# INTERIM REPORT

for the six months ended 30 September 2012



#### Associated International Hotels Limited Interim Report

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the half year ended 30 September 2012. These results have been reviewed in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, *Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), by KPMG, certified public accountants in Hong Kong, and the Audit Committee with no disagreement. The unmodified review report of the auditor is attached.

#### CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT for the six months ended 30 September 2012 – unaudited

-	Six months ended 30 September		
Note	2012	2011	
	\$'000	\$'000	
3	240,393	221,991	
	(34,176)	(32,890)	
	206,217	189,101	
5	3,187	2,030	
5	22	(897)	
	(16,512)	(16,418)	
	192,914	173,816	
10(b)	1,387,556	46,127	
	1,580,470	219,943	
6(a)	(1,056)	(1,232)	
6	1.579.414	218,711	
7	(31,595)	(35,484)	
:	1,547,819	183,227	
9	\$4.30	\$0.51	
	Note 3 5 5 6 (a) 6 7 .	Note         2012 \$'000           3         240,393 (34,176)	

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of this interim financial report. Details of dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company are set out in note 8.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the six months ended 30 September 2012 – unaudited

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2012	2011	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Profit for the period	1,547,819	183,227	
Other comprehensive income for the period (after tax and reclassification adjustments):			
Exchange differences on translation of financial			
statements of overseas subsidiaries		(57)	
Total comprehensive income for the period	1,547,819	183,170	

#### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET at 30 September 2012 – unaudited

	Note	At 30 Sept \$'000	ember 2012 \$'000	<i>At 31 M</i> \$'000	arch 2012 \$'000
Non-current assets Fixed assets – Investment properties – Other properties, plant and equipment	10		11,442,900 105,023 11,547,923		10,047,350 109,382 10,156,732
<b>Current assets</b> Accounts receivable, deposits and prepayments Current tax recoverable Pledged bank deposits Cash and cash equivalents	11 12	34,699 		40,147 7 276,352 114,757 431,263	
<b>Current liabilities</b> Other payables and accruals Deposits received Provision for long service payments Obligations under finance leases Current tax payable	13	96,895 153,437 1,542 41 36,373 288,288		82,464 136,538 1,601 41 39,993 260,637	
Net current assets			132,770		170,626
Total assets less current liabilities			11,680,693		10,327,358
Non-current liabilities Bank loan – secured Government lease premiums payable Obligations under finance leases Deferred tax liabilities		200,000 2,193 58 28,815		200,000 2,193 79 25,278	
			231,066		227,550
NET ASSETS			11,449,627		10,099,808
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Share capital Reserves			360,000 11,089,627		360,000 9,739,808
TOTAL EQUITY			11,449,627		10,099,808

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the six months ended 30 September 2012 – unaudited

			Attributable t	o equity shar	eholders of t	he Company	,
	Note	Share capital \$'000	Revaluation reserve \$'000	Exchange reserve \$'000	Capital reserve \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	<b>Total</b> equity \$'000
Balance at 1 April 2011		360,000	1,778,150	20,523	153,571	7,620,639	9,932,883
Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 September 2011: Profit for the period Other comprehensive income				7,365	(7,422)	183,227	183,227 (57)
Total comprehensive income for the period Dividends approved in respect of		-	-	7,365	(7,422)	183,227	183,170
the previous financial year	8(b)					(162,000)	(162,000)
		-	-	7,365	(7,422)	21,227	21,170
Balance at 30 September 2011 and 1 October 2011		360,000	1,778,150	27,888	146,149	7,641,866	9,954,053
Changes in equity for the six months ended 31 March 2012: Profit for the period Other comprehensive income		-	-	(9,472)	- 9,514	246,513	246,513 42
Total comprehensive income for the period Dividends declared in respect of		-	-	(9,472)	9,514	246,513	246,555
the current financial year	8(a)					(100,800)	(100,800)
				(9,472)	9,514	145,713	145,755
Balance at 31 March 2012 and 1 April 2012		360,000	1,778,150	18,416	155,663	7,787,579	10,099,808
Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 September 2012: Profit for the period		-	-	-	-	1,547,819	1,547,819
Other comprehensive income				(61)	61		
Total comprehensive income for the period Dividends approved in respect of		-	-	(61)	61	1,547,819	1,547,819
the previous financial year	8(b)					(198,000)	(198,000)
		-		(61)	61	1,349,819	1,349,819
Balance at 30 September 2012		360,000	1,778,150	18,355	155,724	9,137,398	11,449,627

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the six months ended 30 September 2012 – unaudited

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2012	2011
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash generated from operations	227,702	173,064
Tax paid	(31,671)	(1)
Net cash generated from operating activities	196,031	173,063
Net cash generated from investing activities	23,953	290,706
Net cash used in financing activities	(199,157)	(1,002,425)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	20,827	(538,656)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April	114,757	892,024
Effect of foreign exchange rates changes	22	(1,065)
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September	135,606	352,303

#### NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

#### 1 Basis of preparation

This interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, including compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, *Interim financial reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). It was authorised for issue on 29 November 2012.

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2013. Details of these changes in accounting policies are set out in note 2.

The preparation of an interim financial report in conformity with HKAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

This interim financial report contains condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs").

The interim financial report is unaudited, but has been reviewed by KPMG in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, *Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity*, issued by the HKICPA. KPMG's independent review report to the Board of Directors is included on page 18.

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 March 2012 that is included in the interim financial report as being previously reported information does not constitute the Company's statutory financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements. Statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012 are available from the Company's registered office. The auditor has expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements in their report dated 28 June 2012.

#### 2 Changes in accounting policies

The HKICPA has issued a few amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group and the Company. These include the amendments to HKAS 12, *Income taxes – Deferred tax: Recovery of underlying assets,* which the Group has already adopted in the prior period. None of the other developments are relevant to the Group's financial statements and the Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

#### 3 Turnover

The principal activity of the Group is property investment.

Turnover represents gross rental income received and receivable from investment properties.

#### 4 Segment information

The Group has a single reportable segment which is "Property leasing". Accordingly, the business segment information for this sole reportable segment is equivalent to the consolidated figures.

No separate geographical information is presented as the Group's revenue and results of property leasing were derived from Hong Kong.

#### 5 Other revenue and net income/(loss)

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2012	2011	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Other revenue			
Interest income	1,803	1,337	
Management fee received from holding company	600	600	
Others	784	93	
	3,187	2,030	
Other net income/(loss)			
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		(897)	

#### 6 Profit before taxation

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:

		Six months ended 30 September	
		2012	2011
		\$'000	\$'000
(a)	Finance costs		
	Interest on bank loan	980	1,169
	Interest on government lease premiums payable	26	26
	Other borrowing costs	50	37
		1,056	1,232
(b)	Other item		
	Depreciation	4,694	3,379

#### 7 Income tax

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2012	
	\$'000	\$'000
Current tax		
– Hong Kong profits tax	28,058	29,615
Deferred tax		
- Origination and reversal of temporary differences	3,537	5,869
	31,595	35,484

The provision for Hong Kong profits tax is calculated at 16.5% (2011: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profits for the six months ended 30 September 2012.

#### 8 Dividends

#### (a) Dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the interim period

	Six months ended	Six months ended 30 September	
	2012	2011	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Interim dividend declared after the interim period of \$0.45 per share (2011: \$0.28 per share)	162,000	100,800	

The interim dividend declared after the interim period has not been recognised as a liability at the balance sheet date.

### (b) Dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the interim period

	Six months ender	Six months ended 30 September	
	2012	2011	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Final dividend in respect of the previous financial year,			
approved and paid during the following interim period, of			
\$0.55 per share (year ended 31 March 2011: \$0.45 per share	e) <b>198,000</b>	162,000	

#### 9 Earnings per share – basic and diluted

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company of \$1,547,819,000 (2011: \$183,227,000) and 360,000,000 (2011: 360,000,000) ordinary shares in issue during the period. There were no potential dilutive ordinary shares in existence during the six months ended 30 September 2012 and 2011.

#### 10 Fixed assets

- (a) During the period, additions in the investment properties amounted to \$7,994,000 (six months ended 30 September 2011: \$8,053,000).
- (b) The investment properties in Hong Kong were revalued at 30 September 2012 by Vigers Appraisal And Consulting Limited, an independent firm of professional valuers who have among their staff Fellows of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors with recent experience in the location and category of properties being valued, on a market value basis in their existing states by reference to comparable market transactions and where appropriate on the basis of capitalisation of the net rental income allowing for reversionary income potential. As a result of the update, valuation gains of \$1,387,556,000 (2011: \$46,127,000) on investment properties have been recognised in the consolidated income statement.
- (c) Fixed assets of the Company with carrying value of \$11,400,687,000 as at 30 September 2012 (31 March 2012: \$10,016,000,000) were pledged to secure banking facilities of up to \$1,200,000,000 granted to the Company. The outstanding bank loan was \$200,000,000 as at 30 September 2012 (31 March 2012: \$200,000,000).

#### 11 Accounts receivable, deposits and prepayments

The ageing analysis of accounts receivable (net of allowance for bad and doubtful debts) which was included in accounts receivable, deposits and prepayments as of the balance sheet date is as follows:

	At 30 September 2012 \$'000	<i>At 31 March</i> <i>2012</i> \$'000
Current	21,826	32,247
Less than 1 month past due 1 to 3 months past due More than 3 months but less than 12 months past due More than 12 months past due	813 26 34 15	953 665 57 2
Amounts past due	888	1,677
Total accounts receivable, net of allowance for bad and doubtful debts Deposits and prepayments	22,714	33,924
	34,699	40,147

Debts are generally due on the 1st day of each month and 10 to 14 days are allowed for settlement or else interest will be charged. Legal action will be taken against past due debtors whenever the situation is appropriate.

#### 12 Cash and cash equivalents

	At 30 September 2012 \$'000	At 31 March 2012 \$'000
Deposits with banks Cash at bank and in hand	107,851 27,755	80,110 34,647
	135,606	114,757

#### 13 Other payables and accruals

	At 30 September 2012 \$'000	At 31 March 2012 \$'000
Accruals and retention monies payable for redevelopment work Other payables and accruals	71,869 25,026	67,015 15,449
	96,895	82,464

All of the other payables and accruals are expected to be settled within one year.

### 14 Capital commitments outstanding at the balance sheet date not provided for in the interim financial report

	At 30 September	At 31 March
	2012	2012
	\$'000	\$'000
Contracted for	1,839	1,998

#### INTERIM DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Board has resolved that an interim dividend of \$0.45 per share (2011: \$0.28 per share) will be paid on Wednesday, 9 January 2013 to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Friday, 21 December 2012. The register of members of the Company will be closed for the purpose of determining entitlement to the said interim dividend from Wednesday, 19 December 2012 to Friday, 21 December 2012, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. All transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrars, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 pm on Tuesday, 18 December 2012.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

- The Group achieved a profit from operations before valuation changes in investment properties
  of \$192.9 million for the half year ended 30 September 2012, representing an increase of
  approximately 11.0% compared with the corresponding period of last year. The increase was
  mainly due to increase of rental income from iSQUARE compared to the corresponding period of
  last year.
- Valuation gains on investment properties for the half year ended 30 September 2012 amounted to \$1,387.6 million, representing an increase of approximately \$1,341.5 million compared with the corresponding period of last year. The valuation gains will only affect the accounting profit or loss but not the cash flow of the Group.
- The Group recorded a profit attributable to equity shareholders of \$1,547.8 million, compared with a profit attributable to equity shareholders of \$183.2 million for the corresponding period of last year.
- iSQUARE is a commercial complex housing a number of retail, entertainment, food and beverage establishments. Rental income from iSQUARE amounted to approximately \$239.1 million for the half year ended 30 September 2012, representing an increase of approximately 8.3% compared with the corresponding period of last year. The occupancy rate at 30 September 2012 was approximately 97.4% compared with approximately 93.3% at 30 September 2011.
- The total equity for the Group at 30 September 2012 was \$11,449.6 million, compared with \$10,099.8 million at 31 March 2012.
- The Company entered into a facility agreement with a bank on 20 October 2006. The facilities have, subject to certain conditions, been extended for two additional years. At 30 September 2012, the outstanding bank loan was \$200 million and the Group's gearing ratio was 1.7% (calculated as total bank loan over total equity).
- At 30 September 2012, the total number of employees of the Group, excluding the staff employed by DTZ Debenham Tie Leung Property Management Limited for general building and property management of iSQUARE, was 38 (30 September 2011: 38) and the related costs incurred during the period were approximately \$9.6 million (30 September 2011: \$9.4 million).
- Save as disclosed in this report, there has been no further material change to the information contained in the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 March 2012 which necessitates additional disclosure to that made herein.

#### OUTLOOK

Though the external economic environment remains uncertain, management is cautiously optimistic on the outlook for the retail market. It is expected that rental income from iSQUARE would generally benefit from increased rental arising from the renewal of existing tenancies. Barring unforeseen circumstances, management anticipates results from operations of the Group for the current financial year to be satisfactory.

## INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30 September 2012, the directors and chief executives of the Company and their associates (as defined in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange ("Listing Rules")) had the following interests in the shares of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code"):

#### (a) The Company

	Number of ordinary shares of \$1 each				
Name	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Total beneficial interests	% of total issued shares
Cheong Hooi Hong	2,073,992	_	_	2,073,992	0.58%
Cheong Kheng Lim	24,555,715	1,034,000	-	25,589,715	7.11%
Cheong Keng Hooi	11,759,839	275,280	-	12,035,119	3.34%
Cheong Sim Lam	1,807,155	24,000	-	1,831,155	0.51%
Cheong Chong Ling	1,588,000	-	-	1,588,000	0.44%
Sin Cho Chiu, Charles	242,000	_	120,000 (Note)	362,000	0.10%

Note: The corporate interests of 120,000 shares represent 120,000 ordinary shares held by Chason Limited where Mr Sin Cho Chiu, Charles is taken to be interested in such shares under the SFO.

#### (b) Austin Hills Country Resort Bhd.

	Number of ordinary shares of MYR1 each				
Name	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Total beneficial interests	% of total issued shares
Cheong Hooi Hong Cheong Sim Lam	1	- 3	-	1 3	0.00001% 0.00003%

#### INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (Continued)

#### (c) Tian Teck Land Limited

		Number of shares of \$0.25 each			
Name	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Total beneficial interests	% of total issued shares
Cheong Hooi Hong	4,625,792	-	_	4,625,792	0.97%
Cheong Kheng Lim	46,023,872	115,292	-	46,139,164	9.72%
Cheong Keng Hooi	26,862,036	1,002,384	-	27,864,420	5.87%
Cheong Sim Lam	1,099,504	-	-	1,099,504	0.23%
Cheong Chong Ling	412,000	_	-	412,000	0.09%
Sin Cho Chiu, Charles	2,000	_	115,200 (Note)	117,200	0.02%

Note: The corporate interests of 115,200 shares represent 115,200 shares held by Chason Limited where Mr Sin Cho Chiu, Charles is taken to be interested in such shares under the SFO.

#### (d) Tian Teck Investment Holding Co., Limited

	Number of ordinary shares of \$1 each				
Name	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Total beneficial interests	% of total issued shares
Cheong Hooi Hong	25	-	_	25	25%
Cheong Kheng Lim	25	-	-	25	25%
Cheong Keng Hooi	25	-	-	25	25%
Cheong Sim Lam	25	-	-	25	25%

#### (e) Yik Fok Investment Holding Company, Limited

	Number of ordinary shares of \$1 each				
Name	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Total beneficial interests	% of total issued shares
Cheong Hooi Hong	10	_	_	10	0.00005%
Cheong Kheng Lim	10	-	-	10	0.00005%
Cheong Keng Hooi	10	-	-	10	0.00005%
Cheong Sim Lam	10	-	-	10	0.00005%

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2012, none of the directors and chief executives of the Company or their associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) had interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

## INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS AND OTHER PERSONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 30 September 2012, other than the interests of the directors and chief executives of the Company as disclosed above, the Company has been notified of the following interests in the shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO:

	Number of ordinary shares of \$1 each	Percentage of total issued shares
Tian Teck Investment Holding Co., Limited	180,030,681 (Note 1)	50.01%
Tian Teck Land Limited	180,030,681 (Note 1)	50.01%
Cheong Kheng Lim	25,589,715 (Note 2)	7.11%
Lim Yoke Soon	25,589,715 (Note 2)	7.11%

Notes:

- (1) The register of interests and short positions in shares kept under section 336 of the SFO indicates that the interest disclosed by Tian Teck Investment Holding Co., Limited is the same as the 180,030,681 shares disclosed by Tian Teck Land Limited.
- (2) The interest disclosed by Mr Cheong Kheng Lim is the same as the 25,589,715 shares disclosed by Ms Lim Yoke Soon. Out of the 25,589,715 shares, 24,555,715 shares were held by Mr Cheong Kheng Lim, and 1,034,000 shares were held by his spouse, Ms Lim Yoke Soon.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2012, no other interests or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company required to be recorded in the register kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO have been notified to the Company.

# PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION BY THE COMPANY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES OF ITS LISTED SECURITIES

There were no purchases, sales or redemptions of the Company's listed securities by the Company or any of its subsidiaries during the period.

#### DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO RULE 13.21 OF THE LISTING RULES

On 20 October 2006, the Company, as borrower, entered into a facility agreement with a bank (the "Facility Agreement") with covenants relating to specific performance of its controlling shareholders.

The Facility Agreement comprises a 5-year term loan facility of up to \$1 billion and a 5-year revolving credit facility of up to \$200 million. The facilities have, subject to certain conditions, been extended for two additional years.

Pursuant to the Facility Agreement, it would be an event of default if Mr Cheong Hooi Hong, Mr Cheong Kheng Lim, Mr Cheong Keng Hooi and Mr Cheong Sim Lam, collectively being the controlling shareholders of the Company and its listed parent company, Tian Teck Land Limited, cease to beneficially own, directly or indirectly, at least 25% of the issued share capital of the Company in accordance with the terms of the Facility Agreement.

Upon the occurrence of such an event of default, the lending bank may, among other things, demand immediate repayment of all of the outstanding loans made to the Company under the Facility Agreement together with accrued interest. As at 30 September 2012, the aggregate level of the facilities that may be affected by such default was \$200 million.

The Company will make continuing disclosure pursuant to Rule 13.21 of the Listing Rules in subsequent interim and annual reports for so long as the circumstances giving rise to the relevant obligation continue to exist.

Save as disclosed above, the Company does not have other disclosure obligations under Rule 13.21 of the Listing Rules.

#### DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO RULE 13.51B(1) OF THE LISTING RULES

- (a) The dollar amount of director's emoluments of Mr Cheong Hooi Hong for the six months ended 30 September 2012 has increased by \$4,000 to \$788,000 when compared to that for the six months ended 30 September 2011, due to allowances for expenses actually incurred by him. The policy regarding such expenses has not changed.
- (b) The dollar amount of director's emoluments of Mr Cheong Kheng Lim for the six months ended 30 September 2012 has increased by \$1,415,000 to \$2,879,000 when compared to that for the six months ended 30 September 2011. The amount of the director's emoluments which is covered by his service contract with the Company as chief operation officer has increased by \$1,346,000 to \$2,532,000 when compared to that for the corresponding period of last year. The increase is due to allowances for expenses actually incurred by him. The policy regarding such expenses has not changed.
- (c) The dollar amount of director's emoluments of Mr Cheong Keng Hooi for the six months ended 30 September 2012 has increased by \$37,000 to \$794,000 when compared to that for the six months ended 30 September 2011. The amount of the director's emoluments which is covered by his service contract with the Company as chief project officer has increased by \$14,000 to \$735,000 when compared to that for the corresponding period of last year. The increase is due to allowances for expenses actually incurred by him. The policy regarding such expenses has not changed.
- (d) The dollar amount of director's emoluments of Mr Cheong Sim Lam for the six months ended 30 September 2012 has increased by \$525,000 to \$1,272,000 when compared to that for the six months ended 30 September 2011, due to allowances for expenses actually incurred by him. The policy regarding such expenses has not changed.
- (e) The dollar amount of director's emoluments of Miss Cheong Chong Ling for the six months ended 30 September 2012 has decreased by \$15,000 to \$431,000 when compared to that for the six months ended 30 September 2011. The amount of the director's emoluments which is covered by her service contract with the Company as chief administration officer has increased by \$1,000 to \$210,000 when compared to that for the corresponding period of last year. The variance is due to allowances for expenses actually incurred by her. The policy regarding such expenses has not changed.
- (f) Mr Chow Wan Hoi, Paul has ceased to act as an independent non-executive director of China Ground Source Energy Limited, a company listed on the Stock Exchange, from 31 July 2012.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has throughout the period complied with all the code provisions, where applicable, set out in the Corporate Governance Code in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, except for the deviations as disclosed hereunder:

Code Provision A.1.8: Appropriate insurance cover in respect of legal action against directors should be arranged

The Company does not have a present intention to take out insurance cover for legal actions against its Directors. The Board believes that, with the current internal control system and the close supervision of the management, the Directors' risk of being sued or getting involved in litigation in their capacity as Directors of the Company is relatively low. Nevertheless, the Board will review the need for insurance cover from time to time and make such an arrangement as and when the Board deems necessary.

• Code Provision A.2.1: The roles of chairman and chief executive should be separated and performed by two individuals

Mr Cheong Hooi Hong is both the Chairman and chief executive of the Company. The Board of Directors considers that the current structure does not have any adverse effect on the Company and believes that this structure enables the Group to make and implement decisions promptly and efficiently.

• Code Provision F.1.3: The company secretary should report to the board chairman and/or the chief executive

Instead of reporting to the Chairman (who is also the chief executive of the Company), the company secretary reports directly to the deputy chairman. The Board considers that this reporting line does not prevent the Chairman/chief executive from understanding/managing the operation of the Company or discharging his duties, for the Chairman and deputy chairman have ongoing discussion on business affairs, in particular corporate governance and financial issues.

#### MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its code for dealing in securities in the Company by its directors. Specific enquiry has been made with all directors of the Company of any non-compliance with the Model Code, and all directors have confirmed compliance with the required standard set out in the Model Code during the period ended 30 September 2012.

By Order of the Board Associated International Hotels Limited Ng Sau Fong Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 29 November 2012

As at the date of this report, Mr Cheong Hooi Hong, Mr Cheong Kheng Lim, Mr Cheong Keng Hooi, Mr Cheong Sim Lam and Miss Cheong Chong Ling are executive directors, Mr Sin Cho Chiu, Charles is a non-executive director, and Mr Chow Wan Hoi, Paul, Mr Yau Allen Lee-nam and Mr Lee Chung are independent non-executive directors.



# INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ASSOCIATED INTERNATIONAL HOTELS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

#### Introduction

We have reviewed the interim financial report set out on pages 1 to 10 which comprises the consolidated balance sheet of Associated International Hotels Limited as of 30 September 2012 and the related consolidated income statement, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and condensed consolidated cash flow statement for the six month period then ended and explanatory notes. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of an interim financial report to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34, *Interim financial reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the interim financial report in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34.

Our responsibility is to form a conclusion, based on our review, on the interim financial report and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

#### Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, *Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of the interim financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

#### Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial report as at 30 September 2012 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34, *Interim financial reporting*.

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29 November 2012