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Hantec's performance in the year 2000, first year after its listing on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, was satisfactory given the extremely challenging and competitive market environment in the aftermath of the Asian economic crisis. As the Group's financial results demonstrate, the Board has succeeded in implementing the Group's philosophy and maintaining its professionalism, dedication and integrity, not only as a key player in the local foreign exchange market but also in its uncompromising service to clients.

Founded and rooted in Hong Kong, Hantec has an international perspective and an unique product offering that will enhance the Group's expansion into new business and geographical domains, with our professional and committed team of financial experts behind our business roll-outs.

Hantec entered into a new era in August 2000 as it obtained its listing status. As a shareholder of Hantec, you own a stake in a financial services group that has a sturdy business platform, and forward-looking business expansion plans. Moving forward, Hantec plans to leverage its established position in foreign exchange trading on a regional basis in order to widen its horizons. There is huge potential for further growth in both existing and potential markets.

I am grateful to the members of the Board and all the staff without whose in-depth knowledge, extensive experience, diligence and dedication, our accomplishments will not be possible. Needless to say, our biggest thanks will be to our shareholders, associates and clients all of whom are vital to our continued success.

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