.75% by Rothley Investment Limited ("Rothley"). Rothley is wholly-owned by Ms. Babington. Under the SFO, Ms. Babington is deemed to be interested in the same number of shares held by Rothley.

Saved as disclosed above, as of 31 December 2020, none of the Company's Directors and chief executives and their respective associates had or are deemed to have any interest or short positions in the Company's shares, underlying shares or debentures or the Company's associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required 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 were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register as referred to herein, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the "required standard of dealing" as contained in Chapter 5 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Interests and short positions of substantial Shareholders in the Company's Shares, underlying shares and debentures and the Company's associated corporations

As at 31 December 2020, so far as the Company's Directors are aware, the following persons (other than the Directors and chief executive of the Company) had, or were deemed to have, interests or short positions in the Company's shares or underlying shares which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or who, directly or indirectly, were interested in 10% or more of the issued voting shares of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any member of the Group:

i. Long position in the Company's Shares

Name of Shareholder	Nature of interest	Interests in shares (Note 1)	Percentage of shareholding
Tiptop	Beneficial owner (Note 2)	1,108,800,000 (L)	70.00%
Ms. Shum Yuet Wah Anna	Interest of spouse (Note 3)	1,108,800,000 (L)	70.00%

Notes:

1. The letter "L" denotes a person's "long position" (as defined under Part XV of the SFO) in such Shares.
2. The Company is owned as to 70.00% by Tiptop.

3. Tiptop is wholly-owned by Mr. Tong, the Company's chairman, Executive Director and chief executive officer (with effect from 1 August 2019), and Controlling Shareholders. Under the SFO, Mr. Tong is deemed to be interested in the same number of shares held by Tiptop. Ms. Shum Yuet Wah Anna is the spouse of Mr. Tong. Under the SFO, Ms. Shum Yuet Wah Anna is deemed to be interested in all the Company's shares in which Mr. Tong is interested.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2020, the Directors were not aware of any other persons/entities (other than the Directors and chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions 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 which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO, or who was directly or indirectly interested in 10% or more of the issued voting shares of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any member of the Group.

COMPETING BUSINESS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

As confirmed by the Directors, Controlling Shareholders and their respective close associates do not have any interests in any business, apart from the business operated by members of the Group, which competes or is likely to compete, directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group during the nine months ended 31 December 2020.

PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALES OF THE LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

The Company's shares were successfully listed on GEM on 25 January 2018. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the nine months ended 31 December 2020.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company and the Directors recognise the importance of incorporating elements of good corporate governance in the management structures and internal control procedures of the Group so as to achieve accountability.

The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the principles and code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report (the "**CG Code**") as set out in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Shares were successfully listed on GEM on 25 January 2018. To the best knowledge of the Board, during the period from the date of Listing to the date of this report, except for the code provision A.2.1, the Company has complied with the applicable code provisions of the CG Code.

CODE PROVISION A.2.1

The above code provision stipulates that the roles of the chairman and the CEO should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual.

After the change of the Chief Executive Officer ("**CEO**") with effect from 1 August 2019, Mr. Tong will be both the chairman of the Board and the CEO of the Company.

The Board considers that having the same person to perform the roles of both the chairman and the CEO provides the Company with strong and consistent leadership, and allows effective and efficient planning and implementation of business decisions and strategies. Such structure would not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Company. The balance of power and authority is ensured by the operations of the Board which comprises experienced and high caliber individuals and having meeting regularly to discuss issues affecting the operations of the Group.

CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Group has adopted a code of provisions of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors (the “**Code of Conduct**”) on terms no less exacting than the required standards of dealings concerning securities transactions by the Directors as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. Having made specific enquiries with the Directors, all Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Code of Conduct during the Relevant Period.

DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Relevant Period.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company adopted a share option scheme on 5 January 2018 (the “**Share Option Scheme**”). The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to enable the Group to grant options to the eligible participants as incentives or rewards for their contribution to our Group and/or to enable our Group to recruit and retain high-caliber employees and attract human resources that are valuable to our Group. The terms of the Share Option Scheme are in accordance with the provision of chapter 23 of the GEM Listing Rules.

During the Relevant Period and up to the date of this report, no share options were granted by the Company under the Share Option Scheme.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

We established our Audit Committee with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 5.28 of the GEM Listing Rules and paragraphs C3.2 and C3.3 of the CG Code Practices pursuant to a resolution of our Directors passed on 5 January 2018. The primary duties of our Audit Committee are, among other things, to make recommendations to our Board on the appointment, reappointment and removal of external auditors, review the financial statements and provide advice in respect of financial reporting, oversee our financial reporting process, internal control, risk management systems and audit process, and perform other duties and responsibilities assigned by our Board.

At present, our Audit Committee comprises Mr. Yeung Man Chung Charles, Mr. Tsang Wai Yin and Mr. Sit Hoi Wah Kenneth, all being Independent Non-Executive Directors. Mr. Yeung Man Chung Charles is the Chairman of our Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Relevant Period.

By order of the Board
Tree Holdings Limited
TONG Tang Joseph

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 3 February 2021

As at the date of this report, the Board comprises Mr. TONG Tang Joseph, Ms. Mary Kathleen BABINGTON and Mr. TSUI Wing Tak as executive Directors; Mr. BIAN Dahai as non-executive Director; and Mr. YEUNG Man Chung Charles, Mr. TSANG Wai Yin, and Mr. SIT Hoi Wah Kenneth as the independent non-executive Directors.



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