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禹洲地產股份有限公司 YUZHOU PROPERTIES COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 01628)

PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF SENIOR NOTES

The Company proposes to conduct the Proposed Notes Issue. Completion of the Proposed Notes Issue is subject to market conditions and investor interest. Pricing of the Notes, including the aggregate principal amount and the Offer Price and interest rate, will be determined through a book building exercise to be conducted by the joint global coordinators, the joint bookrunners and the joint lead managers. The Notes, if issued, will be repayable at maturity, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased pursuant to their terms. As at the date of this announcement, the amount, terms and conditions of the Proposed Notes Issue have yet to be determined. Upon finalization of the terms of the Notes, the Purchase Agreement will be entered into between the Company and the relevant parties thereto. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Proposed Notes Issue primarily for refinancing its existing indebtedness and, to a lesser extent, for general working capital purposes. The Company may adjust the foregoing plans in response to changing market conditions and, thus, reallocate the use of the proceeds from the Proposed Notes Issue.

The Company will seek a listing of the Notes on the Stock Exchange. A confirmation of the eligibility for the listing of the Notes has been received from the Stock Exchange. Listing of the Notes to the Stock Exchange is not to be taken as an indication of the merits of the Company or the Notes.

As no binding agreement in relation to the Proposed Notes Issue has been entered into as at the date of this announcement, the Proposed Notes Issue may or may not materialize. Investors and shareholders of the Company are urged to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company. A further announcement in respect of the Proposed Notes Issue will be made by the Company should the Purchase Agreement be signed.

THE PROPOSED ISSUE

Introduction

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The Notes will only be offered outside the United States, in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. None of the Notes will be offered to the public in Hong Kong and none of the Notes will be placed to any connected persons of the Company.

Information about the Group

The Group is one of the leading national property developers with its headquarters in Shanghai. The Group's primary focus is developing high quality residential properties. In order to diversify its portfolio, the Group also develops retail and commercial properties, including office buildings, shopping malls and hotels, and retains some of them as long-term investments. In addition, the Group engages in property-related businesses such as residential and commercial property management.

As of 30 June 2017, the Group had 29 projects completed with a total site area of approximately 1,980,733 sq.m. and a total GFA of approximately 6,094,146 sq.m., and 33 projects under development with a total site area of approximately 3,859,104 sq.m. and a total GFA of approximately 9,107,869 sq.m.. As of the same date, the Group had 17 projects held for future development and potential projects with a total site area of approximately 1,108,262 sq.m. and a total GFA of approximately 2,465,788 sq.m. The Group has obtained land use rights certificates for the land for 76 of its projects completed, under development or held for future development. It is in the process of obtaining the land use rights certificates for three of its projects.

Proposed use of proceeds

The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Proposed Notes Issue primarily for refinancing its existing indebtedness and, to a lesser extent, for general working capital purposes.

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Listing and rating

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The Notes have been provisionally rated "BB–" by Fitch Ratings Services and "B+" by S&P Global Ratings. The credit ratings accorded to the Notes are not a recommendation to purchase, hold or sell the Notes in as much as such ratings do not comment as to market price or suitability for a particular investor. There can be no assurance that the ratings will remain in effect for a given period or that the ratings will not be revised by the rating agencies in the future.

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DEFINITIONS

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

“2016 Term Loan Facility”	the term loan facility of up to US\$400,000,000 that the Company entered into with Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, The Bank of East Asia, Limited, China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited, Hang Seng Bank Limited, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Industrial Bank Co., Ltd. Hong Kong Branch, Luso International Banking Limited, Nanyang Commercial Bank Limited and Wing Lung Bank Limited as the arrangers and lenders, and The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited as agent on 2 September 2016
“2017 Dual Tranche Term Facility”	the dual tranche term facility of up to US\$258,000,000 and HK\$334,000,000 that the Company entered into with China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited, Chiyu Banking Corporation Limited, Fubon Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, Hang Seng Bank Limited, Nanyang Commercial Bank (China) Limited, Shenzhen Branch (南洋商業銀行(中國)有限公司深圳分行), Shanghai Pudong Development Bank Co Ltd, Hong Kong Branch, The Bank of East Asia, Limited (東亞銀行有限公司) and The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited as the arrangers and lenders, and The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited as agent on 1 November 2017
“2022 Notes”	the 6.00% senior notes due 2022 in the aggregate principal amount of US\$350 million issued by the Company in January 2017
“2023 Notes”	the 6.00% senior notes due 2023 in the aggregate principal amount of US\$250 million issued by the Company in October 2016
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Company”	Yuzhou Properties Company Limited (禹洲地產股份有限公司), a company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands with limited liability and whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange

“connected person”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Directors”	the directors of the Company
“GFA”	gross floor area
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Notes”	the senior notes to be issued by the Company
“Offer Price”	the final price at which the Notes will be sold to the initial purchasers thereof
“Proposed Notes Issue”	the proposed issue of the Notes by the Company
“Purchase Agreement”	the purchase agreement proposed to be entered into between, among others, the Company and the joint lead managers in relation to the Proposed Notes Issue
“Securities Act”	the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended
“sq.m.”	square metres
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“United States”	the United States of America
“US\$”	United States dollars

By order of the Board
Yuzhou Properties Company Limited
Lam Lung On
Chairman

Hong Kong, 27 February 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Lam Lung On (Chairman, JP), Ms. Kwok Ying Lan and Mr. Lin Conghui, and independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Lam Kwong Siu, Mr. Wee Henny Soon Chiang and Dr. Zhai Pu.