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Xiabuxiabu Catering Management (China) Holdings Co., Ltd.
呷哺呷哺餐飲管理(中國)控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 520)

DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION
SUBSCRIPTION OF FINANCIAL PRODUCT

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Product name	Principal amount subscribed (in RMB)	Expected annual return rate (%)	Investment Term (days)	Subscription date	Maturity date	Expected amount to be received upon maturity (in RMB)
Gathering Weath-Making Gold (63 days) Type B (聚益生金(63天)B款)	340,000,000	4.10	63	15 October 2018	16 December 2018	342,406,082

Other salient terms of the Subscription Agreement with CMB

The Investment Term of the CMB Financial Product represents the term commencing one business day after the date of the Subscription Agreement and ending on the maturity date of the CMB Financial Product and if the maturity date falls on a date that is not a business day, then the Investment Term will be automatically extended to the next business day. The Company funded the Subscription utilizing idle cash of the Group and the Subscription amount will be transferred to CMB on the date of the Subscription Agreement.

The underlying investments of the CMB Financial Product shall primarily consist fixed income products such as bonds, asset-backed securities, deposits and other money market funds, equity-related structured products and/or asset management funds.

During the Investment Term, the Company could not terminate the Subscription Agreement, redeem or withdraw the principal amount prior to the maturity date of the CMB Financial Product. CMB may terminate the Subscription Agreement and the CMB Financial Product during the Investment Term in the event that there is a material change to applicable PRC regulations or a significant market fluctuation such that CMB could not offer the CMB Financial Product as usual.

The Company shall bear an investment management fee that equaled 0.20% per annum and a custodian fee that equaled 0.02% per annum of the total principal amount for the CMB Financial Product. Such fees and charges shall be deducted from the return, and the expected annual return rate of the CMB Financial Product represents the rate of return which the Company might receive taking into account such fees and charges.

Pursuant to the Subscription Agreement, the principal amount of and the return on the CMB Financial Product shall be paid by CMB to the Company to the designated bank account of the Company maintained at CMB within three business days after (i) the maturity date of the CMB Financial Product or (ii) the termination of the Subscription Agreement by CMB, whichever is earlier.

Listing Rules implications

As one of the applicable percentage ratios calculated pursuant to Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules in respect of the Subscription Agreement entered into between the Company and CMB concerning the CMB Financial Product is more than 5% but all are less than 25%, the Subscription of the CMB Financial Product constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules and is subject to the notification and announcement requirements set out under Rule 14.34 of the Listing Rules.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company does not hold any other financial product issued by CMB.

REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION OF THE CMB FINANCIAL PRODUCT

The subscription of the CMB Financial Product was made for treasury management purpose to maximize the return on the unutilized funds of the Company after taking into account, among others, the level of risk, return on investment and the term to maturity. Generally, the Company had in the past selected standard short-term financial products that had relatively low associated risk. Prior to making an investment, the Company had also ensured that there remains sufficient working capital for the Group's business needs, operating activities and capital expenditures even after making the investments in such financial products.

The CMB Financial Product is standard short-term financial product that has relatively low associated risks issued by a reputable commercial bank. Although the CMB Financial Product was marketed as wealth management products which is not principal protected nor with pre-determined or guaranteed return, the underlying investments were considered to have relatively low risk and are also in line with the internal risk management, cash management and investment policies of the Group as the Company had, in the past, totally recovered the principal and received the expected returns upon the maturity of the financial products, which nature are very similar to the CMB Financial Product. In addition, the CMB Financial Product is with a relatively short term of maturity, and which is considered to akin to placing deposits with banks whilst enabling the Group to earn an attractive rate of return. However, in accordance with the relevant accounting standards, the CMB Financial Product will be accounted for as short-term investments in the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

In view of an upside of earning a more attractive return than current saving or fixed deposit rate under the low interest rate trend, as well as the low risk nature and relatively short term of maturity of the CMB Financial Product, the Directors are of the view that the CMB Financial Product poses little risk to the Group and the terms and conditions of the Subscription Agreement are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PARTIES

The Company

The Company is incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability whose shares is listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange. The Group is a leading casual restaurant operator in China, focusing primarily on providing bar-style hotpot cuisine and offering customers a casual dining experience.

CMB

CMB is a joint-stock company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability and an independent third party. CMB and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in commercial banking business which provides services such as accepting deposits, making loans and offering basic investment products. CMB is listed on the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 3968) and the Shanghai Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 600036).

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, CMB and its ultimate substantial beneficial owners as publicly disclosed by CMB are third parties independent of the Company and its connected persons.

DEFINITIONS

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

“Board”	the board of Directors
“CMB”	China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd., a joint stock company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability, and an independent third party
“CMB Financial Product”	the financial product issued by CMB and subscribed for by the Company on 15 October 2018
“Company”	Xiabuxiabu Catering Management (China) Holdings Co., Ltd. (呷哺呷哺餐飲管理(中國)控股有限公司), an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability on 14 May 2008
“connected person(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Directors”	the directors of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“independent third party”	an individual or a company who or which is independent of and not connected with (within the meaning of the Listing Rules) any Directors, chief executive or substantial shareholders of the Company, its subsidiaries or any of their respective associate(s)

“Investment Term”	the term of the CMB Financial Product, during which the CMB Financial Product is expected to generate return, if any
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“PRC”	The People’s Republic of China, which for the purpose of this announcement, excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan
“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
“Shareholder(s)”	shareholder(s) of the Company
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Subscription”	the subscription by the Company of the CMB Financial Product in accordance with the Subscription Agreement
“Subscription Agreement”	the subscription agreement entered into between the Company and CMB in respect of the Subscription

By order of the Board
Xiabuxiabu Catering Management (China) Holdings Co., Ltd.
HO Kuang-Chi
Chairman

Hong Kong, 15 October 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. HO Kuang-Chi and Ms. YANG Shuling as executive Directors; Ms. CHEN Su-Yin and Mr. ZHANG Chi (Ms. LI Jie as his alternate) as non-executive Directors; and Ms. HSIEH Lily Hui-yun, Mr. HON Ping Cho Terence and Ms. CHEUNG Sze Man as independent non-executive Directors.