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# RE-ELECTION OF THE RETIRING DIRECTORS, GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of New World Department Store China Limited to be held at Meeting Room N101B, Level 1, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong (Expo Drive Entrance) on Monday, 20 November 2017 at 11:00 a.m. is set out on pages 12 to 16 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, please complete the accompanying proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer agent of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited of Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

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# **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be convened and held at Meeting Room N101B, Level 1, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong (Expo Drive Entrance) on Monday, 20 November 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
"Articles"	the articles of association of the Company as amended from time to time
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Close Associates"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Company"	New World Department Store China Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries from time to time
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Issue Mandate"	a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with the Shares in the manner as set out in resolution no. 4.(1) in the notice of the AGM
"Latest Practicable Date"	16 October 2017, being the latest practicable date

ascertaining certain information contained herein

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the

Stock Exchange

"NWD" New World Development Company Limited, a

company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange and is the controlling

Shareholder

"PRC" the People's Republic of China

"Repurchase Mandate" a general mandate proposed to be granted to the

Directors to exercise all the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares in the manner as set out in

resolution no. 4.(2) in the notice of the AGM

"SFO" Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the

Laws of Hong Kong)

"Share(s)" share(s) in the share capital of the Company, with a

par value of HK\$0.10 each (or such other nominal amount as shall result from a sub-division, consolidation, reclassification or reconstruction of the share capital of the Company from time to time)

"Shareholder(s)" the holder(s) of the Share(s)

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeovers Code" the Code on Takeovers and Mergers

"%" per cent

The English text of this circular shall prevail over the Chinese text.

#### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liabil (Stock Code: 825)

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Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry (Chairman)

Mr. Au Tak-cheong

Ms. Ngan Man-ying, Lynda

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Dr. Cheng Chi-kong, Adrian Mr. Cheung Fai-yet, Philip

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Mr. Cheong Ying-chew, Henry

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20 October 2017

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# RE-ELECTION OF THE RETIRING DIRECTORS, GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding the resolutions to be proposed at the forthcoming AGM in relation to (i) the re-election of the retiring Directors; and (ii) granting of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and extension of the Issue Mandate. A notice of the AGM is set out on pages 12 to 16 in this circular.

# 2. RE-ELECTION OF THE RETIRING DIRECTORS

In accordance with articles 87(1) & 87(2) of the Articles, Mr. Cheung Fai-yet, Philip, Mr. Tong Hang-chan, Peter and Mr. Yu Chun-fai will retire by rotation at the AGM and, being

#### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the AGM. Information required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules in relation to the retiring Directors is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

Mr. Tong Hang-chan, Peter and Mr. Yu Chun-fai have served as independent non-executive Directors for more than 9 years and re-election of each of them will be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by the Shareholders. The Company has received from Mr. Tong Hang-chan, Peter and Mr. Yu Chun-fai a confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. As independent non-executive Directors with in-depth understanding of the Company's operations and business, Mr. Tong Hang-chan, Peter and Mr. Yu Chun-fai have expressed objective views and given independent guidance to the Company over the years, and they continue demonstrating a firm commitment to their roles. The Board considers that the long service of Mr. Tong Hang-chan, Peter and Mr. Yu Chun-fai would not affect their exercise of independent judgement and is satisfied that Mr. Tong Hang-chan, Peter and Mr. Yu Chun-fai have the required character, integrity and experience to continue fulfilling the role of independent non-executive Directors. The Board considers the re-election of Mr. Tong Hang-chan, Peter and Mr. Yu Chun-fai as independent non-executive Directors are in the best interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### 3. ISSUE MANDATE AND REPURCHASE MANDATE

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 21 November 2016, the Directors were granted general mandates to issue Shares and repurchase Shares. Each of such mandates will expire at the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM and the Directors would like to seek your approval to renew each of the mandates.

An ordinary resolution set out as resolution no. 4.(1) in the notice of the AGM will be proposed at the AGM to grant Issue Mandate to the Directors to allot and issue new Shares up to 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of the passing of the resolution. Such Issue Mandate will be extended by a separate resolution set out as resolution no. 4.(3) in the notice of the AGM by adding to the total number of Shares to be issued and allotted pursuant to the Issue Mandate the total number of the Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate. The granting of the Issue Mandate will provide for flexibility to the Directors to issue Shares when it is in the interest of the Company.

At the AGM, another ordinary resolution set out as resolution no. 4.(2) in the notice of the AGM will be proposed to the Shareholders that the Directors be given a Repurchase Mandate to repurchase Shares up to 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of the passing of the resolution. An explanatory statement as required by the Listing Rules to be sent to the Shareholders in connection with the Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular.

## 4. VOTING BY POLL

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of Shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a

#### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. Accordingly, all the proposed resolutions will be put to vote by way of a poll at the AGM. An announcement on the poll vote results will be made by the Company after the AGM in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any Shares by or in accordance with the Articles, at any general meeting on a poll every Shareholder present in person or in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation by its duly authorised representative or by proxy shall have one vote for every fully paid Share of which he is the holder but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a Share in advance of calls or installments is treated for the foregoing purposes as paid up on the Share.

#### 5. PROXY

A proxy form for use at the AGM is enclosed herein. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete the accompanying proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer agent of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited of Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

#### 6. RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the re-election of the retiring Directors, granting of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate are all in the best interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend you to vote in favour of all the relevant resolutions as set out in the notice of the AGM.

Your attention is drawn to the additional information as set out in the Appendices to this circular.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
New World Department Store China Limited
Cheng Kar-shun, Henry
Chairman

# INFORMATION ON THE DIRECTORS PROPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION

The particulars of Mr. Cheung Fai-yet, Philip, Mr. Tong Hang-chan, Peter and Mr. Yu Chun-fai, the retiring Directors who offer themselves for re-election at the AGM, disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.74 of the Listing Rules are as follows:

# Mr. Cheung Fai-yet, Philip

Aged 62, has been an executive Director since June 2007. He is also a member of the executive committee and the remuneration committee of the Company and a director of a number of the subsidiaries of the Company. He was the managing director of the Company, up to his resignation on 17 March 2017. Mr. Cheung joined the Group in 1993 and has been responsible for the overall management of the Group. He has over 40 years of experience in the retail industry and possesses extensive experience in managing retailing stores in the PRC, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Cheung has held various senior management positions in large retail groups in Hong Kong and Taiwan including worked as a general manager in a large Japanese department store and as a general manager in the retail division of a UK based conglomerate in Hong Kong and as a general manager in a large pharmaceutical retail company in Taiwan.

Except as disclosed above, Mr. Cheung did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the past three years or any position with the Company or other members of the Group.

Mr. Cheung has renewed a service contract with the Company for a fixed term from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2020 unless terminated by either party by one month prior written notice or any other period mutually agreed with the Board provided that such mutually agreed period shall not exceed 12 months or automatically terminated immediately upon ceasing to be a Director in accordance with (i) the Articles; (ii) the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622, the Laws of Hong Kong); or (iii) any law, requirements, rules, regulations, practices and/or direction under the Listing Rules. He is subject to retirement by rotation in accordance with the Articles. Mr. Cheung's emoluments comprise a director's fee to be reviewed and determined by the Board annually with the authorization granted by the Shareholders at an annual general meeting of the Company annually and with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company, the Company's performance and the prevailing market condition. For the year ended 30 June 2017, his emoluments comprised a director's fee of HK\$150,000 from the Company and other emoluments of approximately HK\$4,512,600 from the Group.

Mr. Cheung does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at 30 June 2017, Mr. Cheung does not have any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and any of its associated corporations as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Cheung is not aware of any other matters or information that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements set out in Rules 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules in connection with his re-election.

#### Mr. Tong Hang-chan, Peter

Aged 72, has been an independent non-executive Director since June 2007. He is also the chairman of the remuneration committee of the Company and a member of the audit committee and the nomination committee of the Company. Mr. Tong is currently the managing director of Global Corporate Services Limited and a director of World Link Management Advisory Services Ltd. He has more than 40 years of management experience with leading international retail chains and high-tech companies in Hong Kong and South East Asia, specializing in high-fashion and accessories brand management as well as in establishing sales and distribution networks through joint ventures and franchises. Mr. Tong was the chief operating officer of Mongolia Energy Corporation Limited (formerly known as "New World CyberBase Limited"), an executive director of Sa Sa International Holdings Limited, a vice president of Tiger Enterprises Limited and the president of Giordano Japan Limited (both subsidiaries of Giordano International Limited), the managing director of Longchamp Company Limited, an executive director of Dickson Development Company Limited, and the managing director of Christabel Trading Company Limited and Verwin Company Limited (both affiliates of The Swank Shop). Mr. Tong has been appointed as the chairman of Staff Panel, a vice chairman of Scout Supply Services Committee, a member of Scout Council and Executive Committee of Scout Association of Hong Kong.

Except as disclosed above, Mr. Tong did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the past three years or any position with the Company or other members of the Group.

Mr. Tong has renewed a service contract with the Company for a fixed term from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019 unless terminated by either party by one month prior written notice or any other period mutually agreed with the Board provided that such mutually agreed period shall not exceed 12 months or automatically terminated immediately upon ceasing to be a Director in accordance with (i) the Articles; (ii) the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622, the Laws of Hong Kong); or (iii) any law, requirements, rules, regulations, practices and/or direction under the Listing Rules. He is subject to retirement by rotation in accordance with the Articles. Mr. Tong's emoluments comprise a director's fee to be reviewed and determined by the Board annually with the authorization granted by the Shareholders at an annual general meeting of the Company annually and with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company, the Company's performance and the prevailing market condition. For the year ended 30 June 2017 his emoluments comprised a director's fee of HK\$200,000 from the Company.

Mr. Tong does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at 30 June 2017, Mr. Tong does not have any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and any of its associated corporations as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Tong is not aware of any other matters or information that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements set out in Rules 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules in connection with his re-election.

#### Mr. Yu Chun-fai

Aged 55, has been an independent non-executive Director since June 2007. He is also the chairman of the nomination committee of the Company and a member of the audit committee and the remuneration committee of the Company. He has over 30 years of experience in the financial industry. Mr. Yu was also an independent non-executive director of Jun Yang Financial Holdings Limited (formerly known as "Jun Yang Solar Power Investments Limited"). He is the founder, and was the chairman and executive director of China Smartpay Group Holdings Limited (formerly known as "Oriental City Group Holdings Limited"), a company listed on the Stock Exchange. Prior to establishing Oriental City Group, Mr. Yu worked for Morgan Stanley, AIG Asset Management (Asia) Ltd, and Allianz Dresdner Asset Management.

Except as disclosed above, Mr. Yu did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the past three years or any position with the Company or other members of the Group.

Mr. Yu has renewed a service contract with the Company for a fixed term from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019 unless terminated by either party by one month prior written notice or any other period mutually agreed with the Board provided that such mutually agreed period shall not exceed 12 months or automatically terminated immediately upon ceasing to be a Director in accordance with (i) the Articles; (ii) the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622, the Laws of Hong Kong); or (iii) any law, requirements, rules, regulations, practices and/or direction under the Listing Rules. He is subject to retirement by rotation in accordance with the Articles. Mr. Yu's emoluments comprise a director's fee to be reviewed and determined by the Board annually with the authorization granted by the Shareholders at an annual general meeting of the Company annually and with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company, the Company's performance and the prevailing market condition. For the year ended 30 June 2017, his emoluments comprised a director's fee of HK\$200,000 from the Company.

Mr. Yu does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at 30 June 2017, Mr. Yu does not have any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and any of its associated corporations as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Yu is not aware of any other matters or information that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements set out in Rules 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules in connection with his re-election.

This Appendix serves as the explanatory statement required under Rule 10.06(1)(b) of the Listing Rules to provide you with the information necessary for your consideration of the Repurchase Mandate to be granted to the Directors.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 1,686,145,000 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the relevant ordinary resolution and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the AGM, the Company will be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 168,614,500 Shares.

#### REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders that they should have a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase Shares in the market at any appropriate time. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value of the Company and/or its earning per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders.

#### **FUNDING OF REPURCHASES**

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its memorandum of association and the Articles and the applicable laws of Hong Kong and the Cayman Islands. The laws of Cayman Islands provide that the purchase of Shares may only be paid from the profits of the Company and/or out of the proceeds of a new issue of Shares made for the purpose of the repurchase or out of capital, if the Company can, immediately following such payment, pay its debt as they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

There might be material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited financial statements contained in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2017) in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is to be exercised in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or its gearing levels which, in each case and in the opinion of the Directors, are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

# **GENERAL**

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applied, they will exercise the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, their Close Associates have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

No core connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, NWD directly held 1,218,900,000 Shares and one of its wholly owned subsidiaries directly held 56,876,000 Shares. The aggregate 1,275,776,000 Shares held by NWD (directly and indirectly) represents approximately 75.66% interests in the issued share capital of the Company. Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited ("CTF") together with its subsidiaries held an aggregate of approximately 44.14% interests in NWD and is accordingly deemed to have interests in the Shares interested by NWD. Chow Tai Fook (Holding) Limited ("CTFH") held 100% direct interest in CTF and is accordingly deemed to have interests in the Shares interested by or deemed to be interested by CTF. Chow Tai Fook Capital Limited ("CTFC") held 81.03% direct interest in CTFH and is accordingly deemed to have interests in the Shares interested by or deemed to be interested by CTFH. Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holding II) Limited ("CYTFH-II") held 46.65% direct interest in CTFC and is accordingly deemed to have interests in the Shares interested by or deemed to be interested by CTFC. Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings) Limited ("CYTFH") held 48.98% direct interest in CTFC and is accordingly deemed to have interests in the Shares interested by or deemed to be interested by CTFC. Accordingly, NWD, CTF, CTFH, CTFC, CYTFH-II and CYTFH are deemed to be interested in the said 1,275,776,000 Shares. In the event that the Directors should exercise in full the Repurchase Mandate, the effective interests of NWD, CTF, CTFH, CTFC, CYTFH-II and CYTFH in the issued share capital of the Company would be increased to approximately 84.07%.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the public float of the Company was approximately 24.34%, which is below the minimum public float requirement of 25% under Rule 8.08 of the Listing Rules. The Stock Exchange has granted the Company a waiver from strict compliance with the public float requirement under Rule 8.08 of the Listing Rules for a period of two months from 28 August 2017 to 27 October 2017 (the "Waiver Period"). The Company is working with NWD to restore the public float of the Company before the expiry of the Waiver Period.

The Directors have no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate before the expiry of the Waiver Period and do not intend to repurchase Shares to such an extent that the public float will fall below 25% after the expiry of the Waiver Period. The Directors are not aware of any consequences which will arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any purchases made under the Repurchase Mandate.

#### SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest traded prices for Shares recorded on the Stock Exchange in each of the previous 12 months prior to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Highest} \\ HK \$ \end{array}$	Lowest HK\$
2016		
October	1.32	1.10
November	1.15	1.04
December	1.08	0.98
2017		
January	1.17	0.98
February	1.26	1.10
March	1.38	1.16
April	1.25	1.14
May	1.42	1.13
June	1.95	1.27
July	2.01	1.91
August	2.19	1.80
September	1.84	1.43
October (up to and including the Latest		
Practicable Date)	1.70	1.64

#### SHARE PURCHASES MADE BY THE COMPANY

No purchase of Shares has been made by the Company in the previous six months preceding the date of this circular (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).



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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting (the "Meeting") of the shareholders of New World Department Store China Limited (the "Company") will be held at Meeting Room N101B, Level 1, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong (Expo Drive Entrance) on Monday, 20 November 2017 at 11:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- To receive and consider the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 together with the Report of the Directors and the Independent Auditor's Report thereon.
- 2. To re-elect the retiring directors of the Company (the "**Directors**") and authorise the board of Directors to fix the remuneration of Directors.
- 3. To re-appoint Auditor and authorise the board of Directors to fix their remuneration.
- 4. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modifications, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

#### (1) **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot and issue additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the total number of shares of the Company allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or (ii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of

shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company; or (iii) the exercise of any options under any share option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue of shares of the Company or right to acquire shares of the Company; or (iv) the exercise of any rights under the bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution provided that if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of shares of the Company is effected, the maximum number of shares of the Company that may be purchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued shares of the Company immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same and such maximum number of shares of the Company shall be adjusted accordingly; and

## (d) for the purposes of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by applicable law or the articles of association of the Company to be held; or
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting; and

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of shares on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any legal or practical problems or restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory outside Hong Kong)."

#### (2) "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and which is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with Cayman Islands law and all applicable laws and/or the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange or the rules of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the total number of shares of the Company to be repurchased by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution provided that if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of shares of the Company is effected, the maximum number of shares of the Company that may be issued pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued shares of the Company immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same and such maximum number of shares of the Company shall be adjusted accordingly; and

# (c) for the purposes of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by applicable law or the articles of association of the Company to be held; or
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

#### (3) "THAT:

conditional upon the passing of ordinary resolutions nos. 4.(1) and 4.(2) as set out in the notice convening the Meeting, the general unconditional mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to ordinary resolution no. 4.(1) as set out in the notice convening the Meeting be extended by the addition to the total number of shares of the Company which may be allotted or agreed to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to such general mandate of the total number of shares of the Company repurchased by the Company pursuant to the authority to repurchase shares granted pursuant to ordinary resolution no. 4.(2) as set out in the notice convening the Meeting, provided that such number of shares of the Company shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution (subject to adjustment in case of consolidation or subdivision of shares of the Company)."

By order of the board of

New World Department Store China Limited

Wu Yuk-kwai, Catherine

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 20 October 2017

#### Notes:

- 1. The register of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 15 November 2017 to Monday, 20 November 2017, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of share of the Company will be registered. In order to establish entitlements to attend and voting at the Meeting, all transfers of shares of the Company accompanied by the relevant share certificates and properly completed transfer forms must be lodged with the branch share registrar and transfer agent of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited of Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 November 2017.
- 2. Any member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy does not need to be a member of the Company.
- 3. Where there are joint registered holders of any share, any one of such persons may vote at the Meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such share(s) as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the Meeting personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register in respect of such share, shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- 4. A proxy form for use at the Meeting is enclosed.
- 5. To be valid, the proxy form, together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a certified copy of such power or authority, must be deposited at the Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer agent of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited of Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude members from attending and voting in person at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

- 6. In accordance with articles 87(1) & 87(2) of the articles of association of the Company, Mr. Cheung Fai-yet, Philip, Mr. Tong Hang-chan, Peter and Mr. Yu Chun-fai will retire as Directors at the Meeting and being eligible, all the retiring Directors will offer themselves for re-election. Particulars of the said retiring Directors are set out in Appendix I to the circular to the shareholders of the Company dated 20 October 2017.
- 7. The resolutions as set out above will be determined by way of a poll.
- 8. The translation into Chinese language of this notice is for reference only. In case of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.
- 9. If a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above is in force in Hong Kong at any time between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on the date of the Meeting, the Meeting will not be held on that day but will be automatically postponed to a later date. The Company will post an announcement on its website at www.nwds.com.hk and the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk to notify Shareholders of the date, time and location of the rescheduled meeting.
- 10. As at the date of this notice, the non-executive Directors are Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry, Mr. Au Tak-cheong and Ms. Ngan Man-ying, Lynda; the executive Directors are Dr. Cheng Chi-kong, Adrian and Mr. Cheung Fai-yet, Philip; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Cheong Ying-chew, Henry, Mr. Chan Yiu-tong, Ivan, Mr. Tong Hang-chan, Peter and Mr. Yu Chun-fai.