# Earnest Investments Holdings Limited (Continued into Bermuda with Limited Liability) (Stock Code: 339)

Interim Report 2007



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## **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

### **Board of Directors**

Executive Directors Mr. CHAN Chak Paul Mr. WANG Daming Mr. NGAI Wah Sang

Independent Non-executive Directors Mr. Benny LUI Mr. Oliver Yeung Kam LAI Mr. CHAN Francis Ping Kuen

**Company Secretary** Ms. CHUI Yee Man

Auditors Messrs. RSM Nelson Wheeler Certified Public Accountants

Registered Office Canon's Court 22 Victoria Street Hamilton HM12 Bermuda

### **Principal Place of Business**

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### Stock Code

339

Investment Manager Success Talent Investments Limited

**Directors of the Investment Manager** Mr. CHOI Wai Yin Mr. LEE Kwok Leung

Audit Committee Mr. Benny LUI Mr. Oliver Yeung Kam LAI Mr. CHAN Francis Ping Kuen

### **Principal Registrars**

Reid Management Limited Argyle House 41A Cedar Avenue Hamilton HM12 Bermuda

Branch Registrars Tricor Tengis Limited

26/F Tesbury Centre 28 Queen's Road East Wanchai, Hong Kong

**Principal Banker** Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Earnest Investments Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to present the unaudited interim financial results of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2007 together with comparative figures for the corresponding period.

### **Interim Dividend**

The Board does not recommend to pay any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2007 (2006: Nil).

### Results

For the six months ended 30 June 2007, the Company has recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$20 million (2006: approximately HK\$0.1 million) and a profit attributable to equity holders of approximately HK\$36 million (2006: loss of approximately HK\$2.9 million). The increase in turnover and the profit during the period were mainly due to the increase in trading volume and gain on securities trading.

### **Business Review**

During the period under review, the Company had not made any new investment other than trading of Hong Kong listed securities. The Board will be cautious in making investment decision and hold cash in bank for the time being.

The Company's portfolio of Hong Kong listed securities as at 30 June 2007 consisted of China Elegance (Holdings) Limited, Shougang Concord International Enterprises Company Limited and Shougang Concord Century Holdings Limited. The Company's investments in unlisted companies had not generated any significant investment returns for the period ended 30 June 2007. The Board will closely monitor such investments in unlisted companies and will take appropriate action, if necessary.

As at 30 June 2007, approximately HK\$29 million (31 December 2006: HK\$10 million) of the Company's investment was in a portfolio of Hong Kong listed securities, HK\$14.5 million (31 December 2006: HK\$14.5 million) in the equity interests of unlisted companies, and HK\$16.5 million (31 December 2006: HK\$7 million) in cash which was deposited with a bank in Hong Kong.

### Liquidity, Financial Resources and Funding

For the period under review, the Company financed its operations and investment activities through its internal resources. As at 30 June 2007, the net asset value of the Company was HK\$67,747,509 (31 December 2006: HK\$31,479,467) with net asset value per share of HK\$0.84 (31 December 2006: HK\$0.39). The Company continued to maintain a low gearing ratio, calculated on the basis of the Company's total liabilities over total shareholders' funds, of 0.03 as at 30 June 2007 (31 December 2006: 0.006).

All the Company's cash and cash equivalents were denominated in Hong Kong dollars as at the balance sheet date. The Board believes that the Company has minimal exposure to foreign exchange risk.

### **Employees**

During the period, the Company did not employ any employees other than the directors of the Company. Total staff cost for the period was HK\$172,800 (2006: HK\$172,800). The Company's remuneration policies are in line with the prevailing market practice.

### Charges on the Company's Assets and Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 June 2007, there were no charges on the Company's assets and the Company did not have any significant contingent liabilities.

### Prospects

The Company will continue to identify and pursue investment opportunities and manage the existing investments in accordance with the Company's investment objectives. The Board believes that the Company is able to further its investment objectives and to make timely investment as well as to capture opportunities when they arise.

### **Directors' Interests and Short Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares**

As at 30 June 2007, none of the directors of the Company or their associates had any interest and short position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company and its associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies (the "Model Code").

### **Substantial Shareholder**

As at 30 June 2007, the register of substantial shareholders maintained under Section 336 of the SFO showed that the following shareholders had an interest of 5% or more in the shares and underlying shares of the Company:

Name of shareholder	Number of shares held	Percentage of total shares in issue as at 30 June 2007
Winsome Worldwide Limited (note 1)	22,275,000 *	27.50%
Siu Kwan <i>(note 1)</i>	22,275,000 *	27.50%
Yau Mei Han	14,051,250 *	17.35%
Supreme Zone Investments Limited (note 2)	11,812,500 *	14.58%
Keung Kwai Yung <i>(note 2)</i>	11,812,500 #	14.58%

\* Beneficial owner

- *Note 1:* The 22,275,000 shares were held by Winsome Worldwide Limited which was wholly owned by Ms. Siu Kwan. By virtue of the SFO, Ms. Siu Kwan was deemed to be interested in 22,275,000 shares.
- *Note 2:* The 11,812,500 shares were held by Supreme Zone Investments Limited which was wholly owned by Ms. Keung Kwai Yung. By virtue of the SFO, Ms. Keung Kwai Yung was deemed to be interested in 11,812,500 shares.

All the interests disclosed above represent long position in the ordinary shares of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, no other person had an interest or short position in the shares and underlying shares as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

### Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Listed Securities of the Company

During the period, the Company neither purchased, sold nor redeemed any of its own listed securities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>#</sup> Interest of controlled corporation

### **Corporate Governance**

None of the directors of the Company is aware of any information that would reasonably indicate that the Company is not or was not in compliance with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Corporate Governance Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules throughout the period.

### **Model Code**

The Company has adopted the Model Code as the code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions. All directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code.

### **Audit Committee**

The audit committee, with its terms of reference established in accordance with the Corporate Governance Code, comprises three independent non-executive directors, Mr. Benny LUI, Mr. Oliver Yeung Kam LAI, and Mr. CHAN Francis Ping Kuen. The committee had reviewed the Company's unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2007.

### CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2007

		Six months ended 30 June		
		2007	2006	
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
	Notes	HK\$	HK\$	
Turnover	4	20,248,883	101,560	
Cost of sales		(4,205,100)	(73,000)	
		16,043,783	28,560	
Net unrealized holding gain/(loss) from financial assets at fair value				
through profit or loss		23,178,680	(1,539,045)	
Administrative and other operating expenses		(943,921)	(1,404,321)	
Profit/(loss) before taxation	5	38,278,542	(2,914,806)	
Income tax expense	6	(2,010,500)	_	
Profit/(loss) for the period attributable		36 369 043	(2.014.805)	
to equity holders of the Company		36,268,042	(2,914,806)	
Earnings/(loss) per share				
Basic	7	0.4478	(0.0542)	

All of the Company's operations are classed as continuing.

The accompanying notes form part of this interim financial report.

### CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 June 2007

		30 June	31 December
		2007	2006
		(unaudited)	(audited)
	Notes	HK\$	HK\$
Non-current assets			
Available-for-sale financial assets		14,500,000	14,500,000
		14,500,000	14,500,000
Current assets			
Financial assets at fair value through			
profit or loss		28,885,400	9,911,820
Prepayments, deposits and other			
receivables		9,895,929	203,630
Bank and cash balances		16,518,716	7,046,738
		55,300,045	17,162,188
Current liabilities			
Accruals and other payables		2,052,536	182,721
Net current assets		53,247,509	16,979,467
Total assets less current liabilities		67,747,509	31,479,467
Capital and reserves attributable to equity			
holders of the Company			
Share capital	8	1,620,000	1,620,000
Reserves		66,127,509	29,859,467
TOTAL EQUITY		67,747,509	31,479,467
Net asset value per share	9	0.84	0.39

The accompanying notes form part of this interim financial report.

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2007

				Retained profits/	
	Share	Share	Contributed	(Accumulated	
	capital	premium	surplus	losses)	Total
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
At 1 January 2006	7,200,000	50,294,617	-	(30,640,469)	26,854,148
Capital Reduction	(7,020,000)	-	7,020,000	-	-
Share Premium Cancellation	-	(50,294,617)	50,294,617	-	-
Credit Transfer	-	-	(29,274,606)	29,274,606	-
Issue of open offer shares	1,440,000	5,760,000	-	-	7,200,000
Loss for the period	-	-	-	(2,914,806)	(2,914,806)
At 30 June 2006	1,620,000	5,760,000	28,040,011	(4,280,669)	31,139,342
At 1 January 2007	1,620,000	5,760,000	28,040,011	(3,940,544)	31,479,467
Profit for the period	-	-	-	36,268,042	36,268,042
At 30 June 2007	1,620,000	5,760,000	28,040,011	32,327,498	67,747,509

### CONDENSED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2007

	Six months ended		
	30 June		
	2007	2006	
	(unaduited)	(unaduited)	
	HK\$	HK\$	
Net cash used in operating activities	9,471,978	(6,790,708)	
Net cash from financing activities	-	7,200,000	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	9,471,978	409,292	
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2007/2006	7,046,738	10,672,949	
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2007/2006	16,518,716	11,082,241	
Analysis of the balances of cash and			
cash equivalents			
Bank and cash balances	16,518,716	11,082,241	

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### 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The Company was continued into Bermuda as an exempted company under the laws of Bermuda. The registered office of the Company is located at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda. The address of its principal place of business is Units 801-802, 8/F. Ginza Square, 565-567 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong. The Company's shares are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

The principal activity of the Company is investment in and trading of listed and unlisted companies.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") and The Hong Kong Accounting Standard (the "HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA").

#### 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The accounting policies adopted in the condensed interim financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Company's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006 except as described below.

In the current interim period, the Company has applied, for the first time, the following new standard, amendment and interpretations (the "new HKFRSs") issued by the HKICPA, which are effective for the Company's financial year beginning 1 January 2007.

Capital Disclosures <sup>1</sup>
Financial Instruments: Disclosures <sup>1</sup>
Applying the Restatement Approach under HKAS 29
Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies <sup>2</sup>
Scope of HKFRS 2 <sup>3</sup>
Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives <sup>4</sup>
Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2007

- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 March 2006
- <sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 May 2006
- <sup>4</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 June 2006
- <sup>5</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 November 2006

The adoption of these new HKFRSs had no material effect on the results of operations and financial position of the Company for the current or prior accounting periods. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been recognised. The Company has not early applied the following new standards or interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective.

HKAS 23 (Revised)	Borrowing Costs <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 8	Operating Segments <sup>1</sup>
HK(IFRIC) – Int 11	HKFRS 2: Group and Treasury Share Transactions <sup>2</sup>
HK(IFRIC) – Int 12	Service Concession Arrangements <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 March 2007

<sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2008

The Company is in the process of assessing the potential impact of these standards or interpretations but not yet in a position to determine whether these standards or interpretations will have a significant impact on how its results of operations and financial position are prepared and presented. These standards or interpretations may result in changes in the future as to how the results and financial position are prepared and presented.

### 4. TURNOVER AND REVENUE

	Six months	
	ended 30 June	
	2007	2006
	HK\$	HK\$
Turnover		
Dividend income from trading securities		
listed in Hong Kong	26,234	8,160
Bank Interest Income	88,839	-
Proceeds from sales of financial assets		
at fair value through profit or loss	20,133,810	93,400
Total Revenue	20,248,883	101,560

No segment information is presented as all of the turnover and contribution to operating results of the Company are attributed to investment activities which are carried out or originated principally in Hong Kong.

### 5. PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION

Profit/(loss) before taxation is stated after charging:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2007	2006
	HK\$	HK\$
Investment management fee	180,000	180,000
Staff costs	172,800	172,800

### 6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months	
	ended 30 June	
	<b>2007</b> 200	
	HK\$	HK\$
The charge comprises:		
Current tax:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	2,010,500	-
	2,010,500	-

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5% on the estimated assessable profits.

No provision for deferred tax has been made as the Company did not have any significant unprovided deferred taxation as at 30 June 2007 and 31 December 2006.

### 7. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings/(loss) per share attributable to equity holders of the Company is based on the profit for the period attributable to equity holders of HK\$36,268,042 (2006: loss HK\$2,914,806) and on the 81,000,000 shares in issue (2006: on the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 53,772,025 shares).

No diluted earnings per share is presented for the current and prior period as the Company had no dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue.

### 8. SHARE CAPITAL

	30 June	31 December
	2007	2006
	HK\$	HK\$
Authorised:		
1,000,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.02 each	20,000,000	20,000,000
Issued and fully paid:		
81,000,000 ordinary shares	1,620,000	1,620,000

The Company had adopted a share option scheme (the "Option Scheme") on 26 May 2006 (the "Adoption Date") which constitute a share option scheme governed by Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules. The Option Scheme is valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing on the Adoption Date and the purpose of the Option Scheme is to provide the Company with a flexible and effective means of incentivising, rewarding, remunerating, compensating and/or providing benefits to participants.

During the period, no options was granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed under the Option Scheme and there was no outstanding option as at 30 June 2007. Save for the Option Scheme of the Company, at no time during the period was the Company a party to any arrangement to enable the directors or chief executive of the Company or any of their associates to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

### 9. NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE

The calculation of the net asset value per share is based on the net assets as at 30 June 2007 of HK\$67,747,509 (31 December 2006: HK\$31,479,467) and on the number of 81,000,000 ordinary shares in issue (31 December 2006: 81,000,000 shares).

### **10. APPROVAL OF INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT**

The interim financial report was approved by the Board on 14 September 2007.

By Order of the Board Chan Chak Paul Chairman

Hong Kong, 14 September 2007