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## ASIA INVESTMENT FINANCE GROUP LIMITED

亞投金融集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 00033)

## **PROFIT WARNING**

This announcement is made by Asia Investment Finance Group Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Listing Rules**") and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Future Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

The Board of Directors of the Company (the "**Board**") would like to inform the shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholders**") and potential investors that, based on the information currently available to the Group, the Group expects to continue to record a loss in the financial results for the year ended 31 December 2017.

The Board considered that the continuing loss for the year is mainly attributable to: (1) the increase on human resources expenses as the operations and businesses of asset management company and stockbroker company were at fully started up in the current year and the continuing substantial administrative expenses incurred to maintain other existing businesses and to procure new investment opportunities; (2) the increase in the recognition of share-based payment expense, which was non-cash in nature, of approximately HK\$14 million recorded for the grant of share options referred to the Company's announcement dated 23 May 2017; and (3) share of loss from associated company due to the expansion of insurance brokerage business.

The Company is still in the process of finalising the Group's annual results for the year ended 31 December 2017. The information contained in this announcement is only based on the preliminary assessment by the Board with reference to the unaudited consolidated management accounts of the Group and the information currently available, and is not based on any figures or information which have been audited or reviewed by the auditors or the audit committee of the Company and subject to adjustment. The actual annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2017 may be different from what is disclosed in this announcement. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to read with caution the annual results announcement of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2017, which is expected to be published in late March 2018.

The Board would also like to inform the Shareholders and potential investors that despite the significant loss for the financial year ended 31 December 2017, the Directors consider the overall operation as a whole remain sound and intact, and the financial position of the Group remains solid.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

By Order of the Board Asia Investment Finance Group Limited Wei Jiafu Executive Director

Hong Kong, 16 March 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises four executive Directors, namely Ms. Cheung Kwan, Mr. Wei Jiafu, Mr. Wong Kwong Sum and Mr. Liu Hu; one non-executive director, namely Ms. Wang Angel Yunxiao; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Anthony Espina, Mr. Ho Chun Chung, Patrick and Mr. Ge Ming.