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## PUBLICATION OF THE OFFERING CIRCULAR



## HYSAN (MTN) LIMITED

(the "Issuer")

(Incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability)

U.S.\$4,000,000,000

**Medium Term Note Programme** 

(the "Programme")

unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by

# HYSAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED 希慎興業有限公司

(the "Guarantor")

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code:00014)

This announcement is issued pursuant to Rule 37.39A of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Hong Kong Stock

# Exchange") (the "Listing Rules").

Please refer to the offering circular dated 6 October 2023 (the "Offering Circular") appended herein in relation to the U.S.\$4,000,000,000 Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme") of Hysan (MTN) Limited (the "Issuer") unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Hysan Development Company Limited 希慎興業有限公司 (the "Guarantor"). As disclosed in the Offering Circular, any notes to be issued under the Programme (the "Notes") are intended for purchase by Professional Investors only and the Programme has been, and the Notes to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will be, listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on that basis.

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# Hong Kong, 9 October 2023

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\*\* Independent Non-Executive Directors

<sup>\*</sup> Non-Executive Directors

# **APPENDIX – OFFERING CIRCULAR DATED 6 OCTOBER 2023**

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#### **Medium Term Note Programme**

On 12th December, 2001. Hysan (MTN) Limited (the "Issuer") established a U.S.\$1,000,000,000 Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme") and issued an offering circular on that date describing the Programme. On 15th October, 2014, the size of the Programme was increased from U.S.\$1,000,0000 to U.S.\$1,500,000,000, which was further increased to U.S.\$2,500,000,000 on 11th October, 2019 and to U.S.\$4,000,000 00 on the State of the Programme. This Offering Circular supersedes the previous offering circular and any supplement thereto. Any Notes (as defined below) issued under this Programme on or after the date of this Offering Circular are issued subject to the provisions described herein. This does not affect any Notes issued prior to the date of this Offering Circular.

Under this Programme the Issuer may from time to time issue notes (the "Notes") denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor (as defined below) and the relevant Dealer (as defined below). The payments of all amounts due in respect of the Notes will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Hysan Development Company Limited 希慎興業有限公司 (the "Guarantor").

Notes may be issued in bearer or registered form (respectively "Bearer Notes" and "Registered Notes"). The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes from time to time outstanding under the Programme will not exceed U.S.\$4,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described herein), subject to increase as described herein.

The Notes may be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers specified under "Summary of the Programme" and any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time by the Issuer (each a "Dealer" and together the "Dealers"), which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. References in this Offering Circular to the "relevant Dealer" shall, in the case of an issue of Notes being (or intended to be) subscribed by more than one Dealer, be to all Dealers agreeing to purchase such Notes. Prospective investors should have regard to the factors described under the section headed "Risk Factors" in this Offering Circular.

Application has been made to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Hong Kong Stock Exchange") for the listing of the Programme by way of debt issues to professional investors (as defined in Chapter 37 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited) ("Professional Investors") only during the 12-month period after the date of this Offering Circular on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. This Offering Circular is for distribution to Professional Investors only.

Notice to Hong Kong investors: Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor confirms that the Notes to be issued under the Programme are intended for purchase by Professional Investors only and the Programme and the Notes, to the extent such Notes are to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, will be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, where the such a such The Hong Kong Stock Exchange has not reviewed the contents of this Offering Circular, other than to ensure that the prescribed form disclaimer and responsibility statements, and a statement limiting distribution of this Offering Circular to Professional Investors only have been reproduced in this Offering Circular. Listing of the Programme, or the Notes, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is not to be taken as an indication of the commercial merits or credit quality of the Programme, the Notes, the Issuer or the Garantor or the Group or quality of disclosure in this Offering Circular. Thoug Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange take no responsibility for the contents of this Offering Circular, make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this Offering Circular.

Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and any other terms and conditions not contained herein which are applicable to each Tranche (as defined under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes") of Notes will be set out in a pricing supplement (the "Pricing Supplement") which, with respect to Notes to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, will be delivered to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, on or before the date of issue of the Notes of such Tranche.

The Programme provides that Notes may be listed on such other or further stock exchange(s) as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Notes.

The Programme is rated "BBB+" by Fitch (Hong Kong) Limited and "Baa1"by Moody's Investors Service Hong Kong Ltd. These ratings are only correct as at the date of this Offering Circular. Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where an issue of Notes is rated, its rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating applicable to the Programme. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

The Notes and the Guarantee (as defined under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes") have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the "Securities Act") and, subject to certain exceptions, may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, U.S. persons. See "Form of the Notes" for a description of the manner in which Notes will be issued. Registered Notes are subject to certain restrictions on transfer, see "Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions". The Issuer and the Guarantor may agree with any Dealer that Notes may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Terms and Conditions of the Notes herein, in which event (in the case of Notes intended to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange) a supplementary offering circular, if appropriate, will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Notes.

MiFID II product governance/target market - The Pricing Supplement in respect of any Notes may include a legend entitled "MiFID II Product Governance" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the Notes and which channels for distribution of the Notes

servers subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "MiFID II") is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment; new propriate distributor of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels. Any per

A determination will be made in relation to each issue about whether, for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance rules under EU Delegated Directive 2017/593 (the "MiFID Product Governance Rules"), any Dealer subscribing for any Notes is a manufacturer in respect of such Notes, but otherwise neither the Arrangers nor the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance Rules.

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The date of this Offering Circular is 6 October, 2023

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information coming to their attention. Investors should review, inter alia, the most recently published documents incorporated by reference into this Offering Circular when deciding whether or not to purchase any Notes.

The Bearer Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to U.S. persons, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

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This Offering Circular does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Notes in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The distribution of this Offering Circular and the offer or sale of Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. The Issuer, the Guarantor and the Dealers do not represent that this Offering Circular may be

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# Notice to capital market intermediaries and prospective investors pursuant to paragraph 21 of the SFC Code - Important Notice to Prospective Investors

Prospective investors should be aware that certain intermediaries in the context of certain offerings of Notes pursuant to this Programme (each such offering, a "CMI Offering"), including certain Dealers, may be "capital market intermediaries" (together, the "CMIs") subject to Paragraph 21 of the Code of Conduct for Persons Licensed by or Registered with the Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC Code"). This notice to prospective investors is a summary of certain obligations the SFC Code imposes on such CMIs, which require the attention and cooperation of prospective investors. Certain CMIs may also be acting as "overall coordinators" (together, the "OCs") for a CMI Offering and are subject to additional requirements under the SFC Code. The application of these obligations will depend on the role(s) undertaken by the relevant Dealer(s) in respect of each CMI Offering.

Prospective investors who are the directors, employees or major shareholders of the Issuer, the Guarantor, a CMI or its group companies would be considered under the SFC Code as having an association (an "Association") with the Issuer, the Guarantor, the CMI or the relevant group company. Prospective investors associated with the Issuer, the Guarantor or any CMI (including its group companies) should specifically disclose this when placing an order for the relevant Notes and should disclose, at the same time, if such orders may negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant CMI Offering. Prospective investors disclose their Associations but do not disclose that such order may negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant to negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant to negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant to negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant to negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant to negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant CMI Offering.

Prospective investors should ensure, and by placing an order prospective investors are deemed to confirm, that orders placed are bona fide, are not inflated and do not constitute duplicated orders (i.e. two or more corresponding or identical orders placed via two or more CMIs). A rebate may be offered by the Issuer to all private banks for orders they place (other than in relation to Notes subscribed by such private banks as principal whereby it is deploying its own balance sheet for onward selling to investors), payable upon closing of the relevant CMI Offering based on the principal amount of the Notes distributed by such private banks to investors. Private banks are deemed to be placing an order on a principal basis unless they inform the CMIs otherwise. As a result, private banks placing an order on a principal basis (including those deemed as placing an order as

principal) will not be entitled to, and will not be paid, the rebate. Details of any such rebate will be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement or otherwise notified to prospective investors. If a prospective investor is an asset management arm affiliated with any relevant Dealer, such prospective investor should indicate when placing an order if it is for a fund or portfolio where the relevant Dealer or its group company has more than 50 per cent. interest, in which case it will be classified as a "proprietary order" and subject to appropriate handling by CMIs in accordance with the SFC Code and should disclose, at the same time, if such "proprietary order" may negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant CMI Offering. Prospective investors who do not indicate this information when placing an order are hereby deemed to confirm that their order is not a "proprietary order". If a prospective investor is otherwise affiliated with any relevant Dealer, such that its order may be considered to be a "proprietary order" (pursuant to the SFC Code), such prospective investor should indicate to the relevant Dealer when placing such order. Prospective investors who do not indicate this information when placing an order are hereby deemed to confirm that their order is not a "proprietary order". Where prospective investors disclose such information but do not disclose that such "proprietary order" may negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant CMI Offering, such "proprietary order" is hereby deemed not to negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant CMI Offering.

Prospective investors should be aware that certain information may be disclosed by CMIs (including private banks) which is personal and/or confidential in nature to the prospective investor. By placing an order, prospective investors are deemed to have understood and consented to the collection, disclosure, use and transfer of such information by the relevant Dealers and/or any other third parties as may be required by the SFC Code, including to the Issuer, the Guarantor, any OCs, relevant regulators and/or any other third parties as may be required by the SFC Code, it being understood and agreed that such information shall only be used for the purpose of complying with the SFC Code, during the bookbuilding process for the relevant CMI Offering. Failure to provide such information may result in that order being rejected.

In making an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of the Issuer and the Guarantor and the terms of the Notes being offered, including the merits and risks involved. The Notes and the Guarantee have not been approved or disapproved by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or any other State securities commission or other regulatory authority in the United States, nor have the foregoing authorities approved this Offering Circular or confirmed the accuracy or determined the adequacy of the information contained in this Offering Circular. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

None of the Dealers, the Issuer or the Guarantor makes any representation to any investor in the Notes regarding the legality of its investment under any applicable laws. Any investor in the Notes should be able to bear the economic risk of an investment in the Notes for an indefinite period of time.

#### **U.S. INFORMATION**

This Offering Circular may be submitted on a confidential basis in the United States to a limited number of QIBs or Institutional Accredited Investors (each as defined under "*Form of the Notes*") for informational use solely in connection with the consideration of the purchase of the Notes being offered hereby. Its use for any other purpose in the United States is not authorised. It may not be copied or reproduced in whole or in part nor may it be distributed or any of its contents disclosed to anyone other than the prospective investors to whom it is originally submitted.

The Notes are being offered and sold outside the United States to non-U.S. persons pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S"). Registered Notes may be offered or sold within the United States only to QIBs or to Institutional Accredited Investors, in either case in transactions

exempt from registration under the Securities Act. Each U.S. purchaser of Registered Notes is hereby notified that the offer and sale of any Registered Notes to it may be being made in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("Rule 144A").

Purchasers of Definitive IAI Registered Notes will be required to execute and deliver an IAI Investment Letter (as defined under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*"). Each purchaser or holder of Definitive IAI Registered Notes, Notes represented by a Rule 144A Global Note or any Registered Notes in exchange or substitution therefor (together "Legended Notes") will be deemed, by its acceptance or purchase of any such Legended Notes, to have made certain representations and agreements intended to restrict the resale or other transfer of such Notes as set out in "*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*". Unless otherwise stated, terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them in "*Form of the Notes*".

#### **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

The Issuer and the Guarantor have agreed that, for so long as any of the Notes remains outstanding and the Notes are "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act, the Issuer and the Guarantor will, during any period in which the Issuer and the Guarantor are neither subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Exchange Act"), nor exempt from reporting under the Exchange Act pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) thereunder, make available upon request to (i) any holder or beneficial owner of a Note, or (ii) any prospective purchaser of a Note or a beneficial interest therein who is a qualified institutional buyer within the meaning of Rule 144A designated by such holder or owner, the information specified in, and meeting the requirements of, Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

#### SERVICE OF PROCESS AND ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

The Notes are governed by English law, and the Notes do not provide for the appointment by the Issuer or the Guarantor of an agent for service of process in the United States or for submission by the Issuer or the Guarantor to the jurisdiction of U.S. federal or state courts. As a result, investors may find it difficult in a lawsuit based on the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws (i) to effect service within the United States, upon the Issuer, the Guarantor or their directors and executive officers located outside the United States, (ii) to enforce in U.S. courts or outside the U.S. judgments obtained against the Issuer, the Guarantor or such persons in U.S. courts, (iii) to enforce in U.S. courts judgments obtained against the Issuer, the Guarantor or such persons in courts in jurisdictions outside the United States, and (iv) to enforce against the Issuer, the Guarantor or such persons in the British Virgin Islands, England or Hong Kong, whether in original actions or in actions for the enforcement of judgments of U.S. courts, civil liabilities based solely upon the U.S. federal securities laws.

The Issuer is a BVI business company organised with limited liability under the laws of the British Virgin Islands. All of the officers and directors named herein reside outside the United States and all or a substantial portion of the assets of the Issuer and such officers and directors are located outside the United States. Unless the Issuer has appointed a process agent in the United States, it may not be possible for investors to effect service of process outside the British Virgin Islands upon the Issuer or such persons.

The Issuer has been advised by its British Virgin Islands legal advisers, Harney Westwood & Riegels, that any final and conclusive monetary judgment for a definite sum obtained against the Issuer in the Courts of the United States in respect of the Notes would be treated by the courts of the British Virgin Islands as a cause of action in itself so that no retrial of the issues would be necessary provided that:

- (i) the Courts of the United States had jurisdiction in the matter and the Issuer either submitted to such jurisdiction or was resident or carrying on business within such jurisdiction and was duly served with process;
- (ii) the judgment given by the Courts of the United States was not in respect of penalties, taxes, fines or similar fiscal or revenue obligations of the Issuer;
- (iii) in obtaining judgment there was no fraud on the part of the person in whose favour judgment was given or on the part of the Courts of the United States;
- (iv) recognition or enforcement of the judgment in the British Virgin Islands would not be contrary to public policy; and
- (v) the proceedings pursuant to which judgment was obtained were not contrary to natural justice.

A British Virgin Islands court may stay proceedings if concurrent proceedings are being brought elsewhere.

The Guarantor is a corporation organised under the laws of Hong Kong. All of the officers and directors named herein reside outside the United States and all or a substantial portion of the assets of the Guarantor and such officers and directors are or may be located outside the United States. As a result, it may not be possible for investors to effect service of process outside Hong Kong upon the Guarantor or such persons, or to enforce judgments against them obtained in courts outside Hong Kong predicated upon civil liabilities of the Guarantor or such directors and officers under laws other than Hong Kong law, including any judgment predicated upon United States federal securities laws. The Guarantor has been advised by its Hong Kong counsel, Linklaters, that there is doubt as to whether the courts of Hong Kong would (i) enforce judgments of United States courts obtained against the Guarantor or such persons predicated solely upon civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state within the United States or (ii) entertain original actions brought in Hong Kong courts against the Guarantor or such persons predicated solely upon the securities laws, respectively, of the United States or any state within the United States.

## PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Guarantor publishes its financial statements in Hong Kong dollars. Unless otherwise specified, where financial information in relation to the Guarantor has been translated into U.S. dollars, it has been so translated, for the convenience of the reader, at an exchange rate of HK\$7.8 = U.S.\$1.00. No representation is made that Hong Kong dollars have been, could have been, or could be, converted into U.S. dollars at the rate indicated or at any other rate.

#### **CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS AND CONVENTIONS**

All references in this document to "U.S. dollars" and "U.S.\$" refer to the currency of the United States of America, to "Hong Kong dollars" and "HK\$" refer to the currency of Hong Kong, and to "CNH", "CNY", "RMB" or "Renminbi", refer to the currency of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). In addition, references to "Sterling" and "£" refer to the currency of the UK and to "euro" and "€" refer to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended from time to time.

In this Offering Circular, unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to a law or a provision of a law is a reference to that law or provision as extended, amended or re-enacted.

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# DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents published or issued from time to time shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Offering Circular:

- (a) the two most recently published audited annual financial statements of the Issuer (if any) and the two most recently published audited consolidated and (if any) non-consolidated annual financial statements of the Guarantor and, if published later, the most recently published interim financial statements of the Issuer (if any) and the most recently published interim consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor, see "General Information Documents Available" for a description of the financial statements currently published by the Issuer and the Guarantor (as at the date of this Offering Circular, the Issuer has not published and does not propose to publish, any financial statements); and
- (b) all supplements or amendments to this Offering Circular circulated by the Issuer and the Guarantor from time to time,

save that any statement contained herein or in a document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Offering Circular to the extent that a statement contained in any such subsequent document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise). Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Offering Circular.

The Issuer and the Guarantor will provide, without charge, to each person to whom a copy of this Offering Circular has been delivered, upon the request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents deemed to be incorporated herein by reference unless such documents have been modified or superseded as specified above. Requests for such documents should be directed to the Issuer or the Guarantor at their respective offices set out at the end of this Offering Circular. In addition, such documents will be available free of charge from the principal office in Hong Kong of Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch (or such other Paying Agent for the time being in Hong Kong) for Notes listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor has undertaken to the Dealers in the Programme Agreement (as defined in *"Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions"*) to update or amend this Offering Circular if:

- (a) there is a change in the condition of the Issuer and/or Guarantor which is material in the context of the Programme or the issue of any Notes;
- (b) this Offering Circular shall otherwise come to contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein not misleading; or
- (c) it is necessary at any time to amend this Offering Circular to comply with, or reflect changes in, the laws or regulations of the British Virgin Islands or Hong Kong.

If the terms of the Programme are modified or amended in a manner which would make this Offering Circular, as so modified or amended, inaccurate or misleading, a new offering circular will be prepared.

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME**

Under the Programme, the Issuer may from time to time issue Notes denominated in any currency, subject as set out herein. A summary of the terms and conditions of the Programme and the Notes appears below. The applicable terms of any Notes will be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer prior to the issue of the Notes and will be set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes endorsed on, attached to, or incorporated by reference into, the Notes, as modified and supplemented by the applicable Pricing Supplement attached to, or endorsed on, such Notes, as more fully described under "*Form of the Notes*" below.

This Offering Circular and any supplement will only be valid for listing Notes on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange during the period of 12 months after the date of this Offering Circular in an aggregate nominal amount which, when added to the aggregate nominal amount then outstanding of all Notes previously or simultaneously issued under the Programme, does not exceed U.S.\$4,000,000,000 or its equivalent in other currencies. For the purpose of calculating the U.S. dollar equivalent of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes issued under the Programme from time to time:

- (a) the U.S. dollar equivalent of Notes denominated in another Specified Currency (as defined under "Form of the Notes") shall be determined, at the discretion of the Issuer, either as of the date on which agreement is reached for the issue of Notes or on the preceding day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in London, in each case on the basis of the spot rate for the sale of the U.S. dollar against the purchase of such Specified Currency in the London foreign exchange market quoted by any leading international bank selected by the Principal Paying Agent (as defined under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes") on the relevant day of calculation;
- (b) the U.S. dollar equivalent of Dual Currency Notes, Index Linked Notes and Partly Paid Notes (each as defined under "Form of the Notes") shall be calculated in the manner specified above by reference to the original nominal amount on issue of such Notes (in the case of Partly Paid Notes regardless of the subscription price paid); and
- (c) the U.S. dollar equivalent of Zero Coupon Notes (as defined under "*Form of the Notes*") and other Notes issued at a discount or a premium shall be calculated in the manner specified above by reference to the net proceeds received by the Issuer for the relevant issue.

## SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME

The following summary does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Offering Circular and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement. Words and expressions defined in "Form of the Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below shall have the same meanings in this summary.

Hysan (MTN) Limited
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Hysan Development Company Limited 希慎興業有限公司
Medium Term Note Programme
Merrill Lynch (Asia Pacific) Limited
UBS AG Hong Kong Branch
Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited BNP Paribas
Citigroup Global Markets Limited
Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank
DBS Bank Ltd.
Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C.
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
J.P. Morgan Securities ple
Merrill Lynch (Asia Pacific) Limited
Mizuho Securities Asia Limited
MUFG Securities EMEA plc
Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited
UBS AG Hong Kong Branch
and any other Dealers appointed in accordance with the Programme Agreement (as defined under "Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions").
Each issue of Notes denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see "Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions") including the following restrictions applicable at the date of this Offering Circular.
Notes having a maturity of less than one year will, if the proceeds of the issue are accepted in the UK, constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting deposits contained in section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 unless they are issued to a limited class of

	professional investors and have a denomination of at least
	£100,000 or its equivalent, see "Subscription and Sale".
Principal Paying Agent	Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch or, if so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch
Registrar	Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas or, if so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A.
Paying Agents	Principal Paying Agent, Registrar, CMU Lodging and Paying Agent or Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A.
Transfer Agents	Registrar, Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch or Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A.
Exchange Agent	Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas
CMU Lodging and Paying Agent	Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch
Programme Size	Up to U.S.\$4,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described under " <i>General Description of the Programme</i> ") in aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding at any time. The Issuer and the Guarantor may increase the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Programme Agreement.
Distribution	Notes may be distributed by way of private or public placement and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.
Currencies	Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, any currency agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer.
Redenomination	The applicable Pricing Supplement may provide that certain Notes may be redenominated in euro. The relevant provisions applicable to any such redenomination are contained in Condition 5 ( <i>Redenomination</i> ).
Maturities	Such maturities as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the Issuer, the Guarantor or the relevant Specified Currency.
Issue Price	Notes may be issued on a fully-paid or a partly-paid basis and at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par.
Form of Notes	The Notes will be issued in bearer or registered form as described in " <i>Form of the Notes</i> ". Registered Notes will not be exchangeable for Bearer Notes and <i>vice versa</i> .
Fixed Rate Notes	Fixed interest will be payable at such rate or rates in arrear and on such date or dates as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer and on redemption and will

	be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer.
Floating Rate Notes	Floating Rate Notes will bear interest at a rate determined:
	<ul> <li>(i) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating either the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA"), and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series), or the latest version of the 2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions (as published by ISDA as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series) as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; or</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>(ii) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service; or</li></ul>
	<ul><li>(iii) on such other basis as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer.</li></ul>
	The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer for each Series of Floating Rate Notes.
Benchmark Discontinuation	See Condition 6(b)(ii)(D) (Benchmark Replacement for Floating Rate Notes (other than Floating Rate Note where the Reference Rate is specified as being SOFR Benchmark) and 6(b)(ii)(E) (Benchmark Replacement (SOFR Benchmark)).
Index Linked Notes	Payments of principal in respect of Index Linked Redemption Notes or of interest in respect of Index Linked Interest Notes will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula or to changes in the prices of securities or commodities or to such other factors as the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer may agree.
Other provisions in relation to Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes	Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both. Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes in respect of each Interest Period, as agreed prior to issue by the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer, will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction, as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer.
Dual Currency Notes	Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates

	of exchange, as the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer may agree.
Zero Coupon Notes	Zero Coupon Notes will be offered and sold at a discount to their nominal amount and will not bear interest.
Redemption	The applicable Pricing Supplement will indicate either that the relevant Notes cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than (i) in specified instalments, if applicable, (ii) for taxation reasons or (iii) following an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 11 ( <i>Events of Default</i> )) or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer and/or the Noteholders upon giving notice to the Noteholders or the Issuer, as the case may be, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such other terms as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer.
	The applicable Pricing Supplement may provide that Notes may be redeemable in two or more instalments of such amounts and on such dates as are indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement.
	Notes having a maturity of less than one year may be subject to restrictions on their denomination and distribution, see " <i>Certain Restrictions – Notes with a maturity of less than one year</i> " above.
Denomination of Notes	Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be such as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency, see " <i>Certain</i> <i>Restrictions – Notes with a maturity of less than one year</i> " above.
	Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the minimum denomination of each Definitive IAI Registered Note will be U.S.\$500,000 or its approximate equivalent in other Specified Currencies.
Taxation	All payments in respect of the Notes will be made without deduction for or on account of withholding taxes imposed by any Tax Jurisdiction (as defined in Condition 9 ( <i>Taxation</i> )), subject as provided in Condition 9 ( <i>Taxation</i> ). In the event that any such deduction is made, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will, save in certain limited circumstances provided in Condition 9, be required to pay additional amounts to cover the amounts so deducted.
	In making an investment decision, each prospective investor is strongly recommended to consult its own professional advisers

	in respect of the tax implications of holding the Notes, s "Taxation".
Negative Pledge	The terms of the Notes will contain a negative pledge provisi as further described in Condition 4 ( <i>Negative Pledge</i> ).
Cross Default	The terms of the Notes will contain a cross default provision further described in Condition 11 ( <i>Events of Default</i> ).
Status of the Notes	The Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinat and, subject to the provisions of Condition 4 ( <i>Negatu</i> <i>Pledge</i> ), unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will rank <i>passu</i> among themselves and (save for certain obligation required to be preferred by law) equally with all oth unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, any) of the Issuer, from time to time outstanding.
Guarantee	The Notes will be unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee by the Guarantor. The obligations of the Guarantor under su guarantee will be direct, unconditional, unsubordinated an subject to the provisions of Condition 4 ( <i>Negative Pledg</i> unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and (save for certa obligations required to be preferred by law) will rank equa with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinate obligations, if any) of the Guarantor, from time to the outstanding.
Listing	Application has been made to list the Programme during a 12-month period after the date of this Offering Circular on a Hong Kong Stock Exchange under which Notes may be issue by way of debt issues to Professional Investors only. No issued under the Programme may also be listed on the Ho Kong Stock Exchange or on such other or further sto exchange(s) as may be agreed between the Issuer, a Guarantor and the relevant Dealer in relation to each Series.
	Unlisted Notes may also be issued.
	The applicable Pricing Supplement will state whether or not the relevant Notes are to be listed and, if so, on which store exchange(s).
Governing Law	The Notes and any non-contractual obligations arising out or in connection with the Notes will be governed by, and sh be construed in accordance with, English law.
Clearing System	The CMU, Euroclear, Clearstream, DTC and/or any oth clearing system, as specified in the applicable Price Supplement, see " <i>Form of Notes</i> ".
Selling Restrictions	There are restrictions on the offer, sale and transfer of the No in the United States, the European Economic Area, the U Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and the British Virgin Islar and such other restrictions as may be required in connecti

	with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche of Notes, see "Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions".
United States Selling Restrictions	Regulation S, Category 2. Rule 144A and Section 4(2), TEFRA C or D, as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

## FORM OF THE NOTES

The Notes of each Series will be in either bearer form, with or without interest coupons ("Coupons") attached, or registered form, without Coupons attached. Bearer Notes will be issued outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S and Registered Notes will be issued both outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S and within the United States to "qualified institutional buyers" within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("QIBs") or to "accredited investors" as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act ("Institutional Accredited Investors") in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Notes to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will be accepted for clearance through Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear") and Clearstream Banking S.A. ("Clearstream") and may also be accepted for clearance through the CMU or DTC (each as defined below).

#### **Bearer Notes**

Each Tranche of Bearer Notes will be initially issued in the form of either a temporary bearer global note (a "Temporary Bearer Global Note") or a permanent bearer global note (a "Permanent Bearer Global Note" and, together with a Temporary Bearer Global Note, the "Bearer Global Notes", and each a "Bearer Global Note") as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement, which, in either case, will be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to either (i) a common depositary (the "Common Depositary") for Euroclear and Clearstream or (ii) a sub-custodian for the Central Moneymarkets Unit Service, operated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (the "CMU"). Whilst any Bearer Note is represented by a Temporary Bearer Global Note, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of the Notes due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made against presentation of the Temporary Bearer Global Note only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in such Bearer Note are not U.S. persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream and/or Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch, Hong Kong (the "CMU Lodging Agent") and (in the case of a Temporary Bearer Global Note delivered to a Common Depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream) Euroclear and/or Clearstream, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certifications it has received) to the Principal Paying Agent.

On and after the date (the "Exchange Date") which, for each Tranche in respect of which a Temporary Bearer Global Note is issued, is 40 days after the Temporary Bearer Global Note is issued, interests in such Temporary Bearer Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge) upon a request as described therein either for (i) interests in a Permanent Bearer Global Note of the same Series or (ii) definitive Bearer Notes of the same Series with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement and subject, in the case of definitive Bearer Notes, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement), in each case against certification of beneficial ownership as described above, unless such certification has already been given, provided that purchasers in the United States and certain U.S. persons will not be able to receive definitive Bearer Notes.

The holder of a Temporary Bearer Global Note will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amount due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Bearer Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Bearer Global Note or for definitive Bearer Notes is improperly withheld or refused.

Payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts on a Permanent Bearer Global Note will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of the Permanent Bearer Global Note without any requirement for certification.

In respect of a Bearer Global Note held through the CMU, any payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts shall be made to the person(s) for whose account(s) interests in the relevant Bearer Global Note are credited (as set out in the records of the CMU) and, save in the case of final payment, no presentation of the relevant Bearer Global Note shall be required for such purpose.

The applicable Pricing Supplement will specify that a Permanent Bearer Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive Bearer Notes with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached upon either (i) not less than 60 days' written notice (a), in the case of Notes held by a Common Depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, from Euroclear and/or Clearstream (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Bearer Global Note) to the Principal Paying Agent as described therein and/or (b), in the case of Notes held through the CMU, from the relevant account holders therein to the CMU Lodging Agent as described therein or (ii) only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event.

For these purposes, "Exchange Event" means that (i) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream and, in the case of Notes cleared through the CMU, the CMU have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and, in any case, no successor or alternative clearing system is available or (iii) the Issuer has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Notes represented by the Permanent Bearer Global Note in definitive form. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 (Notices) if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, (a) in the case of Notes held by a Common Depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Euroclear and/or Clearstream (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Bearer Global Note) or, (b) in the case of Notes held through the CMU, the relevant account holders therein, may give notice to the Principal Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the CMU Lodging Agent requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (iii) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Principal Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the CMU Lodging Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 45 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Principal Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the CMU Lodging Agent.

The following legend will appear on all Bearer Notes (other than Temporary Bearer Global Notes), receipts and interest coupons relating to such Notes where TEFRA D is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement:

"ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE."

The sections referred to provide that United States holders, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Bearer Notes, receipts or interest coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of such Notes, receipts or interest coupons.

Notes which are represented by a Bearer Global Note will only be transferable in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream or the CMU, as the case may be.

## **Registered Notes**

The Registered Notes of each Tranche offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S, which will be sold to non-U.S. persons outside the United States, will initially be represented by a global note in registered form, without receipts or coupons (a "Regulation S Global Note"). Prior to expiry of the distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S) applicable to each Tranche of Notes, beneficial interests in a Regulation S Global Note may not be offered or sold to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person save as otherwise

provided in Condition 2 (*Transfer of Registered Notes*) and may not be held otherwise than through Euroclear or Clearstream and such Regulation S Global Note will bear a legend regarding such restrictions on transfer.

The Registered Notes of each Tranche may only be offered and sold in the United States or to U.S. persons in private transactions (i) to QIBs or (ii) to Institutional Accredited Investors who execute and deliver an IAI Investment Letter (as defined under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*") in which they agree to purchase the Notes for their own account and not with a view to the distribution thereof. The Registered Notes of each Tranche sold to QIBs will be represented by a global note in registered form, without Receipts or Coupons, (a "Rule 144A Global Note" and, together with a Regulation S Global Note, the "Registered Global Notes" and, together with the Bearer Global Notes, the "Global Notes").

Registered Global Notes will either (i) be deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, the Depositary Trust Company ("DTC") or (ii) be deposited with a common depositary for, and registered in the name of a common nominee of, Euroclear and Clearstream, as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. Persons holding beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes will be entitled or required, as the case may be, under the circumstances described below, to receive physical delivery of definitive Notes in fully registered form.

The Registered Notes of each Tranche sold to Institutional Accredited Investors will be in definitive form, registered in the name of the holder thereof ("Definitive IAI Registered Notes"). Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable Pricing Supplement, Definitive IAI Registered Notes will be issued only in minimum denominations of U.S.\$500,000 and integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 in excess thereof (or the approximate equivalents in the applicable Specified Currency). Definitive IAI Registered Notes will be subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth therein and will bear the restrictive legend described under "*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*". Institutional Accredited Investors that hold Definitive IAI Registered Notes may not elect to hold such Notes through DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, but transferees acquiring such Notes in transactions exempt from Securities Act registration pursuant to Regulation S or Rule 144A under the Securities Act (if available) may do so upon satisfaction of the requirements applicable to such transfer as described under "*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*". The Registered Notes and the Definitive IAI Registered Notes will be subject to certain restrictions on transfer set forth therein and will be an of the requirements applicable to such transfer as described under "*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*". The Registered Notes and the Definitive IAI Registered Notes will be subject to certain restrictions on transfer set forth therein and will be a subject to certain restrictions on transfer set forth therein and will be a legend regarding such restrictions.

Payments of principal, interest and any other amount in respect of the Registered Global Notes will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the person shown on the Register (as defined in Condition 7(d) (*Payments in respect of Registered Notes*)) as the registered holder of the Registered Global Notes. None of the Issuer, the Guarantor, any Paying Agent or the Registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments or deliveries made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Payments of principal, interest or any other amount in respect of the Registered Notes in definitive form will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the persons shown on the Register on the relevant Record Date (as defined in Condition 7(d) (*Payments in respect of Registered Notes*)) immediately preceding the due date for payment in the manner provided in that Condition.

Interests in a Registered Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive Registered Notes without receipts, interest coupons or talons attached only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, "Exchange Event" means that (i) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) in the case of Notes registered in the name of a nominee for DTC, DTC has notified the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as depositary for the Notes and no successor or alternative clearing system is available, (iii) in the case of Notes registered in the name of a nominee for DTC, DTC has

ceased to constitute a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and no alternative clearing system is available, (iv) in the case of Notes registered in the name of a nominee for a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and, in any such case, no successor clearing system is available or (v) the Issuer has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Notes represented by the Registered Global Note in definitive form. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 (*Notices*) if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Registered Global Note) may give notice to the Registrar requesting exchange Event as described in (v) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Registrar requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than ten days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Registrar.

## **Transfer of Interests**

Interests in a Registered Global Note may, subject to compliance with all applicable restrictions, be transferred to a person who wishes to hold such interest in another Registered Global Note or in the form of a Definitive IAI Registered Notes may, subject to compliance with all applicable restrictions, be transferred to a person who wishes to hold such Notes may, subject to compliance with all applicable restrictions, be transferred to a person who wishes to hold such Notes in the form of an interest in a Registered Global Note. No beneficial owner of an interest in a Registered Global Note will be able to transfer such interest, except in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, in each case to the extent applicable. **Registered Notes are also subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth therein and will bear a legend regarding such restrictions, see "Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions"**.

#### General

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*"), the Principal Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the CMU Lodging Agent shall arrange that, where a further Tranche of Notes is issued which is intended to form a single Series with an existing Tranche of Notes at a point after the Issue Date of the further Tranche, the Notes of such further Tranche shall be assigned a common code and ISIN and, where applicable, a CMU instrument number, a CUSIP and CINS number which are different from the common code, CMU instrument number, ISIN, CUSIP and CINS assigned to Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until such time as the Tranches are consolidated and form a single Series, which shall not be prior to the expiry of the Distribution Compliance Period applicable to the Notes of such Tranche.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear, Clearstream or the CMU, each person (other than Euroclear, Clearstream or the CMU) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream or the CMU as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear, Clearstream or the CMU as to the nominal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor and their agents as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such nominal amount of such Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Bearer Global Note or the registered holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Bearer Global Note and the expressions "Noteholder" and "holder of Notes" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly. Notwithstanding the above, if a Note (whether in global or definitive form) is held through the CMU, any payment that is made in respect of such Note shall be made at the direction

of the bearer to the person(s) for whose account(s) interests in such Note are credited as being held through the CMU in accordance with the CMU Rules (as defined in the Agency Agreement) at the relevant time.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner or holder of a Registered Global Note, DTC or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Notes represented by such Registered Global Note for all purposes under the Agency Agreement and such Notes except to the extent that in accordance with DTC's published rules and procedures any ownership rights may be exercised by its participants or beneficial owners through participants.

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream and/or the CMU and/or DTC shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement or otherwise approved by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar.

A Note may be accelerated by the holder thereof in certain circumstances described in Condition 11 (*Events of Default*). In such circumstances, where any Note is still represented by a Global Note and the Global Note (or any part thereof) has become due and repayable in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of such Notes and payment in full of the amount due has not been made in accordance with the provisions of the Global Note then holders of interests in such Global Note credited to their accounts with Euroclear and/ or Clearstream and/or the CMU and/or DTC, as the case may be, will become entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer on the basis of statements of account provided by Euroclear, Clearstream, the CMU and DTC on and subject to the terms of a deed of covenant (the "Deed of Covenant") dated 14th May, 2010 and executed by the Issuer. In addition, holders of interests in such Global Note credited to their accounts with DTC may require DTC to deliver Definitive Notes in registered form in exchange for their interests in such Global Note in accordance with DTC's standard operating procedures.

#### FORM OF PRICING SUPPLEMENT

Set out below is the form of Pricing Supplement which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme.

[Date]

## Hysan (MTN) Limited Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): 2549006HEQ2V3JUMNQ45

# Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes] Guaranteed by Hysan Development Company Limited 希慎興業有限公司 under the U.S.\$4,000,000,000 Medium Term Note Programme

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This document constitutes the Pricing Supplement relating to the issue of Notes described herein.

[MiFID II product governance / Professional investors and ECPs only target market – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "*MiFID II*"); and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "*distributor*") should take into consideration the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market

assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]

[UK MiFIR product governance/Professional investors and ECPs only target market – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is only eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook, and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("UK MiFIR"); and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook (the "UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules") is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]

**PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS** – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area ("*EEA*"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "*MiFID II*"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (as amended, the "*Insurance Distribution Directive*"), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the "*Prospectus Regulation*"). Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the "*PRIIPs Regulation*") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

**PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS** – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom ("*UK*"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("*EUWA*"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "*FSMA*") and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement the Insurance Distribution Directive, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the Prospectus Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently no key information document required by the PRIIPs Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (as amended, the "*UK PRIIPs Regulation*") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

Notification under Section 309B(1)(c) of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 (2020 Revised Edition) of Singapore (the "SFA") – [In connection with Section 309B of the SFA and the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018 of Singapore (the "CMP Regulations 2018"), the Issuer has determined, and hereby notifies all relevant persons (as defined in Section 309A(1) of the SFA), that the Notes are prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the CMP Regulations 2018) and Excluded Investment Products (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on

Recommendations on Investment Products).]/[To insert appropriate notice if classification of the Notes is not "prescribed capital markets products", pursuant to Section 309B of the SFA or "Excluded Investment Products".]<sup>(1)</sup>

[Please consider the applicability of the MAS Notice No. SFA 04-N21 on Business Conduct Requirements for Corporate Finance Advisers to any Dealer/Manager in relation to each drawdown and if sales in Singapore should be restricted to accredited investors and institutional investors only for such drawdown.]

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the conditions set forth in the Offering Circular dated 6 October, 2023. This Pricing Supplement contains the final terms of the Notes and must be read in conjunction with such Offering Circular.

[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under an Offering Circular with an earlier date.

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "*Conditions*") set forth in the Offering Circular dated [*original date*] [and the supplement dated [*date*]] which are incorporated by reference in the Offering Circular [dated [*current date*]]. This Pricing Supplement contains the final terms of the Notes and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular dated [*current date*], save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Offering Circular dated [*original date*] and are attached hereto.]

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs. Italics denote directions for completing the Pricing Supplement.]

[If the Notes have a maturity of less than one year from the date of their issue, the minimum denomination may need to be  $\pounds 100,000$  or its equivalent in any other currency.]

1	(i)	Issuer:	Hysan (MTN) Limited
	(ii)	Guarantor:	Hysan Development Company Limited 希慎興業有限公司
2	(i)	Series Number:	[•]
	(ii)	Tranche Number:	<ul> <li>[•]</li> <li>(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible)</li> </ul>
	(iii)	Date on which the Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series:	[The Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series with <i>[identify earlier Tranches]</i> on [the Issue Date/the date that is 40 days after the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note,

<sup>(1)</sup> Relevant Dealer(s) to consider whether it/they have received the necessary product classification from the Issuer prior to the launch of the offer, pursuant to Section 309B of the SFA. If there is a change as to product classification for the relevant drawdown, from the upfront classification embedded in the programme documentation, then the legend is to be completed accordingly.

as referred to in paragraph 24 below, which is expected to occur on or about [date]]/Not Applicable] (i) Specified Currency or Currencies: [•] (ii) Renminbi Currency Event: [Applicable/Not Applicable] Aggregate Nominal Amount: Series: [•] Tranche: [•] [(i)] Issue Price: [•] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert Date] (in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)] [(ii) Net proceeds: (*Required only for listed issues*) [•]] [Not Applicable/Applicable<sup>(2)</sup>] [(iii) Private bank rebate: (For any issuance where paragraph 21 of the Hong Kong SFC Code of Conduct is applicable, also refer to paragraph 43(i) below) Specified Denominations: [•] (i) (in the case of Registered Notes, this means (N.B. Notes must have a minimum denomination the minimum integral amount in which of EUR 100,000 (or equivalent) transfers can be made) (Note – where Bearer Notes with multiple denominations above [U.S.\$200,000] or equivalent are being used the following sample wording should be followed: "[U.S.\$200,000] and integral multiples of [U.S.\$1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [U.S.\$399,000]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [U.S.\$399,000].") (ii) Calculation Amount (in relation to calculation [•] of interest in global form, see Conditions): (If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination.

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If more than one Specified Denomination, insert

<sup>(2)</sup> The Issuer has agreed to pay a commission to certain private banks in connection with the distribution of the Notes to their clients. This commission will be based on the principal amount of the Notes so distributed, and may be deducted from the purchase price for the Notes payable by such private banks upon settlement.

the highest common factor.

*Note: There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)* 

7	[(i)] Issue Date [and Interest Commencement Date]:	[•]
	[(ii) Interest Commencement Date (if different from the Issue Date):	[•]]
8	Maturity Date:	[ <i>Fixed rate – specify date/Floating rate –</i> Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [ <i>specify month and year</i> ]] <sup>(3)</sup>
9	Interest Basis:	[[●] per cent. Fixed Rate]
		[[EURIBOR/HIBOR/CNH HIBOR/SOFR] +/- [●] per cent. Floating Rate]
		[Zero Coupon]
		[Index Linked Interest]
		[Dual Currency Interest]
		[specify other]
		(further particulars specified below)
10	Redemption/Payment Basis:	[Redemption at par]
		[Index Linked Redemption]
		[Dual Currency Redemption]
		[Partly Paid]
		[Instalment]
		[specify other]
11	Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis:	[Specify details of any provision for change of Notes into another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis]
12	Put/Call Options:	[Investor Put]
		[Issuer Call]
		[(further particulars specified below)]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(3)</sup> Note that for Renminbi and Hong Kong dollar denominated Fixed Rate Notes where the Interest Payment Dates are subject to modification it will be necessary to use the second option here.

			[Not Applicable]
13	Listin	ıg:	[The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited/ <i>specify other</i> /None] <sup>(4)</sup>
14	Meth	od of distribution:	[Syndicated/Non-syndicated]
Prov	isions H	Relating to Interest (If any) Payable	
15	Fixed	Rate Note Provisions:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] ( <i>If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph</i> )
	(i)	Rate(s) of Interest:	[●] per cent. per annum payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date
	(ii)	Interest Payment Date(s):	[[●] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date]/[ <i>Specify other</i> ] <sup>(5)</sup> (Amend appropriately in the case of irregular coupons)
	(iii)	Fixed Coupon Amount(s) for Notes in definitive form (and in relation to Notes in global form, see Conditions):	[●] per Calculation Amount <sup>(6)</sup>
	(iv)	Broken Amount(s) for Notes in definitive form (and in relation to Notes in global form, see Conditions):	[●] per Calculation Amount payable on the Interest Payment Date falling in/on [●]. [Insert particulars of any initial or final broken interest amounts which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon Amount(s)]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(4)</sup> If listing in Hong Kong, specify expected listing date.

<sup>(5)</sup> Note that for certain Hong Kong dollar denominated Fixed Rate Notes and Renminbi denominated Fixed Rate Notes, the Interest Payment Dates are subject to modification and the following words should be added: "provided that if any Interest Payment Date falls on a day which is not a Business Day, the Interest Payment Date will be the next succeeding Business Day unless it would thereby fall in the next calendar month in which event the Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day. For these purposes, "Business Day" means a day, other than Saturday or Sunday, on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and currency deposits) in Hong Kong and [•]."

<sup>(6)</sup> For Renminbi or Hong Kong dollar denominated Fixed Rate Notes where the Interest Payment Dates are subject to modification the following wording is appropriate. "Each Fixed Coupon Amount shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to each Specified Denomination, multiplying such sum by the actual number of days in the Accrual Period (as defined in Condition 6(a)(i)) divided by 365 and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest CNY0.01, CNY0.005 being rounded upwards in the case of Renminibi denominated Fixed Rate Notes and to the nearest HK\$0.01, HK\$0.005 being rounded upwards in the case of Hong Kong dollar denominated Fixed Rate Notes."

	(v)	Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual (ICMA)
			30/360
			Actual/365 (Fixed) (7)/
			[Specify other]]
	(vi)	Determination Date[s]:	[●] in each year
			[Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in case of a long or short first or last coupon]
			(NB: This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payment dates which are not of equal duration)
			(NB: Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))
	(vii)	Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes:	[None/Give details]
16	Float	ing Rate Note Provisions:	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
			(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub- paragraphs of this paragraph)
	(i)	Interest Period(s):	[•]
			[Each period beginning on (and including) [the Interest Commencement Date/ $[\bullet]$ ] or any Specified Interest Period Date and ending on (but excluding) the next Specified Interest Period Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (iii) below, and "Specified Interest Period Date" means $[\bullet], [\bullet], [\bullet]$ and $[\bullet]$ ] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (iii) below] (Only applicable in the case of SOFR Payment Delay where Interest Period Date is required)
	(ii)	Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest	[•]
		Payment Dates:	
			[The definition of "Interest Payment Date" in

<sup>(7)</sup> Applicable to Hong Kong dollar denominated Fixed Rate Notes and Renminbi denominated Fixed Rate Notes.

Condition 6(b)(ii)(C) applies.] (*Only applicable in the case of SOFR Payment Delay*)

[Screen Rate Determination/Screen Rate

Determination (SOFR)/ISDA Determination/specify other]

 Business Day Convention:
 [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention/ [specify other]]

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(iv) Additional Business Centre(s):

- (v) Manner in which the Rates of Interest and Interest Amount are to be determined:
- (vi) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of [●] Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Principal Paying Agent):
- (vii) Screen Rate Determination:
  - Reference Rate:
     [•] month [EURIBOR/HIBOR/CNH HIBOR/SOFR/specify other Reference Rate]
  - Interest Determination Date(s):
- [●] (First day of each Interest Period if Hong

Kong dollar HIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR and the second Hong Kong business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if CNH HIBOR)

– Relevant Screen Page:

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(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters Page EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)

(viii) Screen Rate Determination (SOFR):

- Reference Rate:

SOFR Benchmark – [Simple SOFR Average/Compounded SOFR Average/SOFR Index Average]

Compounded SOFR Average Method:

[Not Applicable/SOFR Observation Lag/SOFR

			Observation Shift/SOFR Payment Delay/SOFR Lockout – <i>used for Compounded</i> SOFR Average only]
	_	Interest Determination Date(s):	[The $[\bullet]$ U.S. Government Securities Business Day prior to the last day of each Interest Period – only applicable in the case of Simple SOFR Average/SOFR Observation Lag/SOFR Observation Shift/SOFR Lockout/SOFR Index Average]
			[The Specified Interest Period Date at the end of each Interest Period, provided that the Interest Determination Date with respect to the final Interest Period will be the U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately following the relevant SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date – only applicable in the case of SOFR Payment Delay]
	_	Lookback Days:	[[●] U.S. Government Securities Business Days – used for SOFR Observation Lag only]/[Not Applicable]
	_	SOFR Observation Shift Days:	[[●] U.S. Government Securities Business Days – used for the SOFR Observation Shift or SOFR Index Average only]/[Not Applicable]
	_	SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date:	[The date falling [•] Business Days prior to the end of each Interest Period, the Maturity Date or the date fixed for redemption, as applicable – used for only Simple SOFR Average (if applicable), Compounded SOFR Average – SOFR Payment Delay or SOFR Lockout only]/[Not Applicable]
	_	Interest Payment Delay Days:	[[●] U.S. Government Securities Business Days – used for SOFR Payment Delay only]/[Not Applicable]
	_	SOFR Index <sub>Start</sub> :	[Not Applicable]/[[●] U.S. Government Securities Business Days – used for SOFR Index Average only]
	_	SOFR Index <sub>End</sub> :	[Not Applicable]/[[●] U.S. Government Securities Business Days – used for SOFR Index Average only]
)	ISD	A Determination:	[Applicable / Not Applicable]

(ix)

_	ISDA Definitions:	[2006 ISDA Definitions]/[2021 ISDA Definitions]
_	Floating Rate Option:	[•]
		(Ensure this is a Floating Rate Option included in the Floating Rate Matrix (as defined in the 2021 ISDA Definitions))
_	Designated Maturity:	[●]/[Not Applicable]
		(A Designated Maturity period is not relevant where the relevant Floating Rate Option is a risk-free rate)
_	Reset Date:	[•]
_	Compounding:	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
		(If not applicable, delete the remaining items of this sub-paragraph)
_	Compounding Method:	[Compounding with Lookback
		Compounding with Lookback Period: [[•] Applicable Business Days]/[As specified in the Compounding/Averaging Matrix (as defined in the 2021 ISDA Definitions)]]
		[Compounding with Observation Period Shift Compounding with Observation Shift Period: [[•]
		Observation Period Shift Business Days]/[As specified in the Compounding/Averaging Matrix (as defined in the 2021 ISDA Definitions)]
		Set-in-Advance: [Applicable/Not Applicable]]
		[Compounding with Lockout
		Compounding with Lockout Period: [[●] Lockout Period Business Days]/[As specified in the Compounding/Averaging Matrix (as defined in the 2021 ISDA Definitions)]]
		[IOS Compounding]]

	(x)	Margin(s):	[+/-][●] per cent. per annum
	(xi)	Minimum Rate of Interest:	[●] per cent. per annum
	(xii)	Maximum Rate of Interest:	[●] per cent. per annum
	(xiii)	Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual][Actual/Actual (ISDA)]
			[Actual/365 (Fixed)]
			[Actual/365 (Sterling)]
			[Actual/360]
			[30/360][360/360][Bond Basis]
			[30E/360][Eurobond Basis]
			[30E/360 (ISDA)]
			(See Condition 6 for alternatives)
	(xiv)	Fallback provisions, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions:	[Benchmark Event/Benchmark Event (SOFR)/specify if fallback provisions different from those set out in the Conditions]
17	Zero	Coupon Note Provisions:	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
			(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub- paragraphs of this paragraph)
	(i)	Accrual Yield:	[●] per cent. per annum
	(ii)	Reference Price:	[•]
	(iii)	Any other formula/basis of determining	[•]
		amount payable:	(Consider applicable day count fraction if euro denominated)
	(iv)	Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts and late payment if Conditions 8(e)(iii) and (j) do not apply:	[Conditions 8(e)(iii) and (j) apply/specify other]
18	Index	Linked Interest Note Provisions:	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
			(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub- paragraphs of this paragraph)

	(i)	Index/Formula:	[give or annex details]
	(ii)	Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest (if not the Calculation Agent) and Interest Amount (if not the Agent):	[•]
	(iii)	Provisions for determining Coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula is impossible or impracticable:	[need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
	(iv)	Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest	[•]
		Payment Dates:	
	(v)	Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention/
			specify other]
	(vi)	Additional Business Centre(s):	[•]
	(vii)	Minimum Rate of Interest:	[●] per cent. per annum
	(viii)	Maximum Rate of Interest:	[●] per cent. per annum
	(ix)	Day Count Fraction:	[•]
19	Dual	Currency Interest Note Provisions:	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
			(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub- paragraphs of this paragraph)
	(i)	Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange:	[give details]
	(ii)	Party, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due (if not the Agent):	[•]
	(iii)	Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable:	[need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]

(iv) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable:

## **Provisions Relating to Redemption**

20 Issuer Call:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

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Appendix]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)

- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s):
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):
- (iii) If redeemable in part:
  - (a) Minimum Redemption Amount:

(b) Maximum Redemption Amount: [

(iv) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions):

[[•] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see

[[●] per Calculation Amount/*specify other*/see Appendix]

[[•] per Calculation Amount/*specify other*/see Appendix]

# [•]

(N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent)

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)

(i) Optional Redemption Date(s):

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Investor Put:

(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):

(iii) Notice period (if other than as set out in the

[•]

[•]

[[•] per Calculation Amount/*specify other*/see Appendix]

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## Conditions):

22 Final Redemption Amount of each Note:

23 Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 8(e)): (N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent)

[[●] per Calculation Amount/*specify other*/see Appendix]

[[•] per Calculation Amount/*specify other*/see Appendix]

(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is 100 per cent. of the nominal value (i.e. par), the Early Redemption Amount is likely to be par (but consider). If, however, the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, consideration should be given as to what the Early Redemption Amount should be.)

## **General Provisions Applicable to the Notes**

24 Form of Notes:

[Bearer Notes:

[Temporary Bearer Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Bearer Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]\*

[Temporary Bearer Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date]\*

[Permanent Bearer Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]\*

\*(Ensure that this is consistent with the wording in the "Form of the Notes" section in the Offering Circular and the Notes themselves. The exchange upon notice option should not be expressed to be applicable if the Specified Denomination of the Notes in paragraph 6 includes language substantially to the following effect:

"[U.S.\$200,000] and integral multiples of [U.S.\$1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [U.S.\$399,000]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a

		denomination above [U.S.\$399,000]".)
		[Registered Notes:
		Regulation S Global Note (U.S.\$[●] nominal amount)/Rule 144A Global Note (U.S.\$[●] nominal amount/Definitive IAI Registered Notes (specify nominal amounts)]
25	Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special	[Not Applicable/give details]
	provisions relating to Payment Dates:	(Note that this paragraph relates to the date of payment and not the end dates of Interest Periods for the purposes of calculating the amount of interest to which sub-paragraphs 16(iii) and 18(vi) relate)
26	Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Bearer Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):	[Yes/No. If yes, give details]
27	Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences (if any) of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment:	[Not Applicable/give details. NB: new forms of Global Note may be required for Partly Paid issues.]
28	Details relating to Instalment Notes:	
	(i) Instalment Amount(s):	[Not Applicable/give details]
	(ii) Instalment Date(s):	[Not Applicable/give details]
29	Redenomination applicable:	Redenomination [not] applicable
		[(If Redenomination is applicable, specify the applicable Day Count Fraction and any provisions necessary to deal with floating rate interest calculation (including alternative reference rates)]
30	Other terms or special conditions:	[Not Applicable/give details]
Distr	ibution	
31	(i) If syndicated, names of Managers:	[Not Applicable/give names]

	(ii) Stabilisation Manager (if any):	[Not Applicable/give name]
32	If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer:	[•]
33	U.S. selling restrictions:	[Rule 144A/Regulation S Category 2]; [TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable]
34	Additional selling restrictions:	[Not Applicable/give details]
Opera	tional Information	
35	Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream and the relevant identification number(s):	[CMU/Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s)]
36	Delivery:	Delivery [against/free of] payment
37	In the case of Registered Notes, specify the location of the office of the Registrar if other than New York:	[Not Applicable/Luxembourg]
38	In the case of Bearer Notes, specify the location of the office of the Principal Paying Agent if other than London:	[Not Applicable/Hong Kong]
39	Additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):	[•]
ISIN:	[•]	
Comm	ion Code: [●]	

(insert here any other relevant codes such as a CMU instrument number, CUSIP and CINS codes)

# General

40	The aggregate principal amount of the Notes	[Not Applicable/U.S.\$[●]]
	has [been translated into U.S. dollars at the rate of [●], producing an amount of (for Notes not	

denominated in U.S. dollars):

41 42	Use of proceeds: [Rating of the Notes:	<ul> <li>[●]</li> <li>(to specify the use of proceeds)</li> <li>[●]]</li> </ul>
43	Hong Kong SFC Code of Conduct	
	(i) Rebates:	[A rebate of $[\bullet]$ basis points is being offered by the Issuer to all private banks for orders they place (other than in relation to Notes subscribed by such private banks as principal whereby it is deploying its own balance sheet for onward selling to investors), payable upon closing of this offering based on the principal amount of the Notes distributed by such private banks to investors. Private banks are deemed to be placing an order on a principal basis unless they inform the capital market intermediaries otherwise. As a result, private banks placing an order on a principal basis (including those deemed as placing an order as principal) will not be entitled to, and will not be paid, the rebate. <sup>8</sup> / Not Applicable]

Overall Coordinators relation to omnibus orders should be Coordinators to provide / Not Applicable] sent:

(ii) Contact email addresses of the [Include relevant contact email addresses of the where Overall Coordinators where the underlying underlying investor information in investor information should be sent - Overall

(iii) Marketing and investor targeting [If different from the Offering Circular] strategy:

# [Listing Application

This Pricing Supplement comprises the final terms required to list the issue of Notes described herein pursuant to the U.S.\$4,000,000,000 Medium Term Note Programme of Hysan (MTN) Limited.]

## [Investment Considerations

There are significant risks associated with the Notes including, but not limited to, counterparty risk, country risk, price risk and liquidity risk. Investors should contact their own financial, legal, accounting and tax advisers about the risks associated with an investment in these Notes, the appropriate tools to analyse that investment, and the

<sup>(8)</sup> If paragraph 21 of the SFC Code applies to this issuance, the parties should consider preparing and circulating the Preliminary Pricing Supplement to investors prior to pricing or including the same in a BBG announcement to investors.

suitability of the investment in each investor's particular circumstances. No investor should purchase the Notes unless that investor understands and has sufficient financial resources to bear the price, market liquidity, structure and other risks associated with an investment in these Notes.

Before entering into any transaction, investors should ensure that they fully understand the potential risks and rewards of that transaction and independently determine that the transaction is appropriate given their objectives, experience, financial and operational resources and other relevant circumstances. Investors should consider consulting with such advisers as they deem necessary to assist them in making these determinations.]

# Responsibility

The Issuer and the Guarantor accept responsibility for the information contained in this Pricing Supplement.

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

Signed on behalf of the Guarantor:

By:

By:

Duly authorised

Duly authorised

If the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies any modification to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes as described herein, it is envisaged that, to the extent that such modification relates only to Conditions 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 (except Condition 8(b)), 12, 13, 14, 15 (insofar as such Notes are not listed or admitted to trading on any stock exchange) or 17, they will not necessitate the preparation of a supplement to this Offering Circular. If the Terms and Conditions of the Notes of any Series are to be modified in any other respect, a supplement to this Offering Circular will be prepared, if appropriate.

# **RISK FACTORS**

Prior to making any investment decision, prospective investors should consider carefully, together with the information contained and deemed to be contained in this Offering Circular, the risks and uncertainties described below. The business, financial condition or results of operations of the Guarantor and its subsidiaries (the "Group") could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. Additional consideration and uncertainties not presently known to the Issuer or the Guarantor, or which the Issuer or the Guarantor currently deem immaterial, may also have an adverse effect on an investment in the Notes.

#### **Risks Relating to Investments in Real Estate**

### General risks relating to real estate investment, development and management

The Group is engaged principally in the investment, development and management of real estate properties and is therefore subject to risks inherent in such activities which include: (i) adverse changes in national or economic conditions; (ii) adverse local market conditions and investment sentiment; (iii) the financial conditions of tenants, buyers and sellers of properties; (iv) changes in the relative popularity of property types and locations affecting supply and demand of a particular type of property in a given market; (v) competition among property owners for tenants; (vi) changes in interest rates, exchange rates and other operating expenses; (vii) changes in laws and regulations, including environmental and zoning laws and other governmental rules and fiscal policies; (viii) claims arising in respect of real estate acquired with undisclosed or unknown environmental problems or other inherent defects; (ix) changes in energy prices and changes in costs of labour and materials; (x) availability of land suitable for development; (xi) inability to sell developed properties on profitable terms or risk of payment default by buyers of properties; (xii) changes in availability of debt financing or the inability to obtain financing for developments on favourable terms; (xiii) insufficiency of insurance coverage and uninsurable losses; (xiv) inability of the portfolio manager to provide or procure the provision of adequate maintenance and other services; (xv) illiquidity of real estate investments; (xvi) dependence on cash flow for the maintenance of, and improvements to, the portfolio properties; (xvii) risks and operating problems arising out of the presence of certain construction materials; (xviii) project delays due to work stoppages and interruptions due to inclement weather or unforeseen engineering, environmental or geological problems and (xix) acts of God and other factors.

The Group has in place an asset enhancement programme. This involves selective refurbishment, renovation or redevelopment of its properties, such as the enhancement works at Lee Garden One, which began in February 2023, with major works to be completed in stages by late 2023. Major renovation works in Lee Garden Five also began in late 2022. In addition, renovation works at Hysan Place progressed well in the first half of 2023. The Urban Park with the indoor skateboarding park on level four unveiled, followed by the reopening of levels four and five of Hysan Place. The ground floor and basement floors (B1 and B2) of Hysan Place have also been renovated and will reopen in late 2023. The Villa Lucca project, which is the first luxury project unveiled in Tai Po's prestigious Lo Fai Road area in recent years, provides 262 garden houses and apartments, including 36 houses/mansions, 66 special apartments and 160 typical units with unit sizes ranging from 1,010 square feet to 8,030 square feet in saleable area. There is also a 34,000 square foot clubhouse complementing the residential units. Villa Lucca was granted a certificate of compliance issued by the Lands Department of Hong Kong in the first quarter of 2023. Despite uncertainties in the residential market, both the transaction price and unit rate of Villa Lucca achieved new records, which reflects buyers' appreciation of its exceptional quality. The Group also acquired 25 per cent. stake in a joint venture to develop the Urban Renewal Authority's residential project at Bailey Street / Wing Kwong Street in To Kwa Wan district in Hong Kong. The development plan was approved in February 2023, and the site will be redeveloped into three 24-storey buildings covering a total area of over 700,000 square feet. Also, the Group pre-leasing activities for Lee Gardens Shanghai resumed immediately after the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions in 2022. The lease of the first tenant commenced in the first quarter of 2023. The gross floor area for commercial activities is around 0.7 million square feet, with 375 parking spaces available. Further, the Caroline Hill Road project in Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, is progressing on schedule for opening in late 2026 and marks an important milestone in the Group's long term growth plans. Such refurbishment, renovation, re-development and development works are subject to the usual risks associated with property developments and construction including, in particular, changes in construction costs and delays in completion due to reasons such as shortages in equipment, material and labour, changes in governmental regulations including changes in building and planning regulations, delays or failure to obtain requisite construction and occupancy approvals and adverse weather conditions that may require construction workers to stop work in outdoor areas, leading to possible delays to and higher costs of construction. While the Group attempts to manage risks and control costs, there is no assurance that such major refurbishment, renovation, re-development projects will be completed on schedule or that construction costs will not exceed projected costs. Delays in completion of major enhancement works and development projects and cost overruns will adversely affect the Group's income and operating results.

# Risks affecting property rentals and values

Income from, and expenditures in relation to, the Group's investment properties may not be as expected, which may adversely affect the Group's financial condition. Income from the Group's properties may be adversely affected by the general economic climate and local conditions such as over-supply of properties or reduction in demand for properties in the market in which the Group operates, the attractiveness of the Group's properties to tenants, management style, competition from other available properties or defaults in payment of rents by tenants. The Group's income would be adversely affected if a significant number of tenants were unable to pay rent or its properties could not be rented out on favourable terms. Additionally, the Group's income will be affected if tenants seek to re-negotiate existing rents downwards.

For instance, during the outbreak of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") and due to governmental measures to prevent the spread of the virus, many of the Group's tenants saw a significant drop in customer volume. In turn, some of the Group's tenants faced difficulties in paying rental due to the sharp decline in their businesses. As such, the Group implemented measures to alleviate the burden of its tenants, including offering rental assistance in the form of concession or deferment, lease restructuring plus targeted marketing and operational support. As the COVID-19 pandemic eased, the Group saw meaningful growth in both the numbers of and spending power of the Lee Gardens Club members, with strong incremental sales generated. The recovery of retail sales surpassed that of overall retail sales in the Hong Kong. Although revival of business are expected to continue as the arrival numbers and the spending power of tourists increase, there is yet to be a rebound in the office market. Although there was an increase in office enquiries after the resumption of travel, companies have generally been cautious about taking up new space due to uncertainty in the global economic market. There has been continued negative absorption of the overall office leasing market in the first half of 2023. Although the Group's office portfolio has a relatively stable occupancy rate, there is no assurance that there will not be any fluctuations in occupancy rates. See also "Risks Relating to Hong Kong and the PRC – Risks associated with outbreak of severe communicable diseases" for more information.

In addition, profits from real estate investments may be affected by factors such as the cost of regulatory compliance, changes in laws and increased operating costs (including real estate taxes) and expenses, interest rate levels and the availability of financing. If the Group's properties do not generate revenues sufficient to meet operating expenses, debt service and capital expenditure, the Group's financial condition will be adversely affected. Capital expenditure and other expenses may be irregular since continuing repairs and maintenance involve significant, and potentially unpredictable, expenditure. Both the amount and timing of expenditure will have an impact on the cash flow of the Group. Certain significant expenditures associated with investments in real estate (such as insurance costs and operating and maintenance costs) may increase in circumstances which

also cause a reduction in income from a property, which could have an adverse effect on the financial condition and results of operations of the Group.

# Risks associated with the performance of its tenants and its financial condition

The Group is dependent to a significant degree on a limited number of tenants. The Group's financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected by a downturn in the business of those tenants whose rents make up a material proportion of the Group's operating income, which may lead to such tenants deciding not to renew their leases or to terminate their leases before they expire (in cases where tenants have termination rights exercisable by written notice). In the event of a decline in financial condition of a tenant, such tenant may be unable to pay its rents and/or other charges. If tenants default, the Group is likely to experience delays and costs in enforcing its rights as lessor. Tenants experiencing financial difficulties may also request reduction in their leased space or rent. All such factors may lead to higher tenant turnover rates which would cause higher costs incurred in lease enforcement, loss of rental income arising from delinquent rent and vacant periods and increased costs in securing new tenants, which could adversely affect the financial condition and results of operations of the Group.

# Risks of uninsured, under-insured or uninsurable losses

The Group is covered by insurance policies which cover fire, flood, other material damage to property and general liability under combined all risks material damage/business interruption and public liability insurance. While the Group believes that its properties are covered with adequate insurance provided by reputable independent insurance companies and with commercially reasonable deductibles and limits on coverage, there is no assurance that insurance against some or all of these risks will in the future continue to be available, or be available in amounts that are equal to the full market value or replacement cost of the insured assets. In addition, there can be no assurance that the particular risks which are currently insured will continue to be insurable on an economically feasible basis or at all.

# Risks associated with the illiquidity of real estate investments

Real estate investments are relatively illiquid in nature. Such illiquidity may affect the Group's ability to speedily vary its investment portfolio or liquidate part of its assets in response to changes in economic, financial, real estate market or other conditions. Certain risk factors may affect the eventual liquidity of all investments of the Group according to its realisation strategy. For instance, the Group may be unable to liquidate its assets on short notice, or may be forced to give a substantial reduction in the price that may otherwise be sought for such assets if it is under pressure for a quick sale. These factors could have an adverse effect on the Group's financial condition and results of operations. In addition, investment properties are not readily convertible to alternative uses if they become unprofitable due to competition, age, decreased demand or other factors. The conversion of investment properties to alternative uses would generally require substantial capital expenditures. In particular, the Group may be required to expend funds to maintain properties, correct defects or make improvements before an investment property can be sold. There is no assurance that the Group will have funds available for these purposes. These factors and any other factors that would impede the Group's ability to respond to adverse changes in the performance of its investment properties could affect its ability to retain tenants and to compete with other market participants, as well as affecting its results of operations.

# Risks associated with latent building or equipment defects

If any of the Group's properties has design, construction or other latent property or equipment defects, it may require additional capital expenditure, special repair or maintenance expenses or the payment of damages or other obligations to third parties. Costs or liabilities arising from such property or equipment defects may have a material adverse effect on the Group's earnings and cash flows.

## Market competition

Hong Kong properties in the office, retail, residential and carpark sectors are highly competitive. New properties and facilities built in other districts of Hong Kong as well as in the vicinity of the Group's properties may compete with the Group for tenants and occupants, which may affect the Group's ability to maintain high occupancy and utilisation levels, rental rates and carpark charges in respect of the properties. The Group may be under pressure to lower rental rates, carpark charges and incur additional capital expenditure to effect improvements or offer additional concessions to tenants to avoid falling occupancy or utilisation levels, all of which may have a negative impact on the Group's profit. For the retail properties sector, the competitive business environment among retailers in Hong Kong may also have a detrimental effect on tenants' businesses and, consequently, their ability to pay rent.

#### Risks associated with geographic and market concentration and general economic conditions

The Group derives its revenue and operating profits primarily from its Hong Kong property investment activities and is consequently dependent on the state of the Hong Kong property market. As the Group's property investment portfolio is concentrated in Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, a disaster affecting that area or changes in the political, economic and social-economic environment of Hong Kong would have a greater impact on the Group than if its properties were more geographically diversified.

Historically, the Hong Kong property market has been cyclical and Hong Kong property values have been affected by supply and demand of comparable properties, the rate of economic growth in Hong Kong, political and economic developments in the PRC and the condition of the global economy. The Group's property interests in Hong Kong are affected by the strength or weakness of Hong Kong's economy. According to the Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong's gross domestic product ("GDP") in real terms dropped by 3.5 per cent. for 2022 as compared to 2021. Based on advance estimates published by the Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department in July 2023, Hong Kong's GDP increased by 1.5 per cent. in real terms in the second quarter of 2023 as compared with an increase of 2.9 per cent. in the first quarter of 2023. On a seasonally adjusted quarter-to-quarter basis, Hong Kong's real GDP fell by 1.3 per cent. Furthermore, from 2019 to 2021, there was a decrease in inbound tourism to Hong Kong and consumer spending that cast an overall impact on the domestic economy. For the years ended 2020, 2021 and 2022, the total visitor arrivals to Hong Kong were 3.56 million, 91,398 and 604,564 respectively. From January 2023 to July 2023, the total visitor arrivals to Hong Kong had increased by 13,178.6 per cent. to around 16.5 million as compared to the same period in 2022. The number of inbound travellers have vet to resume to pre-pandemic levels. External economic conditions, such as the PRC economy, and fluctuations in interest rates, such as the recent tapering of the stimulative quantitative easing policy and the interest rate increases by the U.S. Federal Reserve, which in turn have resulted in interest rate increases in Hong Kong, could also adversely affect the commercial/retail property market in Hong Kong. There can be no assurance that rent and property values will not decline, tightening of credit provided by banks will not increase, interest rates will not rise and the Hong Kong government will not introduce further measures in the future. These factors could have an adverse effect on the economic condition of Hong Kong that may impact the Group's business, operating results and financial condition in Hong Kong. The United Kingdom (the "UK")'s exit from the European Union could also have a material adverse effect on the global economic conditions and the stability of global financial markets. The long-term impact of the UK's exit from the European Union is not known and there is considerable uncertainty as to its impact on the general economic conditions in the UK or its wider impact worldwide.

In addition, starting April 2018, there has been on-going trade tension between the PRC and the United States involving the mutual introduction of tariffs on certain imported products. Although the United States and the PRC entered into "phase one" of an economic and trade agreement in January 2020 as an initial step towards resolving the trade disputes between them, the effect of such an agreement and the amicable resolution of such a trade war remains elusive. There are also uncertainties as to when and whether "phase two" negotiations will

begin. The lasting impact that any trade war may have on the global economy and the industries that the Group operates in remain uncertain. Failure of trade negotiations between the United States and the PRC may have an adverse impact on the future economic development of the two countries. The military conflicts between Russia and Ukraine since 2022 and the resulting sanctions imposed by the United States and Europe against Russia, have adversely affected and may continue to adversely affect global trade, commodity prices and oil supply.

Other events, including the collapse of financial institutions and other entities, including PRC real estate developers which have experienced tightened cashflow and difficulties in refinancing, rising government deficits and debt levels together with downgrading of the sovereign debt of certain member states of the European Union, the bailouts and government deficit and other debt reduction measures, have had and continue to have an adverse impact on global credit and financial markets. In recent years, there have also been significant fluctuations in market interest rates. Mismatches between the supply and demand of goods and services contributed to a rise in inflation in 2021 and the United States Federal Open Market Committee (the "FOMC") raised its benchmark interest rates multiple times since March 2022 to counteract rising inflation. These fluctuations in interest rates may result in continued significant volatility in global capital markets and adversely affect business and consumer confidence. Any deterioration in the financial markets may contribute to a slowdown in the global economy, including in growth forecasts, and may lead to significant declines in employment, household wealth, consumer demand and lending. These events have had, or may have, a significant adverse impact on investors' confidence and global financial markets.

There can be no assurance that the Hong Kong leasing market will not be affected by slow demand in light of uncertain global business conditions, or that any measures or actions taken by the PRC government with an aim to increasing investors' confidence in the PRC's economy in the PRC and elsewhere in the world will be effective. Other economic developments outside Hong Kong, including but not limited to currency movements in the Renminbi, the global credit and liquidity crisis and interest rate movements in the United States, could also adversely affect the property market in Hong Kong.

In the event of economic decline, the Group may experience market pressures that affect Hong Kong property companies, such as pressures from tenants or prospective tenants to provide rent reductions or other incentives. Rental values are also affected by factors such as political developments, governmental regulations and changes in planning or tax laws, interest rate levels and inflation. New commercial and residential properties are scheduled for completion over the next few years and the additional supply of properties could also adversely affect commercial and residential rents and occupancy rates as well as sale price for new residential units. In addition, from time to time during economic downturns, the Group has experienced pressure from existing and prospective commercial tenants to provide rent reductions or longer rent free periods than usually given. This has had an impact on the Group's rental income from its commercial property investments in the past and the recurrence of such market conditions in the future may have an adverse effect on the Group's business, operating results and financial condition.

There is no assurance that the problems of oversupply, falling property prices and tightening of credit provided by lenders will not recur or that the recurrence of such problems with respect to the Hong Kong or PRC property markets will not adversely affect the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Group. Any slowdown in the economies of the United States, the European Union and certain Asian countries may adversely affect economic growth in Hong Kong, the PRC and in other jurisdictions.

# Lease renewals

The leases that the Group has granted are typically three years for office leases and retail leases and two years for residential leases. Longer lease terms may be signed on a case-by-case basis. The rents charged are generally reviewed every two to three years and are based upon prevailing market rates. Accordingly, it is possible to

have a concentration of renewal of leases or rent adjustments in a given year, and that a slowdown in the rental market in a given year could adversely affect the rental income of the Group.

# Effects of property revaluations

In accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, the Group values its investment properties at every reporting date at their open market value on the basis of an external professional valuation. Any change in the valuation is charged or credited, as the case may be, to the statement of profit or loss. The fair value of each of the Group's investment properties is likely to fluctuate with political, economic and market conditions and other risks factors in the future, and the Group's historic results, including the fair value gains, should not be regarded as an indicator of its future profit. There is no assurance that the fair value of the Group's investment properties will not decrease in the future. Any such decrease in the fair value of the Group's investment properties will reduce its profit.

In addition, the results of the Group are recorded in Hong Kong dollars but the Guarantor and its various subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures may receive revenue and incur expenses in other currencies and may hold properties valued in other currencies, including Renminbi. Any currency fluctuations on translation of the accounts of the Guarantor, these subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures and also on the repatriation of earnings, equity investments and loans may therefore impact on the Group's performance.

# PRC property market risks

The Group has an associate-level interest in the Shanghai Grand Gateway 66 project, a multi-level retail complex, office tower and residential tower project in Shanghai, the PRC. The Group holds its interest through a joint venture entity, which may involve risks associated with the ability of the joint venture partners to fulfil their obligations under the joint venture and generally of having business interests and goals which are inconsistent with those of the Group. In addition, with the acquisition of the Group's investment property in Shanghai, namely Lee Gardens Shanghai, the Group extended and implemented corporate policies and financial and operational controls to ensure that it complies with the Group's policies on corporate governance, risk management and internal controls. However, the degree of compliance and the effectiveness of any internal control may be uncertain.

The Group's interests in the Shanghai Grand Gateway 66 project and Lee Gardens Shanghai also subjects it to risks usually associated with property investment in the PRC. In the event of economic decline, the Group may experience market pressures that affect PRC property companies, such as pressures from tenants or prospective tenants to provide rent reductions. Rental values are also affected by factors such as political developments, governmental regulations and changes in planning or tax laws, interest rate levels and inflation. Additional supply of new residential and office properties in the PRC is also scheduled for completion over the next few years and such additional supply may also adversely affect residential and office rents and occupancy rates. For example, the Group may experience pressure from existing and prospective commercial tenants to provide rent reductions or longer rent-free periods than usually given. This may have an impact on the Group's rental income and therefore may have an adverse effect on the Group's business, operating results and financial condition.

# Risks associated with the effect of global credit markets on the economy and of a global economic slowdown

Economic developments outside Hong Kong could also adversely affect the property market in Hong Kong and the Group's overall business. The outlook for the world economy and financial markets remains uncertain. Global financial markets have experienced, and continue to experience, uncertainty brought on by monetary policies among the world's major economies, which may prompt a new round of volatility in capital flows. The Chinese economy has also experienced a slowdown in overall economic growth, which has led to reduced economic activity. It is uncertain whether various macroeconomic measures and monetary policies adopted by the Chinese government will be effective in sustaining the growth rate of the Chinese economy. Sustained

tension between the United States and the PRC over trade policies could significantly undermine the stability of the global economy.

In addition, the tightening of liquidity in global financial markets coupled with the withdrawal or potential withdrawal of existing monetary and fiscal stimuli measures put in place by various governments, such as austerity measures undertaken to reduce public spending, have in recent years affected the availability of credit and led to an increase in the cost of financing. The FOMC raised its benchmark interest rates in March 2022 for the first time since 2018, and the FOMC implemented multiple rounds of rate increases since 2022 to counteract rising inflation caused by supply-chain disruption during the pandemic. These fluctuations in interest rates may result in continued significant volatility in global capital markets. There is uncertainty as to the pace of future interest rates increases, which would have a material impact on global borrowing costs. The Group may face difficulty in accessing the financial markets, which could make it more difficult or expensive to obtain funding in the future. There can be no assurance that the Group will be able to raise finance at a reasonable cost. The Group may also be subject to solvency risks of its banks and of its counterparties in its financial investments and arrangements. These may have a material adverse impact on the operations of the Group.

# The Group incurred a reported loss for the year ended 31st December, 2022 and may experience reported losses in the future.

The Group incurred a loss attributable to owners of the Guarantor of HK\$1,157 million for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022, mainly arising from non-cash fair value change of investment properties. While the Group has recorded profits attributable to owners of the Guarantor for the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, there can be no assurance that such losses, whether realised or unrealised, will not be incurred in the future. The Group will need to generate more revenues to develop its business and there can be no assurance that the Group will be able to generate sufficient revenues to achieve profitable operations in the future. There is no guarantee that the Group will be successful in achieving profitability in future periods. Any failure to achieve positive earnings may, among other things, impair the Group's ability to complete future financings and increase the costs of obtaining financing.

# **Risks Relating to Hong Kong and the PRC**

# Risks associated with the political, economic and socio-economic situation in Hong Kong and the PRC may adversely affect the Group's business, financial condition or the results of its operations

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1997, Hong Kong became a Special Administrative Region of the PRC. Although Hong Kong has thus far enjoyed a relatively high degree of legislative, judicial and economic autonomy since the handover, there can be no assurance that there will not be a change in political or regulatory oversight as a consequence of the exercise of the PRC's sovereignty over Hong Kong or, should such change occur, that the Group's business, financial condition and the results of its operations will not be adversely affected.

The Group's revenue is mainly generated from its operations in Hong Kong, especially Causeway Bay which has traditionally been a popular shopping area for both the local population and tourists. Future political or economic instability or a sustained slowdown in domestic economic activities, especially in relation to property and tourism, will adversely affect the Group's business if it leads to an increase in defaults of tenants and lower rental income. Moreover, civil unrest and an uncertain political environment may decrease consumer spending and affect inbound tourism to Hong Kong, which in turn may have a negative impact on the Hong Kong economy and result in an economic slowdown. In September 2014, a civil disobedience campaign was launched, known as the "Occupy Central" movement, in Hong Kong, resulting in closure of main roads in various parts of Hong Kong Island (including Causeway Bay) and Kowloon and had a short-term adverse impact on some retailers in the affected areas. In February 2016, a protest to crackdown on illegal street food hawkers in the Mong Kok district, escalated into violence and was classified by the Hong Kong government as a riot. Throughout 2019 and in May 2020, there were protests and disruption to businesses and transportation

in various parts of Hong Kong (including Causeway Bay). Civil unrest is outside the control of the Group and there can be no assurance that further large-scale protests will not occur in the future or as to the authorities' reactions to any such protests if they recur and the effect on the stability of the political, economic and socialeconomic conditions in the region.

On 30th June, 2020, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the PRC passed the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the "Hong Kong National Security Law"), which took effect on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. The Hong Kong government stated in a press release that the purposes of the Hong Kong National Security Law are to, amongst others, prevent, curb and punish specific crimes threatening national security, maintain prosperity and stability of Hong Kong and protect the lawful rights and interests of Hong Kong residents. On 14th July, 2020, the President of the U.S. signed into law the Hong Kong Autonomy Act (the "Autonomy Act"), which authorises the President of the U.S. to impose sanctions on non-U.S. persons, entities, and financial institutions relating to the situation in Hong Kong. On the same day, the President of the U.S. issued Executive Order 13936, The President's Executive Order on Hong Kong Normalization ("EO 13936"). Under EO 13936, amongst other things, existing license exceptions and preferential status for Hong Kong under relevant U.S. export control laws and regulations are revoked. It is difficult to predict whether any trade restrictions and sanction will adversely affect the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations. Certain other foreign governments and organisations have also taken actions in response to or expressed concern regarding the enactment of the Hong Kong National Security Law and there is a risk that actions that have or may be taken will have a detrimental effect, either directly or indirectly, on Hong Kong and therefore, to the Group. There can be no assurance that the political and legal environment in the Hong Kong will remain favourable to the Group's business in future.

In addition, although the Hong Kong dollar has been linked to the U.S. dollar since 1983, there can be no assurance that such linkage will be maintained in the future. Any discontinuation of the link could adversely impact the Hong Kong economy and entail adverse consequences for the Group's business.

# Risks associated with outbreak of severe communicable diseases

The outbreak of infectious diseases such as the Influenza A (H1N1-2009), human avian influenza, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, Ebola, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, COVID-19 (including COVID-19 variants such as Delta and Omicron variants) and other events beyond the control of the Group, in Asia and elsewhere, together with any resulting restrictions on travel and/or imposition of quarantines, could have a negative impact on the economy and business activities in Asia and elsewhere and could thereby adversely impact the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations. There can be no assurance that any precautionary measures taken against infectious diseases would be effective.

Concerns about the spread of COVID-19 and H7N9 strain of flu (Avian Flu) globally and outbreaks of the H1N1 virus (Swine Flu) in North America, Europe and Asia in the past have caused governments to take measures to prevent the spread of the viruses. The outbreak of communicable diseases such as the ones listed above on a global scale may affect investment sentiment and result in sporadic volatility in global capital markets or adversely affect the PRC and other economies. In particular, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in restrictions on travel and public transport, prolonged closures of workplaces and business disruptions, which have in turn had an impact on the Group's operations. Travel restrictions, both locally and in terms of border-crossings, led to adverse effect on traffic volumes, which in turn resulted in lower revenues for the Group's various businesses, including retail, office and residential businesses. There was also a significant drop in demand for food and beverages and catering services as citizens avoided going to restaurants, shopping malls and other public places during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the Group's retail tenants experienced decline in sales due to dented local consumption demand and limited inbound tourism. Whilst travel restrictions, social distancing measures and governmental actions imposed in connection with COVID-19 have largely been lifted

in Hong Kong, there is no assurance that the economy of Hong Kong can fully recover to pre-epidemic levels. There is also no assurance that there will not be another outbreak of COVID-19 or other contagious disease in the future. Any further action taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or other contagious diseases could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business operations, financial condition and results of operations.

As a result, the global economy is facing significant uncertainties and the global financial markets are experiencing significant volatilities, which may have an adverse impact on the Group's business, financial condition, operating results and outlook.

# Risks associated with regulatory changes in Hong Kong

On 29th June, 2018, the Hong Kong government proposed a tax on vacant first-hand private residential units at two times the annual rateable value of the units (the "Vacancy Tax") to encourage developers to release residential units more quickly into the market. Under the proposal, developers of first-hand private residential units with an occupation permit issued for 12 or more months will be required to make annual returns disclosing the occupancy status of their units. Units that have not been occupied or rented out for more than six of the past 12 months will be considered vacant and subject to the Vacancy Tax, which will be collected annually. On 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, the Hong Kong government gazetted an amendment bill to implement the proposed Vacancy Tax at the Legislative Council (the "Vacancy Tax Bill"). On 23rd June, 2020, the Legislative Council decided to discontinue its scrutiny work on the Vacancy Tax Bill and did not proceed to implementing such bill. If the Vacancy Tax Bill is re-introduced and implemented, the Vacancy Tax may present a financial burden to the Group, in particular, in respect of the residential development project in Villa Lucca and To Kwa Wan, which may have an adverse effect on its business, operating results and financial condition. Furthermore, during the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to protect business tenants adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hong Kong government provided a three-month rental moratorium period for business tenants under the Temporary Protection Measures for Business Tenants (COVID-19 Pandemic) Ordinance (Cap. 644) of Hong Kong which came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2022, which prohibited landlords from taking certain actions against tenants of certain premises for failure to pay rent during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022. Despite that the three-month period of protection has expired, there can be no assurance that the Hong Kong government will not impose other rental moratoriums in the future. A continuing rental moratorium may have a negative impact on the Group's rental income and therefore may have an adverse effect on the Group's business, operating results and financial condition.

# Risks associated with the Group failing to recruit and retain skilled personnel

The Group's performance depends, in part, upon the service and performance of certain executive officers and key employees of the Group, as well as its ability to hire, train and retain qualified employees to undertake day-to-day operations. There has been greater competition for skilled personnel with relevant industry expertise and front-line staff has on occasion been in short supply. Any shortages in the future may increase competition for such personnel and hence staff turnover and/or employment costs incurred may increase. Any inability by the Group to recruit and retain skilled employees necessary for its operations, or the inability to replace such individuals with similarly qualified personnel, may limit the Group's capabilities and result in a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Group.

See also "*Risks Relating to Investments in Real Estate – General risks relating to real estate investment, development, and management*" for further information on risks relating to labour shortages and their impact on the Group's ongoing refurbishment and/or re-development projects.

## **Risks Relating to the Notes**

#### An active trading market for the Notes may not develop

There can be no assurance as to the liquidity of the Notes or that an active trading market will develop. If such a market were to develop, the Notes may trade at prices that may be higher or lower than the initial issue price depending on many factors, including prevailing interest rates, the Group's operations and the market for similar securities. The Dealers are not obliged to make a market in the Notes and any such market making, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time at the sole discretion of the relevant Dealers. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of, or trading market for, the Notes.

# The regulation and reform of "benchmark" rates of interest and indices may adversely affect the value of Notes linked to or referencing such "benchmarks"

Interest rates and indices which are deemed to be or used as "benchmarks", are the subject of national and international regulatory guidance and proposals for reform, particularly in the UK. Some of these reforms are already effective whilst others are still to be implemented. These reforms may cause such benchmarks to perform differently than in the past or to disappear entirely, or have other consequences which cannot be predicted. Any such consequence could have a material adverse effect on any Notes linked to or referencing such a benchmark. Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the "EU Benchmarks Regulation") applies, subject to certain transitional provisions, to the provision of benchmarks, the contribution of input data to a benchmark and the use of a benchmark within the EU. It will, among other things, (i) require benchmark administrators to be authorised or registered (or, if non-EU-based, to be subject to an equivalent regime or otherwise recognised or endorsed) and (ii) prevent certain uses by EU supervised entities (such as the Issuer) of benchmarks of administrators that are not authorised or registered (or, if non-EU based, not deemed equivalent or recognised or endorsed). EU Benchmarks Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the "UK Benchmarks Regulation") among other things, applies to the provision of benchmarks and the use of a benchmark in the UK. Similarly, it prohibits the use in the UK by UK supervised entities of benchmarks of administrators that are not authorised by the FCA or registered on the FCA register (or, if non-UK based, not deemed equivalent or recognised or endorsed).

The EU Benchmarks Regulation and/or the UK Benchmarks Regulation, as applicable, could have a material impact on any Notes linked to or referencing a benchmark, in particular, if the methodology or other terms of the benchmark are changed in order to comply with the requirements of the EU Benchmarks Regulation and/or the UK Benchmarks Regulation, as applicable. Such changes could, among other things, have the effect of reducing, increasing or otherwise affecting the volatility of the published rate or level of the relevant benchmark.

More broadly, any of the international or national reforms, particularly in the UK or the general increased regulatory scrutiny of benchmarks, could increase the costs and risks of administering or otherwise participating in the setting of a benchmark and complying with any such regulations or requirements.

The euro risk free-rate working group for the euro area has published a set of guiding principles for fallback provisions in, amongst other things, new euro denominated cash products (including bonds) referencing EURIBOR. The guiding principles indicate, among other things, that continuing to reference EURIBOR (without robust fallback provisions) in relevant contracts may increase the risk to the euro area financial system. On 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, the euro risk-free rate working group published its recommendations on EURIBOR fallback trigger events and fallback rates.

Such factors may have (without limitation) the following effects on certain benchmarks: (i) discouraging market participants from continuing to administer or contribute to a benchmark; (ii) triggering changes in the rules or methodologies used in the benchmark and/or (iii) leading to the disappearance of the benchmark. Any of the above changes or any other consequential changes as a result of international or national reforms, particularly

in the UK or other initiatives or investigations, could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on any Notes linked to, referencing, or otherwise dependent (in whole or in part) upon, a benchmark.

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes provide for certain fallback arrangements in the event that a Benchmark Event (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) occurs, including if an inter-bank offered rate (such as EURIBOR) or other relevant reference rate (which could include, without limitation, any mid-swap rate), and/or any page on which such benchmark may be published (or any successor service) becomes unavailable, or if any Paying Agent, Calculation Agent, the Issuer or other party is no longer permitted lawfully to calculate interest on any Notes by reference to such benchmark. Such fallback arrangements include the possibility that the rate of interest could be set by reference to a Successor Rate or an Alternative Reference Rate (both as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes), with or without the application of an Adjustment Spread (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes). Adjustment Spread is (i) the spread or a formula or methodology for calculating a spread which is formally recommended in relation to the replacement of the Reference Rate (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) with the Successor Rate by any Relevant Nominating Body (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes); (ii) if no such recommendation has been made or in the case of an Alternative Reference Rate, the spread, formula or methodology which the Independent Adviser (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (acting in a reasonable manner) (as applicable) determines is recognised or acknowledged as being in customary market usage in international debt capital markets transactions which reference the Reference Rate, where such rate has been replaced by the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable); or (iii) if the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (acting in a reasonable manner) (as applicable) determines that no such customary market usage is recognised or acknowledged, the spread, formula or methodology which the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer in its discretion (as applicable), determines (acting in a reasonable manner) to be appropriate, having regard to the objective, so far as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances, of reducing or eliminating any economic prejudice or benefit (as the case may be) to the Noteholders. There is no guarantee that any Adjustment Spread will be determined or applied. If no Adjustment Spread is determined, a Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate may nonetheless be used to determine the Rate of Interest.

The use of any such Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate or, if applied, Adjustment Spread to determine the Rate of Interest may result in Notes linked to or referencing the initial inter-bank offered rate or other relevant reference rate performing differently (including paying a lower Rate of Interest) than they would do if the initial inter-bank offered rate or other relevant reference rate (as applicable) were to continue to apply in its current form.

Under these fallback arrangements, the Issuer will use all reasonable endeavours to appoint, as soon as reasonably practicable, an Independent Adviser (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) to determine the Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) no later than five Business Days (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date (the "IA Determination Cut-off Date"), but in the event that the Issuer (acting in a reasonable manner) is unable to appoint an Independent Adviser, or such Independent Adviser fails to determine the Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable), prior to the relevant IA Determination Cut-off Date, the Issuer (acting in a reasonable manner) will have discretion to, amongst other things, determine the relevant Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable). There can be no assurance that such Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) determined by the Issuer will be set at a level which is on terms commercially acceptable to all Noteholders.

In certain circumstances, the ultimate fallback for the purposes of calculation of the Rate of Interest for a particular Interest Period may result in the Rate of Interest for the last preceding Interest Period being used. This may result in the effective application of a fixed rate for Floating Rate Notes based on the rate which was

last observed on the Relevant Screen Page. Due to the uncertainty concerning the availability of Successor Rates and Alternative Reference Rates, any determinations that may need to be made by the Issuer and the involvement of an Independent Adviser, there is a risk that the relevant fallback provisions may not operate as intended at the relevant time. Moreover, any of the above matters or any other significant change to the setting or existence of any relevant reference rate could affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations under the Floating Rate Notes or could have a material adverse effect on the value or liquidity of, and the amount payable under, the Floating Rate Notes.

Investors should consult their own independent advisers and make their own assessment about the potential risks imposed by the EU Benchmarks Regulation and/or the UK Benchmarks Regulation, as applicable, or any other international reforms, particularly in the UK, in making any investment decision with respect to any Notes linked to or referencing a benchmark.

# The use of Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR ") as a reference rate is subject to important limitations.

The rate of interest on the Floating Rate Notes may be calculated on the basis of SOFR (as further described under Condition 6(b)(ii)(C) (*Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes where the Reference Rate is specified as being SOFR Benchmark*) of the Conditions).

In June 2017, the New York Federal Reserve's Alternative Reference Rates Committee (the "ARRC") announced SOFR as its recommended alternative to U.S. dollar London inter-bank offer rate ("LIBOR"). However, the composition and characteristics of SOFR are not the same as those of LIBOR. SOFR is a broad U.S. Treasury repo-financing rate that represents overnight secured funding transactions. This means that SOFR is fundamentally different from LIBOR for two key reasons. First, SOFR is a secured rate, while LIBOR is an unsecured rate. Second, SOFR is an overnight rate, while LIBOR represents interbank funding over different maturities. As a result, there can be no assurance that SOFR will perform in the same way as LIBOR would have at any time, including, without limitation, as a result of changes in interest and yield rates in the market, market volatility or global or regional economic, financial, political, or regulatory events. For example, since publication of SOFR began in April 2018, daily changes in SOFR have, on occasion, been more volatile than daily changes in comparable benchmark or other market rates.

As SOFR is an overnight funding rate, interest on SOFR-based Notes with interest periods longer than overnight will be calculated on the basis of either the arithmetic mean of SOFR over the relevant interest period or compounding SOFR during the relevant interest period. As a consequence of this calculation method, the amount of interest payable on each interest payment date will only be known a short period of time prior to the relevant interest payment date. Noteholders therefore will not know in advance the interest amount which will be payable on such Notes.

Although the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has published historical indicative SOFR information going back to 2014, such prepublication of historical data inherently involves assumptions, estimates and approximations. Noteholders should not rely on any historical changes or trends in the SOFR as an indicator of future changes in the SOFR.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York notes on its publication page for SOFR that use of the SOFR is subject to important limitations and disclaimers, including that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York may alter the methods of calculation, publication schedule, rate revision practices or availability of the SOFR at any time without notice. In addition, SOFR is published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York based on data received from other sources. There can be no guarantee that the SOFR will not be discontinued or fundamentally altered in a manner that is materially adverse to the interests of the Noteholders. If the manner in which the SOFR is calculated is changed or if SOFR is discontinued, that change or discontinuance may result in a reduction or

elimination of the amount of interest payable on the Notes and a reduction in the trading prices of the Notes which would negatively impact the Noteholders who could lose part of their investment.

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes provide for certain fallback arrangements in the event that a SOFR Benchmark Event occurs, which is based on the ARRC recommended language. There is however no guarantee that the fallback arrangements will operate as intended at the relevant time or operate on terms commercially acceptable to all Noteholders. Investors should consult their own independent advisers and make their own assessment about the potential risks in making any investment decision with respect to any Notes linked to SOFR.

# The market continues to develop in relation to SOFR as a reference rate for Floating Rate Notes.

Investors should be aware that the market continues to develop in relation to SOFR and its adoption as an alternative to U.S. dollar LIBOR. Market participants and relevant working groups are exploring alternative reference rates based on SOFR (which seek to measure the market's forward expectation of a SOFR rate over a designated term). The market or a significant part thereof may adopt an application of SOFR that differs significantly from that set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes. In addition, the manner of adoption or application of SOFR in the bond markets may differ materially compared with the application and adoption of SOFR in other markets, such as the derivatives and loan markets. Investors should carefully consider how any mismatch between the adoption of SOFR in the bond, loan and derivatives markets may impact any hedging or other financial arrangements which they may put in place in connection with any acquisition, holding or disposal of Notes referencing SOFR.

The use of SOFR as a reference rate for bonds is nascent, and may be subject to change and development, both in terms of the substance of the calculation and in the development and adoption of market infrastructure for the issuance and trading of bonds referencing such rates. Notes referencing SOFR may have no established trading market when issued, and an established trading market may never develop or may not be very liquid which, in turn, may reduce the trading price of such Notes or mean that investors in such Notes may not be able to sell such Notes at all or may not be able to sell such Notes at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market, and may consequently suffer from increased pricing volatility and market risk. Investors should consider these matters when making their investment decision with respect to Notes referencing SOFR.

# Holding company structure

The Guarantor is a holding company that operates through subsidiaries and investments. As a result, the Guarantor's obligations under the Guarantee will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future obligations of its direct and indirect subsidiaries and associated companies. All claims of creditors of these subsidiaries and associated companies, including trade creditors, lenders and all other creditors, will have priority as to the assets of such entities over claims of the Guarantor and its creditors, including holders of the Notes as beneficiaries of the Guarantee.

As it is principally a holding company with limited operations of its own, the Guarantor will depend, to a significant extent, upon the receipt of dividends from its subsidiaries and associated companies to meet its overhead expenses and to make payments with respect to its obligations, including its obligations under the Guarantee, and in order to provide funds to its subsidiaries and associated companies. The ability of subsidiaries and associated companies of the Guarantor to pay dividends to their shareholders (including the Guarantor) is subject to the performance and cash flow requirements of such subsidiaries and associated companies and to applicable law and restrictions contained in debt instruments of such subsidiaries and associated companies if any. No assurance can be given that the Guarantor will have sufficient cash flow from dividends to satisfy its obligations, including the obligations under the Guarantee or otherwise to enable the Issuer to make payments under the Notes, or that its subsidiaries and associated companies will pay dividends at all.

# The Issuer has no material assets and relies on the Guarantor to make payments under the Notes

The Issuer, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Guarantor, was established specifically for the purpose of issuing the Notes and will on-lend the net proceeds of the issue of the Notes to other subsidiaries of the Guarantor. The Issuer does not and will not have any material assets other than amounts due to it from other subsidiaries of the Guarantor in respect of such on-loan, and its ability to make payments under the Notes will depend on its receipt of timely payments from other subsidiaries of the Guarantor in respect of such on-loan.

# If the Group is unable to comply with the restrictions and covenants contained in its debt agreements, an event of default could occur under the terms of such agreements, which could cause repayment of such debt to be accelerated

If the Group is unable to comply with the restrictions and covenants in its current or future debt and other agreements, there could be a default under the terms of these agreements. In the event of a default under these agreements, the holders of the debt could terminate their commitments to lend to the Group, accelerate the debt and declare all amounts borrowed due and payable or terminate the agreements, whichever the case may be.

# Decisions may be made on behalf of all Noteholders that may be adverse to the interests of individual Noteholders

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

# The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors

Each potential investor in any Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the relevant Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the relevant Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the relevant Notes and the impact such investment will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the relevant Notes, including where principal or interest is payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the relevant Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Some Notes are complex financial instruments and such instruments may be purchased as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Notes which are complex financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of such Notes and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

# The Notes may be represented by Global Notes and holders of a beneficial interest in a Global Note must rely on the procedures of the relevant Clearing System(s)

Notes issued under the Programme may be represented by one or more Global Notes. Such Global Notes will be deposited with a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, DTC or lodged with the CMU (each of Euroclear, Clearstream, DTC and the CMU, a "Clearing System"). Except in the circumstances described in the relevant Global Note, investors will not be entitled to receive definitive Notes. The relevant Clearing System(s) will maintain records of the beneficial interests in the Global Notes. While the Notes are represented by one or more Global Notes, investors will be able to trade their beneficial interests only through the Clearing Systems.

While the Notes are represented by one or more Global Notes, the Issuer, or failing which, the Guarantor will discharge its payment obligations under the Notes by making payments to the relevant Clearing System for distribution to their account holders or in the case of the CMU, to the persons for whose account(s) interests in such Global Note are credited as being held in the CMU in accordance with the CMU Rules.

A holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note must rely on the procedures of the relevant Clearing System(s) to receive payments under the relevant Notes. Neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor has any responsibility or liability for the records relating to, or payments made in respect of, beneficial interests in the Global Notes.

Holders of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will not have a direct right to vote in respect of the relevant Notes. Instead, such holders will be permitted to act only to the extent that they are enabled by the relevant Clearing System(s) to appoint appropriate proxies.

# Notes subject to optional redemption by the Issuer may have a lower market value than Notes that cannot be redeemed

Optional redemption features as contained in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes are likely to limit the market value of Notes. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This may also be true prior to any redemption period. The Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

# **Risks Relating to Renminbi-Denominated Notes**

Notes denominated in Renminbi ("Renminbi Notes") may be issued under the Programme. Prospective investors should carefully take into account the following risks, in addition to the other information contained in this Offering Circular, before investing in Renminbi Notes.

# Renminbi is not completely freely convertible; there are still significant restrictions on remittance of Renminbi into and outside the PRC, which may adversely affect the liquidity of the Notes

Renminbi is not completely freely convertible at present. The PRC government continues to regulate conversion between Renminbi and foreign currencies, despite the significant reduction over the years by the PRC government of control over trade transactions involving import and export of goods and services as well as other routine foreign exchange transactions. These transactions are known as current account items. While regulations in the PRC on the remittance of Renminbi into the PRC for settlement of capital account activity items are developing gradually, remittance of Renminbi by foreign investors into and out of the PRC for the purposes of capital account items, such as capital contributions, is currently generally only permitted upon obtaining specific approvals from, or completing specific registrations or filings with, the relevant authorities on a case-by-case basis and is subject to a strict monitoring system. Although starting from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2016, the Renminbi has been added to the Special Drawing Rights basket created by the International Monetary Fund and policies further improving accessibility to Renminbi to settle cross-border transactions in foreign currencies were implemented by the People's Bank of China (the "PBOC") in 2018, there is no assurance that the PRC government will liberalise its control over cross-border Renminbi remittances in the future or that new PRC regulations will not be promulgated in the future which have the effect of restricting or eliminating the remittance of Renminbi into or outside the PRC.

# There is only limited availability of Renminbi outside the PRC, which may affect the liquidity of Renminbi Notes and the Issuer's and the Guarantor's ability to source Renminbi outside the PRC to service such Renminbi Notes

As a result of the restrictions imposed by the PRC government on cross-border Renminbi fund flows, the availability of Renminbi outside of the PRC is limited. While the PBOC has entered into agreements on the clearing of Renminbi business with financial institutions in a number of financial centres and cities (the "Renminbi Clearing Banks"), including but not limited to Hong Kong, and are in the process of establishing Renminbi clearing and settlement mechanisms in several other jurisdictions (the "Settlement Arrangements"), the current size of Renminbi-denominated financial assets outside the PRC is limited.

There are restrictions imposed by the PBOC on Renminbi business participating banks in respect of cross-border Renminbi settlement, such as those relating to direct transactions with PRC enterprises. Furthermore, Renminbi business participating banks do not have direct Renminbi liquidity support from the PBOC. The Renminbi Clearing Banks only have access to onshore liquidity support from the PBOC for the purpose of squaring open positions of participating banks for limited types of transactions and are not obliged to square for participating banks any open positions resulting from other foreign exchange transactions or conversion services. In such cases, the participating banks will need to source Renminbi from outside the PRC to square such open positions.

Although it is expected that the offshore Renminbi market will continue to grow in depth and size, its growth is subject to many constraints as a result of PRC laws and regulations on foreign exchange. There is no assurance that new PRC regulations will not be promulgated or the settlement agreements will not be terminated or amended in the future which will have the effect of restricting availability of Renminbi offshore. The limited availability of Renminbi outside the PRC may affect the liquidity of the Issuer's Renminbi Notes. To the extent the Issuer or the Guarantor is required to source Renminbi in the offshore market to service its Renminbi Notes, there is no assurance that the Issuer or the Guarantor will be able to source such Renminbi on satisfactory terms, if at all.

# Investment in Renminbi Notes may be subject to PRC tax

In considering whether to invest in the Renminbi Notes, investors should consult their individual tax advisers with regard to the application of PRC tax laws to their particular situations as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any other tax jurisdictions. The value of the Noteholder's investment in the Renminbi Notes may be materially and adversely affected if the Noteholder is required to pay PRC tax with respect to acquiring, holding or disposing of and receiving payments under those Renminbi Notes.

# Investment in Renminbi Notes is subject to exchange rate risks

The value of Renminbi against the U.S. dollar and other foreign currencies fluctuates and is affected by changes in the PRC, international political and economic conditions and many other factors. Except in the limited circumstances stipulated in Condition 7(g) (*Renminbi Currency Event*) of the Notes, all payments of interest and principal will be made with respect to Renminbi Notes in Renminbi. As a result, the value of these Renminbi payments in U.S. dollar terms may vary with the prevailing exchange rates in the marketplace. If the value of Renminbi depreciates against the U.S. dollar or other applicable foreign currency between then and when the Issuer pays back the principal of the Renminbi Notes in Renminbi at maturity, the value of a Noteholder's investment in U.S. dollar or other applicable foreign currency terms will have declined.

If an investor measures its investment returns by reference to a currency other than Renminbi, an investment in the Renminbi Notes entails foreign exchange-related risks, including possible significant changes in the value of Renminbi relative to the currency by reference to which an investor measures its investment returns. Depreciation of the Renminbi against such currency could cause a decrease in the effective yield of the Renminbi Notes below their stated coupon rates and could result in a loss when the return on the Renminbi Notes is translated into such currency. In addition, there may be tax consequences for investors as a result of any foreign currency gains resulting from any investment in Renminbi Notes.

# Where RMB Currency Event is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, if Renminbi is not available in certain circumstances as described in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, the Issuer can make payments under the Renminbi Notes in U.S. Dollars

There can be no assurance that access to Renminbi for the purposes of making payments under Renminbi Notes by the Issuer or generally will remain or that new PRC regulations will not be promulgated which have the effect of restricting availability of Renminbi outside of the PRC.

Although the Issuer's primary obligation is to make all payments with respect to such Notes in Renminbi, where RMB Currency Event is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, in the event access to Renminbi becomes restricted to the extent that, by reason of Inconvertibility, Non-Transferability or Illiquidity (each as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes), the Issuer is unable to make any payment in respect of such Notes in Renminbi, the terms of such Notes permit the Issuer to make payment in U.S. dollars the prevailing spot rate of exchange, all as provided in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes. The value of these Renminbi payments in U.S. dollars may vary with the prevailing exchange rates in the market place.

# Payments in respect of Renminbi Notes will only be made to investors in the manner specified in such Renminbi Notes

All payments to investors in respect of Renminbi Notes will be made solely by (i) when the Renminbi Notes are represented by global certificates deposited with a sub-custodian for CMU, transfer to a Renminbi bank account maintained in Hong Kong in accordance with prevailing CMU rules and procedures, (ii) when the Renminbi Notes are represented by global certificates held with the common depositary, for Euroclear and Clearstream or DTC or any alternative clearing system, transfer to a Renminbi bank account maintained in Hong Kong in accordance account, Clearstream and/or DTC rules and procedures or those of such alternative clearing system, or (iii) for so long as the Renminbi Notes are in definitive form, transfer to a Renminbi bank account maintained in Hong Kong in accordance with prevailing rules and regulations. Other than as described in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, the Issuer and the Guarantor cannot be required to make payment by any other means (including in any other currency or in bank notes, by cheque or draft or by transfer to a bank account in the PRC).

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes which will be incorporated by reference into each Global Note (as defined below) and each definitive Note, in the latter case only if permitted by the rules of the relevant stock exchange and agreed by the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such definitive Note will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The applicable Pricing Supplement in relation to any Tranche of Notes may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Notes. The applicable Pricing Supplement (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Global Note and definitive Note. Reference should be made to "Form of Pricing Supplement" for a description of the content of Pricing Supplements which will specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes.

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of Notes issued by Hysan (MTN) Limited (the "Issuer") pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined below). The Notes will be guaranteed by Hysan Development Company Limited 希慎興業有限公司 (the "Guarantor").

References herein to the "Notes" shall be references to the Notes of this Series and shall mean:

- (i) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note (a "Global Note"), units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (ii) any Global Note;
- (iii) any definitive Notes in bearer form ("Bearer Notes") issued in exchange for a Global Note in bearer form; and
- (iv) definitive Notes in registered form ("Registered Notes") (whether or not issued in exchange for a Global Note in registered form).

The Notes, the Receipts (as defined below) and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an amended and restated Agency Agreement (as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "Agency Agreement") dated 8th October, 2021 and made between the Issuer, the Guarantor, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch (or, if so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch) as principal paying agent and agent bank (the "Principal Paying Agent", which expression shall include any successor principal paying agent), Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch as CMU lodging agent (the "CMU Lodging Agent", which expression shall include any successor CMU lodging agent) and the other paying agents named therein (together with the Principal Paying Agent and the CMU Lodging Agent, the "Paying Agents", which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents), Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as exchange agent (the "Exchange Agent", which expression shall include any successor exchange agent) and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (or, if so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A.) as registrar (the "Registrar", which expression shall include any successor registrar), and a transfer agent and the other transfer agents named therein (together with the Registrar, the "Transfer Agents", which expression shall include any additional or successor transfer agents). For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, all references (other than in relation to the determination of interest and other amounts payable in respect of the Notes) to the Principal Paying Agent shall, with respect to a Series of Notes to be held in the CMU (as defined below), be deemed to be a reference to the CMU Lodging Agent and all such references shall be construed accordingly.

Interest bearing definitive Bearer Notes have interest coupons ("Coupons") and, if indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement, talons for further Coupons ("Talons") attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons

shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons. Definitive Bearer Notes repayable in instalments have receipts ("Receipts") for the payment of the instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) attached on issue. Registered Notes and Global Notes do not have Receipts, Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

The Pricing Supplement for this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) is attached to or endorsed on this Note and supplements these Terms and Conditions and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Terms and Conditions, replace or modify these Terms and Conditions for the purposes of this Note. References to the "applicable Pricing Supplement" are to the Pricing Supplement (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Note.

The payment of all amounts in respect of this Note have been guaranteed by the Guarantor pursuant to a deed of guarantee (the "Guarantee") dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 executed by the Guarantor. The original of the Guarantee is held by the Principal Paying Agent on behalf of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders (each as defined below) at its specified office.

Any reference to "Noteholders" or "holders" in relation to any Notes shall mean (in the case of Bearer Notes) the holders of the Notes and (in the case of Registered Notes) the persons in whose name the Notes are registered and shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, be construed as provided below. Any reference herein to "Receiptholders" shall mean the holders of the Receipts and any reference herein to "Couponholders" shall mean the holders of the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons.

As used herein, "Tranche" means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing) and "Series" means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are entitled to the benefit of the Deed of Covenant (the "Deed of Covenant") dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 and made by the Issuer. The original of the Deed of Covenant is held by the common depositary for Euroclear (as defined below) and Clearstream, Luxembourg (as defined below).

The Guarantor has executed a Deed Poll (the "Deed Poll") dated  $14^{th}$  May, 2010 relating to certain information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144(A)(d)(4) under the Securities Act (as defined below). The original of the Deed Poll is held by the Principal Paying Agent.

Copies of the Agency Agreement, the Deed Poll, the Deed of Covenant and the Guarantee are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and the other Paying Agents and Transfer Agents (such Agents and the Registrar being together referred to as the "Agents"). Copies of the applicable Pricing Supplement are obtainable during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Agents save that, if this Note is an unlisted Note of any Series, the applicable Pricing Supplement will only be obtainable by a Noteholder holding one or more unlisted Notes of that Series and such Noteholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the relevant Agent as to its holding of such Notes and identity. The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Agency Agreement, the Guarantee, the Deed Poll, the Deed of Covenant and the applicable Pricing Supplement which are applicable to them. The statements in these Terms and Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Agency Agreement.

Words and expressions defined in the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Pricing Supplement shall have the same meanings where used in these Terms and Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or

unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement and the applicable Pricing Supplement, the applicable Pricing Supplement will prevail.

# 1 Form, Denomination and Title

The Notes are in bearer form or in registered form as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement and, in the case of definitive Notes, serially numbered, in the Specified Currency and the Specified Denomination(s). Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination and Bearer Notes may not be exchanged for Registered Notes and *vice versa*.

This Note may be a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note, an Index Linked Interest Note, a Dual Currency Interest Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

This Note may be an Index Linked Redemption Note, an Instalment Note, a Dual Currency Redemption Note, a Partly Paid Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Redemption/Payment Basis shown in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Definitive Bearer Notes are issued with Coupons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in these Terms and Conditions are not applicable.

Subject as set out below, title to the Bearer Notes, Receipts and Coupons will pass by delivery and title to the Registered Notes will pass upon registration of transfers in the register which is kept by the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement. The Issuer, the Guarantor and any Agent will (except as otherwise required by law) deem and treat the bearer of any Bearer Note, Receipt or Coupon and the registered holder of any Registered Note as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any Global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear") and/or Clearstream Banking S.A. ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") and/or a sub-custodian for the Central Moneymarkets Unit Service operated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (the "CMU"), each person (other than Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or the CMU) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or the CMU as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or the CMU as to the nominal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Agents as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such nominal amount of such Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Bearer Global Note or the registered holder of the relevant Registered Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor and any Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note and the expressions "Noteholder" and "holder of Notes" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly. Notwithstanding the above, if a Note (whether in global or definitive form) is held through the CMU, any payment that is made in respect of such Note shall be made at the direction of the bearer to the person(s) for whose account(s) interests in such Note are credited as being held through the CMU in accordance with the CMU Rules at the relevant time.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Regulation S Global Note, the registered holder of the relevant Regulation S Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor and any Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note.

For so long as The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its nominee is the registered owner or holder of a Rule 144A Global Note, DTC or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Notes represented by such Rule 144A Global Note for all purposes under the Agency Agreement and the Notes except to the extent that in accordance with DTC's published rules and procedures any ownership rights may be exercised by its participants or beneficial owners through participants.

Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the CMU, as the case may be. References to DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or the CMU shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

# 2 Transfers of Registered Notes

# (a) Transfers of interests in Registered Global Notes

Transfers of beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes will be effected by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and, in turn, by other participants and, if appropriate, indirect participants in such clearing systems acting on behalf of beneficial transferors and transferees of such interests. A beneficial interest in a Registered Global Note will, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory restrictions, be transferable for Registered Notes in definitive form or for a beneficial interest in another Registered Global Note only in the authorised denominations set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement as Specified Denominations and only in accordance with the rules and operating procedures for the time being of DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Agency Agreement. Transfers of a Rule 144A Global Note shall be limited to transfers of such Rule 144A Global Note, in whole but not in part, to a nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or such successor's nominee.

# (b) Transfers of Registered Notes in definitive form

Subject as provided in paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) below, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Agency Agreement, a Registered Note in definitive form may be transferred in whole or in part (in the authorised denominations set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement as Specified Denominations). In order to effect any such transfer (i) the holder or holders must (a) surrender the Registered Note for registration of the transfer of the Registered Note (or the relevant part of the Registered Note) at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, with the form of transfer thereon duly executed by the holder or holders thereof or his or their attorney or attorneys duly authorised in writing and (b) complete and deposit such other certifications as may be required by the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent and (ii) the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent must, after due and careful enquiry, be satisfied with the documents of title and the identity of the person making the request. Any such transfer will be subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer and the Registrar may from time to time prescribe (the initial such regulations being set out in Schedule 10 to the Agency Agreement). Subject as provided above, the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent will, within three business days (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent is located) of the request (or such longer period as may be required to comply with any applicable fiscal or other laws or regulations), authenticate and deliver, or procure the authentication and delivery of, at its specified office to the transferee or (at the risk of the transferee) send by uninsured mail, to such address as the transferee may request, a new Registered Note in definitive form of a like aggregate nominal amount to the Registered Note (or the relevant part of the Registered Note) transferred. In the case of the transfer of part only of a Registered Note in definitive form, a new Registered Note in definitive form in respect of the balance of the Registered Note not transferred will be so authenticated and delivered or (at the risk of the transferor) sent by uninsured mail to the transferor.

# (c) Registration of transfer upon partial redemption

In the event of a partial redemption of Notes under Condition 8, the Issuer shall not be required to register the transfer of any Registered Note, or part of a Registered Note, called for partial redemption.

# (d) Costs of registration

Noteholders will not be required to bear the costs and expenses of effecting any registration of transfer as provided above, except for any costs or expenses of delivery other than by regular uninsured mail and except that the Issuer may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any stamp duty, tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation to the registration.

# (e) Transfers of interests in Regulation S Global Notes

Prior to the expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period, transfers by the holder of, or of a beneficial interest in, a Regulation S Global Note to a transferee in the United States or who is a U.S. person will only be made:

- (i) upon receipt by the Registrar of a written certification substantially in the form set out in Schedule 8 to the Agency Agreement, amended as appropriate (a "Transfer Certificate"), copies of which are available from the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, from the transferor of the Note or beneficial interest therein to the effect that such transfer is being made:
  - (A) to a person whom the transferor reasonably believes is a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A; or
  - (B) to a person who is an Institutional Accredited Investor,

together with, in the case of (B), a duly executed investment letter from the relevant transferee substantially in the form set out in Schedule 9 to the Agency Agreement (an "IAI Investment Letter") and such other satisfactory evidence as the Issuer may reasonably require from the transferor, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that such transfer is in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States; or

(ii) otherwise pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or an exemption therefrom, subject to receipt by the Issuer of such satisfactory evidence as the Issuer may reasonably require from the transferor, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that such transfer is in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States,

and, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States or any other jurisdiction.

In the case of (A) above, such transferee may take delivery through a Legended Note in global or definitive form and, in the case of (B) above, such transferee may take delivery only through a Legended Note in definitive form. After expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period (i) beneficial interests in Regulation S Global Notes may be held through DTC directly, by a participant in DTC, or indirectly through a participant in DTC and (ii) such certification requirements will no longer apply to such transfers.

## (f) Transfers of interests in Legended Notes

Transfers of Legended Notes or beneficial interests therein may be made:

- (i) to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through a Regulation S Global Note, upon receipt by the Registrar of a duly completed Transfer Certificate from the transferor to the effect that such transfer is being made in accordance with Regulation S and that, if such transfer is being made prior to expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period, the interests in the Notes being transferred will be held immediately thereafter through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg; or
- (ii) to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through a Legended Note:
  - (A) where the transferee is a person whom the transferor reasonably believes is a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, without certification; or
  - (B) where the transferee is an Institutional Accredited Investor, subject to delivery to the Registrar of a Transfer Certificate from the transferor to the effect that such transfer is being made to an Institutional Accredited Investor, together with a duly executed IAI Investment Letter from the relevant transferee and such other satisfactory evidence as the Issuer may reasonably require from the transferor, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that such transfer is in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States, and, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States or any other jurisdiction;
- (iii) pursuant to the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144 under the Securities Act (if available); or
- (iv) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act.

and, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States or any other jurisdiction.

Notes transferred by Institutional Accredited Investors to QIBs pursuant to Rule 144A or outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S will be eligible to be held by such QIBs or non-U.S. Investors through DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as appropriate, and the Registrar will arrange for any Notes which are the subject of such a transfer to be represented by the appropriate Registered Global Note, where applicable.

Upon the transfer, exchange or replacement of Legended Notes, or upon specific request for removal of the legend (the "Legend"), applicable to Legended Notes, the Registrar shall deliver only Legended Notes or refuse to remove such Legend, as the case may be, unless there is delivered to the Issuer such satisfactory evidence as may reasonably be required by the Issuer, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that neither the Legend nor the restrictions on transfer set forth therein are required to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Securities Act.

# (g) Exchanges and transfers of Registered Notes generally

Holders of Registered Notes in definitive form, other than Institutional Accredited Investors, may exchange such Notes for interests in a Registered Global Note of the same type at any time.

#### (h) Closed Periods

No Noteholder may require the transfer of a Registered Note to be registered (i) during the period of 15 days ending on the due date for redemption of, or payment of any Instalment Amount in respect of, that

Note, (ii) during the period of 15 days before any date on which Notes may be called for redemption by the Issuer at its option pursuant to Condition 8(c), (iii) after any such Note has been called for redemption or (iv) during the period of seven days ending on (and including) any Record Date.

# (i) Definitions

In this Condition, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Distribution Compliance Period" means the period that ends 40 days after the completion of the distribution of each Tranche of Notes, as certified by the relevant Dealer (in the case of a non-syndicated issue) or the relevant Lead Manager (in the case of a syndicated issue);

"Institutional Accredited Investor" means institutional "accredited investors" (within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act);

"Legended Note" means Registered Notes in definitive form that are issued to Institutional Accredited Investors and Registered Notes (whether in definitive form or represented by a Registered Global Note) sold in private transactions to QIBs in accordance with the requirements of Rule 144A;

"QIB" means a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A; "Regulation S" means Regulation S under the Securities Act;

"Regulation S Global Note" means a Registered Global Note representing Notes sold outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S;

"Rule 144A" means Rule 144A under the Securities Act;

"Rule 144A Global Note" means a Registered Global Note representing Notes sold in the United States to QIBs; and

"Securities Act" means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

# 3 Status of the Notes and the Guarantee

# (a) Status of the Notes

The Notes and any relative Receipts and Coupons are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 4) unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* among themselves and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Issuer, from time to time outstanding.

# (b) Status of the Guarantee

The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 4) unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) rank equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Guarantor, from time to time outstanding.

# 4 Negative Pledge

So long as any Note remains outstanding (as defined in the Agency Agreement):

(a) neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor shall create or permit to subsist any Security Interest upon the whole or any part of its present or future undertaking, assets or revenues to secure (i) any Group Relevant Debt, (ii) any guarantee (by whomsoever given) in respect of Group Relevant Debt, (iii) any Relevant Debt

(by whomsoever issued) in respect of which the Issuer or the Guarantor has given a guarantee or (iv) any guarantee given by the Issuer or the Guarantor in respect of Relevant Debt (by whomsoever issued); and

(b) the Guarantor shall procure that none of its Material Subsidiaries will create or permit to subsist any Security Interest upon the whole or any part of its present or future undertaking, assets or revenues to secure (i) any Relevant Debt issued by the Issuer or the Guarantor, (ii) any guarantee (by whomsoever given) in respect of Relevant Debt issued by the Issuer or the Guarantor, (iii) any Relevant Debt (by whomsoever issued) in respect of which the Issuer or the Guarantor has given a guarantee or (iv) any guarantee given by the Issuer or the Guarantor in respect of Relevant Debt (by whomsoever issued),

without (i) at the same time or prior thereto securing the Notes equally and rateably therewith or (ii) providing such other security for the Notes as may be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Agency Agreement) of Noteholders.

In this Condition 4 and in Condition 11:

"Group Relevant Debt" means any Relevant Debt issued by the Issuer, the Guarantor or a Subsidiary of the Issuer or the Guarantor;

"guarantee" includes, in relation to any Indebtedness of any Person, any indemnity in respect of, or against the consequences of a default in the payment of, such Indebtedness;

"Indebtedness" means any indebtedness of any Person for money borrowed or raised including (without limitation) any indebtedness for or in respect of:

- (a) amounts raised by acceptance under any acceptance credit facility; and
- (b) amounts raised under any note purchase facility;

"Material Subsidiary" means, at any time, a Subsidiary of the Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries, other than a Project Subsidiary:

- (a) as to which one or more of the following conditions is satisfied:
  - (i) its net profits or (in the case of a Subsidiary of the Guarantor which has one or more Subsidiaries) consolidated net profits attributable to the Guarantor (in each case before taxation and extraordinary items) are at least 5 per cent. of the consolidated net profits of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries (in each case before taxation and extraordinary items); or
  - (ii) its net assets or (in the case of a Subsidiary of the Guarantor which has one or more Subsidiaries) consolidated net assets attributable to the Guarantor represent 5 per cent. or more of the consolidated net assets (after deducting minority interests in Subsidiaries) of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries;

all as calculated by reference to the then latest audited accounts (consolidated or, as the case may be, unconsolidated) of such Subsidiary and the then latest accounts of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries, provided that:

(1) in the case of a Subsidiary of the Guarantor acquired after the end of the financial period to which the then latest relevant audited accounts relate, the reference to the then latest audited accounts for the purposes of the calculation above shall, until audited accounts for the financial period in which the acquisition is made are published, be deemed to be a reference to the accounts adjusted to consolidate the latest audited accounts of the Subsidiary in the accounts;

- (2) if, in the case of a Subsidiary of the Guarantor which itself has one or more Subsidiaries, no consolidated accounts are prepared and audited, its consolidated net assets and consolidated net profits shall be determined on the basis of pro forma consolidated accounts of the relevant Subsidiary and its Subsidiaries prepared for this purpose by its auditor; and
- (3) if the accounts of a Subsidiary of the Guarantor (not being a Subsidiary referred to in (1) above) are not consolidated with those of the Guarantor, then the determination of whether or not the Subsidiary of the Guarantor is a Material Subsidiary shall be based on a pro forma consolidation of its accounts (consolidated, if appropriate) with the consolidated accounts of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries; or
- (b) to which is transferred the whole or substantially the whole of the assets and undertaking of a Subsidiary of the Guarantor which immediately prior to the transfer was a Material Subsidiary, provided that the Subsidiary of the Guarantor which so transfers its assets and undertaking shall forthwith upon the transfer cease to be a Material Subsidiary (but without prejudice to (a) above) and the Subsidiary of the Guarantor to which the assets and undertaking are so transferred shall become a Material Subsidiary; and for this purpose a certificate by the auditor of the Guarantor or any other relevant auditor as to whether or not a Subsidiary is a Material Subsidiary shall be conclusive and binding on all parties in the absence of manifest error.

The Guarantor shall upon the request of a Noteholder provide such certificate or pro forma accounts to the Noteholder as soon as practicable;

"Person" means any individual, company, corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, organisation, state or agency of a state or other entity, whether or not having separate legal personality;

"Project Finance Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness (not being Indebtedness incurred by the Guarantor) to provide finance for, or in relation to, a project in respect of which the Person or Persons to whom any such Indebtedness is or may be owed by the relevant Person (the "borrower") has or have no recourse whatsoever to the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary for the repayment thereof other than, if such borrower is not a Project Subsidiary:

- (a) recourse to the borrower for amounts limited to cash flow or net cash flow from such project; and/or
- (b) recourse to the borrower for the purpose only of enabling amounts to be claimed in respect of such Indebtedness in an enforcement or any encumbrance given by such borrower over any asset comprised in a project or the income, cash flow or other proceeds deriving from the project (or given by any shareholder or the like in the borrower over its shares or the like in the capital of the borrower) to secure such Indebtedness, provided that (i) the extent of such recourse to such borrower is limited solely to the amount of any recoveries made on any such enforcement, and (ii) such person or persons are not entitled, by virtue of any right or claim arising out of or in connection with such Indebtedness, to commence proceedings for the winding-up or dissolution of the borrower or to appoint or procure the appointment of any receiver, trustee or similar person or officer in respect of the borrower or any of its assets (save for the assets the subject of such encumbrance); and/or
- (c) recourse to such borrower generally, or directly or indirectly to the Guarantor or any other Subsidiary, under any form of assurance, undertaking or support, which recourse is limited to a claim for damages (other than liquidated damages and damages required to be calculated in a specified way) for breach of any obligation (not being a payment obligation or any obligation to procure payment by another or any indemnity in respect thereof or an obligation to comply or to procure compliance by another with any

financial ratios or other tests of financial condition) by the person against whom such recourse is available;

"Project Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of the Guarantor:

- (a) which is a single purpose company whose principal assets and activities are constituted by, or relate to, a project;
- (b) none of whose monetary obligations in respect of the project is subject to any recourse whatsoever in respect thereof to the Guarantor or any of its other Subsidiaries (other than another Project Subsidiary), except (i) in connection with an enforcement of any encumbrance given by the Guarantor or any of its other Subsidiaries over the Guarantor's or such other Subsidiary's shares or the like in the capital of such single purpose company or (ii) as expressly referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of Project Finance Indebtedness; and
- (c) which has been designated as such by the Guarantor by written notice to the Principal Paying Agent, provided that the Guarantor may give written notice to the Principal Paying Agent at any time that any Project Subsidiary is no longer a Project Subsidiary, whereupon it shall cease to be a Project Subsidiary;

"Relevant Debt" means any Indebtedness which is in the form of or represented by any bond, note, debenture, loan stock or other similar securities which is for the time being, or is issued with the intention on the part of the issuer that it should be, listed, quoted or ordinarily dealt in on any stock exchange or in any securities market (including, without limitation, any over-the-counter market), having an original maturity of more than one year from its date of issue;

"Security Interest" means any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other security interest including, without limitation, anything analogous to any of the foregoing under the laws of any jurisdiction; and "Subsidiary" has the meaning given to it in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) of Hong Kong.

# 5 Redenomination

# (a) Redenomination

Where redenomination is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as being applicable, the Issuer may, without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders, on giving 30 days' prior notice to the Principal Paying Agent, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or as applicable, the CMU and at least 30 days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15, elect that, with effect from the Redenomination Date specified in the notice, the Notes shall be redenominated in euro.

The election will have effect as follows:

(i) the Notes and the Receipts shall be deemed to be redenominated into euro in the denomination of €0.01 with a nominal amount in euro for each Note and Receipt equal to the nominal amount of that Note or Receipt in the Specified Currency, converted into euro at the Established Rate, provided that, if the Issuer determines, with the agreement of the Principal Paying Agent, that the then market practice in respect of the redenomination into euro of internationally offered securities is different from the provisions specified above, such provisions shall be deemed to be amended so as to comply with such market practice and the Issuer shall promptly notify the Noteholders, the stock exchange (if any) on which the Notes are for the time being listed and the Agents of such deemed amendments;

- (ii) save to the extent that an Exchange Notice has been given in accordance with Condition 5(a)(iv) below, the amount of interest due in respect of the Notes will be calculated by reference to the aggregate nominal amount of Notes presented (or, as the case may be, in respect of which Coupons are presented) for payment by the relevant holder and the amount of such payment shall be rounded down to the nearest €0.01;
- (iii) if definitive Notes are required to be issued after the Redenomination Date, they shall be issued at the expense of the Issuer in the denominations of €1,000, €10,000, €100,000 and (but only to the extent of any remaining amounts less than €1,000 or such smaller denominations as the Issuer in conjunction with the Principal Paying Agent may determine) €0.01 and such other denominations as the Issuer in conjunction with the Principal Paying Agent shall determine and notify to the Noteholders;
- (iv) if issued prior to the Redenomination Date, all unmatured Coupons denominated in the Specified Currency (whether or not attached to the Notes) will become void with effect from the date on which the Issuer gives notice (the "Exchange Notice") that replacement euro-denominated Notes, Receipts and Coupons are available for exchange (provided that such securities are so available) and no payments will be made in respect of them. The payment obligations contained in any Notes and Receipts so issued will also become void on that date although those Notes and Receipts will continue to constitute valid exchange obligations of the Issuer. New eurodenominated Notes, Receipts and Coupons will be issued in exchange for Notes, Receipts and Coupons denominated in the Specified Currency in such manner as the Principal Paying Agent may specify and as shall be notified to the Noteholders in the Exchange Notice. No Exchange Notice may be given less than 15 days prior to any date for payment of principal or interest on the Notes;
- (v) after the Redenomination Date, all payments in respect of the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, other than payments of interest in respect of periods commencing before the Redenomination Date, will be made solely in euro as though references in the Notes to the Specified Currency were to euro. Payments will be made in euro by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee;
- (vi) if the Notes are Fixed Rate Notes and interest for any period ending on or after the Redenomination Date is required to be calculated for a period ending other than on an interest Payment Date, it will be calculated:
  - (A) in the case of the Notes represented by a Global Note, by applying the Rate of Interest to the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); and
  - (B) in the case of definitive Notes, by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such subunit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form is the multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding;

- (vii) if the Notes are Floating Rate Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement will specify any relevant changes to the provisions relating to interest; and
- (viii) such other changes shall be made to these Conditions as the Issuer may decide, after consultation with the Principal Paying Agent, and as may be specified in the notice, to conform them to conventions then applicable to instruments denominated in euro.

## (b) Definitions

In these Conditions, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Established Rate" means the rate for the conversion of the Specified Currency (including compliance with rules relating to roundings in accordance with applicable European Union regulations) into euro established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to Article 140 of the Treaty;

"euro" and "€" means the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty;

"Redenomination Date" means (in the case of interest bearing Notes) any date for payment of interest under the Notes or (in the case of Zero Coupon Notes) any date, in each case specified by the Issuer in the notice given to the Noteholders pursuant to paragraph (a) above and which falls on or after the date on which the country of the Specified Currency first participates in the third stage of European economic and monetary union; and

"Treaty" means the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended.

## 6 Interest

### (a) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount (or, if it is a Partly Paid Note, the amount paid up) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date.

If the Notes are in definitive form, except as provided in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

As used in these Terms and Conditions, "Fixed Interest Period" means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

Except in the case of Notes in definitive form where an applicable Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, if interest is required to be calculated for a period ending other than a Fixed Interest Period, such interest shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (B) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding.

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 6(a):

- (i) if "Actual/Actual (ICMA)" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement:
  - (a) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the "Accrual Period") is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) that would occur in one calendar year; or
  - (b) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:
    - (1) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) that would occur in one calendar year; and
    - the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; or
- (ii) if "30/360" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360; or
- (iii) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365.

In these Terms and Conditions:

"Determination Period" means the period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date); and

"sub-unit" means with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, means one cent.

#### (b) Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes

(i) Interest Payment Dates

Each Floating Rate Note and Index Linked Interest Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount (or, if it is a Partly Paid Note, the amount paid up) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

- (A) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; or
- (B) if no express Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, each date (each such date, together with each Specified Interest Payment Date, an "Interest Payment Date") which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Pricing Supplement after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression shall, in these Terms and Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

(ii) Rate of Interest

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(A) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing

Supplement) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "ISDA Rate" for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by

the Principal Paying Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Principal Paying Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating (i) if "2006 ISDA Definitions" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA") and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes; or (ii) if "2021 ISDA Definitions" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the latest version of the 2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions as published by ISDA as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes (the "ISDA Definitions") and under which:

- (1) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement;
- (2) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement;
- (3) the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on the London inter-bank offered rate ("LIBOR"), on the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate ("EURIBOR"), on the Hong Kong inter-bank offered rate ("HIBOR") or the CNH Hong Kong interbank offered rate ("CNH HIBOR"), the first day of

that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; and

- (4) if the Floating Rate Option is an Overnight Floating Rate Option, the Overnight Rate Compounding Method is one of the following as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement:
  - (a) Compounding with Lookback;
  - (b) Compounding with Observation Period Shift;
  - (c) Compounding with Lockout; or
  - (d) IOS Compounding.

In connection with the Overnight Rate Compounding Method, references in the ISDA Definitions to numbers or other items specified in the relevant confirmation shall be deemed to be references to the numbers or other items specified for such purpose in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "Floating Rate", "Calculation Agent", "Floating Rate Option", "Designated Maturity", "Reset Date", "Overnight Floating Rate Option", "Overnight Rate Compounding Method", "Compounding with Lookback", "Compounding with Observation Period Shift", "Compounding with Lockout" and "OIS Compounding" have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

(B) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes (other than Floating Rate Notes where the Reference Rate is specified as being SOFR Benchmark)

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined where the Reference Rate is not SOFR Benchmark, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (1) the offered quotation; or
- (2) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR, or Hong Kong time, in the case of HIBOR) or as at 11.15 a.m. (Hong Kong time, in the case of CNH HIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Principal Paying Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Principal Paying Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for determining the Rate of Interest in the event that the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (1) above, no such

offered quotation appears or, in the case of (2) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph.

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR or HIBOR or CNH HIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(C) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes where the Reference Rate is specified as being SOFR Benchmark

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined where the Reference Rate is SOFR Benchmark, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be equal to the sum of the relevant SOFR Benchmark plus or minus (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Interest Determination Date.

The "SOFR Benchmark" will be determined based on Simple SOFR Average, Compounded SOFR Average or SOFR Index Average (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement), as follows (subject in each case to Condition 6(b)(ii)(E) (Benchmark Replacement (SOFR Benchmark))):

- (i) If Simple SOFR Average ("Simple SOFR Average") is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the SOFR Benchmark will be determined, the SOFR Benchmark for each Interest Period shall be the arithmetic mean of the SOFR reference rates for each day during such Interest Period, as calculated by the Calculation Agent, and where, if applicable and as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the SOFR reference rate on the SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date shall be used for the days in the relevant Interest Period from (and including) the SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date to (but excluding) the last day of that Interest Period.
- (ii) If Compounded SOFR Average ("Compounded SOFR Average") is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the SOFR Benchmark will be determined, the SOFR Benchmark for each Interest Period shall be equal to the value of the SOFR reference rates for each day during the relevant Interest Period (where SOFR Observation Lag, SOFR Payment Delay or SOFR Lockout is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement to determine Compounded SOFR Average) or SOFR Observation Period (where SOFR Observation Shift is specified as applicable in the applicable Pricing Supplement to determine Compounded SOFR Average).

Compounded SOFR Average shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with one of the formulas referenced below depending upon which is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement:

(1) SOFR Observation Lag:

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left(1 + \frac{SOFR_{i \rightarrow USBD} \times n_i}{360}\right) - 1\right) \times \frac{360}{d}$$

with the resulting percentage being rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) and where:

"SOFR<sub>i-xUSBD</sub>" for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" in the relevant Interest Period, is equal to the SOFR reference rate for the U.S. Government Securities Business Day falling the number of Lookback Days prior to that U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i";

"Lookback Days" means five U.S. Government Securities Business Days (or such other number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement which shall not be specified as less than five U.S. Government Securities Business Days without the prior consent of the Calculation Agent);

"d" means the number of calendar days in the relevant Interest Period;

"d<sub>o</sub>" for any Interest Period, means the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the relevant Interest Period;

"i" means a series of whole numbers ascending from one to do, each representing the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day in chronological order from (and including) the first U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the relevant Interest Period; and

"n<sub>i</sub>" for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" in the relevant Interest Period, means the number of calendar days from (and including) such U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" up to (but excluding) the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which SOFR<sub>i</sub>. <sub>xUSBD</sub> applies.

(2) SOFR Observation Shift:

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left(1 + \frac{SOFR_{i \to \times USBD} \times n_i}{360}\right) - 1\right) \times \frac{360}{d}$$

with the resulting percentage being rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) and where:

"SOFR<sub>i</sub>" for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" in the relevant SOFR Observation Period, is equal to the SOFR reference rate for that U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i";

"SOFR Observation Period" means, in respect of each Interest Period, the period from (and including) the date falling the number of SOFR Observation Shift Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Period to (but excluding) the date falling the number of SOFR Observation Shift Days prior to the last day of such Interest Period;

"SOFR Observation Shift Days" means five U.S. Government Securities Business Days (or such other number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement which shall not be specified as less than five U.S. Government Securities Business Days without the prior consent of the Calculation Agent);

"d" means the number of calendar days in the relevant SOFR Observation Period;

"do" for any SOFR Observation Period, means the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the relevant SOFR Observation Period;

"i" means a series of whole numbers ascending from one to do, each representing the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day in chronological order from (and including) the first U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the relevant SOFR Observation Period; and

"n<sub>i</sub>" for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" in the relevant SOFR Observation Period, means the number of calendar days from (and including) such U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" up to (but excluding) the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which SOFR<sub>i</sub> applies.

(3) SOFR Payment Delay:

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left(1 + \frac{SOFR_{i \to \times USBD} \times n_i}{360}\right) - 1\right) \times \frac{360}{d}$$

with the resulting percentage being rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) and where:

"SOFR<sub>i</sub>" for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" in the relevant Interest Period, is equal to the SOFR reference rate for that U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i";

"Interest Payment Delay Days" means five U.S. Government Securities Business Days (or such other number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement which shall not be specified as less than five U.S. Government Securities Business Days without the prior consent of the Calculation Agent);

"Interest Payment Date" shall be the date falling the number of Interest Payment Delay Days following each Specified Interest Period Date (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement); provided that the Interest Payment Date with respect to the final Interest Period will be the Maturity Date or the relevant date for redemption, as applicable;

"d" means the number of calendar days in the relevant Interest Period;

"d<sub>o</sub>" for any Interest Period, means the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the relevant Interest Period; "i" means a series of whole numbers ascending from one to do, each representing the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day in chronological order from (and including) the first U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the relevant Interest Period; and

"n<sub>i</sub>" for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" in the relevant Interest Period, means the number of calendar days from (and including) such U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" up to (but excluding) the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which SOFR<sub>i</sub> applies.

For the purposes of calculating Compounded SOFR Average with respect to the final Interest Period where SOFR Payment Delay is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the SOFR reference rate for each U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the period from (and including) the SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date to (but excluding) the Maturity Date or the relevant date for redemption, as applicable, shall be the SOFR reference rate in respect of such SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date.

(4) SOFR Lockout:

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left(1 + \frac{SOFR_{i \to \times USBD} \times n_i}{360}\right) - 1\right) \times \frac{360}{d}$$

with the resulting percentage being rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) and where:

"SOFR<sub>i</sub>" for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" in the relevant Interest Period, is equal to the SOFR reference rate for that U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i", except that the SOFR for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" in respect of the period from (and including) the SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date to (but excluding) the last day of such Interest Period shall be the SOFR reference rate in respect of such SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date;

"d" means the number of calendar days in the relevant Interest Period;

"d<sub>o</sub>" for any Interest Period, means the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the relevant Interest Period;

"i" means a series of whole numbers ascending from one to do, representing each relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day from (and including) the first

U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the relevant Interest Period; and

"n<sub>i</sub>" for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" in the relevant Interest Period, means the number of calendar days from (and including) such U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" up to (but excluding) the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which SOFR<sub>i</sub> applies.

The following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below for purpose of this Condition 6(b)(ii)(C) and Condition 6(b)(ii)(E) (Benchmark Replacement (SOFR Benchmark)):

"Bloomberg Screen SOFRRATE Page" means the Bloomberg screen designated "SOFRRATE" or any successor page or service;

"Reuters Page USDSOFR="means the Reuters page designated "USDSOFR="or any successor page or service;

"SOFR" means, with respect to any U.S. Government Securities Business Day, the reference rate determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following provision:

- (i) the Secured Overnight Financing Rate published at the SOFR Determination Time as such reference rate is reported on the Bloomberg Screen SOFRRATE Page; the Secured Overnight Financing Rate published at the SOFR Determination Time as such reference rate is reported on the Reuters Page USDSOFR=; or the Secured Overnight Financing Rate published at the SOFR Determination Time on the SOFR Administrator's Website;
- (ii) if the reference rate specified in (i) above does not appear and a SOFR Benchmark Transition Event and its related SOFR Benchmark Replacement Date have not occurred, the SOFR reference rate shall be the reference rate published on the SOFR Administrator's Website for the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which SOFR was published on the SOFR Administrator's Website; or
- (iii) if the reference rate specified in (i) above does not appear and a SOFR Benchmark Transition Event and its related SOFR Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred, the provisions set forth in Condition 6(b)(ii)(E) (Benchmark Replacement (SOFR Benchmark)) shall apply;

"SOFR Determination Time" means approximately 3:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the immediately following the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day.

(iii) Where SOFR Index Average ("SOFR Index Average") is specified as applicable in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the SOFR Benchmark for each Interest Period shall be equal to the value of the SOFR reference rates for each day during the relevant Interest Period as calculated by the Calculation Agent as follows:

$$\left(\frac{\text{SOFR Index}_{End}}{\text{SOFR Index}_{Start}} - 1\right) \times \left(\frac{360}{d_c}\right)$$

with the resulting percentage being rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundredthousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) and where: "SOFR Index", with respect to any U.S. Government Securities Business Day, means the SOFR Index value as published on the SOFR Administrator's Website at the SOFR Index Determination Time, provided that if such SOFR Index value is not available and:

- (i) if a SOFR Benchmark Transition Event and its related SOFR Benchmark Replacement Date have not occurred, the "SOFR Index Average" shall be calculated on any Interest Determination Date with respect to an Interest Period, in accordance with the Compounded SOFR Average formula described above in Condition 6(b)(ii)(C)(ii)(2) (SOFR Observation Shift); or
- (ii) if a SOFR Benchmark Transition Event and its related SOFR Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred, the provisions set forth in Condition 6(b)(ii)(E) (Benchmark Replacement (SOFR Benchmark)) shall apply;

"SOFR Index<sub>End</sub>" means the SOFR Index value on the date that is five U.S. Government Securities Business Days (or such other number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement which shall not be specified as less than five U.S. Government Securities Business Days without the prior consent of the Calculation Agent) prior to the last day of such Interest Period (or in the final Interest Period, the Maturity Date);

"SOFR Index<sub>Start</sub>" means the SOFR Index value on the date that is five U.S. Government Securities Business Days (or such other number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement which shall not be specified as less than five U.S. Government Securities Business Days without the prior consent of the Calculation Agent) prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Period;

"SOFR Index Determination Time" means, in relation to any U.S. Government Securities Business Day, approximately 3:00 p.m. (New York City time) on such U.S. Government Securities Business Day; and

"dc" means the number of calendar days from (and including) the day in relation to which SOFR Index<sub>Start</sub> is determined to (but excluding) the day in relation to which SOFR Index<sub>End</sub> is determined (being the number of calendar days in the applicable reference period).

The following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below for purpose of this Condition 6(b)(ii)(C):

"SOFR Administrator's Website" means the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at http://www.newyorkfed.org, or any successor source;

"SOFR Benchmark Replacement Date" means the date of occurrence of a Benchmark Event with respect to the then-current SOFR Benchmark;

"SOFR Benchmark Transition Event" means the occurrence of a Benchmark Event with respect to the then-current SOFR Benchmark;

"SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date" has the meaning given in the applicable Pricing Supplement; and

"U.S. Government Securities Business Day" or "USBD" means any day except for a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets

Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in U.S. government securities.

(D) Benchmark Replacement for Floating Rate Notes (other than Floating Rate Notes where the Reference Rate is specified as being SOFR Benchmark)

In addition, notwithstanding the provisions above in Condition 6(b) (Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index-Linked Interest Notes), if the Issuer determines that a Benchmark Event has occurred in relation to the relevant Reference Rate specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement when any Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) remains to be determined by such Reference Rate, then the following provisions shall apply:

- (i) the Issuer shall use all reasonable endeavours to appoint, as soon as reasonably practicable, an Independent Adviser to determine (acting in a reasonable manner), no later than five Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date relating to the next succeeding Interest Period (the "IA Determination Cut-off Date"), a Successor Rate or, alternatively, if there is no Successor Rate, an Alternative Reference Rate for the purposes of determining the Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) applicable to the Notes;
- (ii) if the Issuer (acting in a reasonable manner) is unable to appoint an Independent Adviser, or the Independent Adviser appointed by it fails to determine a Successor Rate or an Alternative Reference Rate prior to the IA Determination Cut-off Date, the Issuer (acting in a reasonable manner) may determine a Successor Rate or, if there is no Successor Rate, an Alternative Reference Rate;
- if a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) (iii) is determined in accordance with the preceding provisions, such Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) shall be the Reference Rate for each of the future Interest Periods (subject to the subsequent operation of, and to adjustment as provided in, this Condition 6(b)(ii)(D)); provided, however, that if sub-paragraph (ii) applies and the Issuer (acting in a reasonable manner) is unable to or does not determine a Successor Rate or an Alternative Reference Rate prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date, the Rate of Interest applicable to the next succeeding Interest Period shall be equal to the Rate of Interest last determined in relation to the Notes in respect of the preceding Interest Period (or alternatively, if there has not been a first Interest Payment Date, the rate of interest shall be the initial Rate of Interest) (subject, where applicable, to substituting the Margin, Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest that applied to such preceding Interest Period for the Margin, Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest that is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period); for the avoidance of doubt, the proviso in this sub-paragraph;
- (iv) shall apply to the relevant Interest Period only and any subsequent Interest Periods are subject to the subsequent operation of, and to adjustment as provided in, this Condition 6(b)(ii)(D);
- (v) if the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (acting in a reasonable manner) determines a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) in accordance with the above provisions, the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner) (as applicable),

may also specify changes to these Conditions, including but not limited to the Day Count Fraction, Relevant Screen Page, Business Day Convention, business days, Interest Determination Date and/or the definition of Reference Rate applicable to the Notes, and the method for determining the fallback rate in relation to the Notes, if such changes are necessary to ensure the proper operation of such Successor Rate, Alternative Reference Rate and/ or Adjustment Spread (as applicable). If the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (acting in a reasonable manner) (as applicable), determines that an Adjustment Spread is required to be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) and determines the quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining, such Adjustment Spread, then such Adjustment Spread shall be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable). If the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (acting in a reasonable manner) (as applicable) is unable to determine the quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining, such Adjustment Spread, then such Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) will apply without an Adjustment Spread. For the avoidance of doubt, the Principal Paying Agent shall, at the direction and expense of the Issuer, effect such consequential amendments to the Agency Agreement and these Conditions as may be required in order to give effect to this Condition 6(b)(ii)(D). Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder consent shall not be required in connection with effecting the Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) or such other changes, including for the execution of any documents or other steps by the Principal Paying Agent (if required); and

(vi) the Issuer shall promptly, following the determination of any Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable), give notice thereof to the Principal Paying Agent, Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders, which shall specify the effective date(s) for such Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) and any consequential changes made to these Conditions,

provided that the determination of any Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate, and any other related changes to the Notes, shall be made in accordance with applicable law.

(E) Benchmark Replacement (SOFR Benchmark)

The following provisions shall apply if Benchmark Event (SOFR) is specified as applicable in the applicable Pricing Supplement:

(i) Benchmark Replacement

If the Issuer or its designee determines on or prior to the relevant Reference Time that a Benchmark Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the-then current Benchmark, the Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Benchmark for all purposes relating to the Notes in respect of all determinations on such date and for all determinations on all subsequent dates.

(ii) Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes

In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Issuer or its designee will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, any of the Agents shall, at the direction and expense of the Issuer, effect such consequential amendments to the Agency Agreement and these Conditions as may be required to give effect to this Condition 6(b)(ii)(E). Noteholders' consent shall not be required in connection with effecting any such changes, including the execution of any documents or any steps to be taken by any of the Agents (if required). Further, none of the Agents shall be responsible or liable for any determinations, decisions or elections made by the Issuer or its designee with respect to any Benchmark Replacement or any other changes and shall be entitled to rely conclusively on any certifications provided to each of them in this regard.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the above, if in the Calculation Agent's opinion there is any uncertainty between two or more alternative courses of action in making any determination or calculation, the Calculation Agent shall promptly notify the Issuer thereof and the Issuer shall direct the Calculation Agent in writing as to which alternative course of action to adopt. If the Calculation Agent is not promptly provided with such direction, or is otherwise unable to make such calculation or determination for any reason, it shall notify the Issuer thereof and the Calculation Agent, Principal Paying Agent shall be under no obligation to make such calculation or determination and shall not incur any liability for not doing so.

Such Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes shall not impose more onerous obligations on the party responsible for determining the Rate of Interest or expose it to any additional duties or liabilities unless such party consents.

#### (iii) Decisions and Determinations

Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Issuer or its designee pursuant to this Condition 6(b)(ii)(E), including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection (i) will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, (ii) will be made in the sole discretion of the Issuer or its designee, as applicable, and (iii) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the documentation relating to the Notes, shall become effective without consent from the holders of the Notes or any other party.

The following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below for purpose of Conditions 6(b)(ii)(C) (Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes where the Reference Rate is specified as being SOFR Benchmark) and this Condition 6(b)(ii)(E):

"Benchmark" means, initially, the relevant SOFR Benchmark specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; provided that if the Issuer or its designee determines on or prior to the Reference Time that a Benchmark Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the relevant SOFR Benchmark (including any daily published component used in the calculation thereof) or the then-current Benchmark, then "Benchmark" means the applicable Benchmark Replacement;

"Benchmark Event" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark (including any daily published component used in the calculation thereof):

- (i) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark (or such component), permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or
- (ii) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component), the central bank for the currency of the Benchmark (or such component), an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Benchmark, which states that the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark (or such component) permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or
- (iii) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark announcing that the Benchmark is no longer representative;

"Benchmark Replacement" means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Issuer or its designee as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (i) the sum of:
  - (1) the alternate reference rate that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body as the replacement for the thencurrent Benchmark (including any daily published component used in the calculation thereof); and
  - (2) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (ii) the sum of:
  - (1) the ISDA Fallback Rate; and
  - (2) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment; or
- (iii) the sum of:
  - (1) the alternate reference rate that has been selected by the Issuer or its designee as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark (including any daily published component used in the calculation thereof) giving due consideration to any industry-accepted reference rate as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark (including any daily published component used in the calculation thereof) for U.S. dollar-denominated Notes at such time; and

(2) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

"Benchmark Replacement Adjustment" means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Issuer or its designee as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement;
- (ii) if the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement is equivalent to the ISDA Fallback Rate, the ISDA Fallback Adjustment; or
- (iii) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Issuer or its designee giving due consideration to any industry-accepted spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the then-current Benchmark (including any daily published component used in the calculation thereof) with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for U.S. dollar-denominated Notes at such time;

"Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes" means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, rounding of amounts or tenors, and other administrative matters) that the Issuer or its designee decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption of such Benchmark Replacement in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Issuer or its designee decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Issuer or its designee determines that no market practice for use of the Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner as the Issuer or its designee determines is reasonably necessary);

"Benchmark Replacement Date" means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark (including any daily published component used in the calculation thereof):

- (i) in the case of sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) of the definition of "Benchmark Event", the later of:
  - (1) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein; and
  - (2) the date on which the administrator of the Benchmark permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or
- (ii) in the case of sub-paragraph (iii) of the definition of "Benchmark Event", the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the event giving rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination;

"designee" means a designee as selected and separately appointed by the Issuer in writing;

"ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or any successor thereto, as amended, updated, supplemented or replaced from time to time, or any successor definitional booklet for interest rate derivatives published from time to time.

The applicable interest rate will be determined according to the fallback rules of the relevant Floating Rate Options under the ISDA Definitions. In such circumstances, the "Fallback Observation Day"(as used under the ISDA Definitions) shall mean "the date which is five Business Days preceding the related payment date". Notwithstanding anything to the contrary under the ISDA Definitions, the Calculation Agent will have no obligation to exercise any discretion (including in determining the fallback rate), and to the extent the ISDA Definitions require the Calculation Agent to exercise any such discretion, the Issuer will provide written direction to the Principal Paying Agent and Calculation Agent specifying how such discretion should be exercised, and the Principal Paying Agent and Calculation Agent will be entitled to conclusively rely on that direction and will be fully protected if it acts in accordance therewith;

"ISDA Fallback Adjustment" means the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be determined upon the occurrence of an index cessation event with respect to the Benchmark;

"ISDA Fallback Rate" means the rate that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be effective upon the occurrence of an index cessation date with respect to the Benchmark (including any daily published component used in the calculation thereof) for the applicable tenor excluding the applicable ISDA Fallback Adjustment;

"Reference Time" with respect to any determination of the Benchmark means (1) if the Benchmark is the SOFR Benchmark, the SOFR Determination Time (where Simple SOFR Average or Compounded SOFR Average is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) or SOFR Index Determination Time (where SOFR Index Average is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement); or (2) if the Benchmark is not the SOFR Benchmark, the time determined by the Issuer or its designee after giving effect to the Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes;

"Relevant Governmental Body" means the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or any successor thereto; and

"Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement" means the Benchmark Replacement excluding the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

### (iv) Minimum and/or maximum Rate of Interest

If the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest. Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Pricing Supplement the Minimum Rate of Interest shall be deemed to be zero.

If the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

#### (v) Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts

The Principal Paying Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, and the Calculation Agent, in the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. In the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, the Calculation Agent will notify the Principal Paying Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

The Principal Paying Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the "Interest Amount") payable on the Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (B) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Interest Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding.

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 6(b):

 (i) if "Actual/Actual" or "Actual/Actual (ISDA)" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);

- (ii) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (iii) if "Actual/365 (Sterling)" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (iv) if "Actual/360" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (v) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction =  $([360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] \pm [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] \pm (D_2 - D_1))$ 360

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

" $D_1$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and  $D_1$  is greater than 29, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30;

(vi) if "30E/360" or "Eurobond Basis" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$([360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] \pm [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] \pm (D_2 - D_1))$$
  
360

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

" $D_1$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30;

(vii) if "30E/36 0 (ISDA)" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$([360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] \pm [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] \pm (D_2 - D_1))$$
  
360

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30.

#### (viii) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts

The Principal Paying Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer and any stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 15 as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth London Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to each stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15. For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression "London Business Day" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in London.

(ix) Certificates to be final

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 6, whether by the Principal Paying Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Principal Paying Agent, the

Calculation Agent (if applicable), the other Agents and all Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and (in the absence as aforesaid) no liability to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent (if applicable) in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

## (c) Interest on Dual Currency Interest Notes

The rate or amount of interest payable in respect of Dual Currency Interest Notes shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

## (d) Interest on Partly Paid Notes

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

## (e) Accrual of interest

Each Note (or in the case of the redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the date for its redemption unless, upon due presentation thereof, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue until whichever is the earlier of:

- (1) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Note have been paid; and
- (2) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Notes has been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15.

# (f) Definitions

In these Terms and Conditions, if a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day on the calendar month in which an

Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (1) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 6(b)(i)(B) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (B) below shall apply mutatis mutandis or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (2) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (3) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (4) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In these Terms and Conditions:

"Adjustment Spread" means (a) a spread (which may be positive or negative or zero) or (b) a formula or methodology for calculating a spread, in each case required to be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) and is the spread, formula or methodology which:

- (i) in the case of a Successor Rate, is formally recommended in relation to the replacement of the Reference Rate with the Successor Rate by any Relevant Nominating Body; or
- (ii) in the case of a Successor Rate for which no such recommendation has been made or in the case of an Alternative Reference Rate, the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (acting in a reasonable manner) (as applicable) determines is recognised or acknowledged as being in customary market usage in international debt capital markets transactions which reference the Reference Rate, where such rate has been replaced by the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable); or
- (iii) if the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (acting in a reasonable manner) (as applicable) determines that no such customary market usage is recognised or acknowledged, the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer in its discretion (as applicable), determines (acting in a reasonable manner) to be appropriate, having regard to the objective, so far as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances and solely for the purposes of this sub-paragraph (iii) only, of reducing or eliminating any economic prejudice or benefit (as the case may be) to the Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders;

"Alternative Reference Rate" means the rate that the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) determines has replaced the relevant Reference Rate in customary market usage in the international debt capital markets for the purposes of determining rates of interest in respect of bonds denominated in the Specified Currency and of a comparable duration to the relevant Interest Period, or, if the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) determines that there is no such rate, such other rate as the

Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) determines in its discretion (acting in a reasonable manner) is most comparable to the relevant Reference Rate;

"Benchmark Event" means, in respect of a Reference Rate for Notes (other than Notes where the Reference Rate is specified as being SOFR Benchmark):

- such Reference Rate ceasing to be published for a period of at least five Business Days or ceasing to exist;
- (ii) a public statement by the administrator of such Reference Rate that it has ceased or will cease publishing such Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely (in circumstances where no successor administrator has been appointed that will continue publication of such Reference Rate);
- (iii) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of such Reference Rate that such Reference Rate has been or will be permanently or indefinitely discontinued;
- (iv) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of such Reference Rate that means such Reference Rate will be prohibited from being used either generally or in respect of the Notes or that its use will be subject to restrictions or adverse consequences;
- (v) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of such Reference Rate that, in the view of such supervisor, such Reference Rate is no longer representative of an underlying market or the methodology to calculate such Reference Rate has materially changed; or
- (vi) it has become unlawful for any Paying Agent, Calculation Agent, the Issuer or other party to calculate any payments due to be made to any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder using such Reference Rate;

provided that in the case of sub-paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this definition, the Benchmark Event shall occur on the date of the cessation of publication of such Reference Rate, the discontinuation of such Reference Rate, or the prohibition of use of such Reference Rate, as the case may be, and not the date of the relevant public statement;

"Business Day" means a day which is both:

- (A) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in any Additional Business Centre (other than TARGET2 System (as defined below)) specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement;
- (B) if TARGET2 System is specified as an Additional Business Centre in the applicable Pricing Supplement, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System (the "TARGET2 System") is open;
- (C) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro and Renminbi, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Melbourne and Wellington, respectively), (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open or (3) in relation to any sum payable in Renminbi, a day (other than Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which commercial banks in Hong Kong are generally open for business and settlement of Renminbi payments in Hong Kong.

"Independent Adviser" means an independent financial institution of international repute or other independent financial adviser of recognised standing and with appropriate expertise, in each case appointed by the Issuer at its own expense;

"Successor Rate" means the rate that the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) determines is a successor to or replacement of the Reference Rate which is formally recommended by any Relevant Nominating Body.

## 7 Payments

## (a) Method of payment

Subject as provided below:

- payments in a Specified Currency other than euro and Renminbi will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese Yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account) maintained by the payee with a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Melbourne and Wellington, respectively);
- (ii) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee; and
- (iii) payments in Renminbi will be made by transfer to a Renminbi account maintained by or on behalf of the payee with a bank in Hong Kong.

Payments will be subject in all cases to (i) any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 9 and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, or (without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 9) any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.

## (b) Presentation of definitive Notes, Receipts and Coupons

Payments of principal in respect of definitive Bearer Notes not held in the CMU will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of definitive Bearer Notes, and payments of interest in respect of definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia and its possessions)).

Payments of Instalment Amounts (if any) in respect of definitive Bearer Notes not held in the CMU, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Bearer Note in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the relevant Bearer Note in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the definitive Bearer Note to which it appertains. Receipts presented without

the definitive Bearer Note to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer. Upon the date on which any definitive Bearer Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive bearer form not held in the CMU (other than Dual Currency Notes, Index Linked Notes or Long Maturity Notes (as defined below)) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of 10 years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 9) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note in definitive bearer form becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note, Index Linked Note or Long Maturity Note in definitive bearer form not held in the CMU becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A "Long Maturity Note" is a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Fixed Rate Note which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon provided that such Note shall cease to be a Long Maturity Note on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the nominal amount of such Note.

In the case of definitive Bearer Notes held in the CMU, payment will be made at the direction of the bearer to the person(s) for whose account(s) interests in the relevant definitive Bearer Note are credited as being held with the CMU in accordance with the CMU Rules at the relevant time.

If the due date for redemption of any definitive Bearer Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant definitive Bearer Note.

## (c) Payments in respect of Bearer Global Notes

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any Bearer Global Note will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to definitive Bearer Notes and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Note (i) in the case of a Global Note lodged with the CMU, at the direction of the bearer to the person(s) for whose account(s) interests in the relevant Global Note are credited as being held by the CMU in accordance with the CMU Rules, or (ii) in the case of a Global Note not lodged with the CMU, against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States. A record of each payment made in respect of any Bearer Global Note, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Bearer Global Note (in the case of a Global Note of a Global Note for the CMU) against presentation by the Paying Agent to which it was presented or (in the case of a Global Note lodged with the CMU) on withdrawal of the Global Note by the CMU

Lodging Agent, and in each such case such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made.

### (d) Payments in respect of Registered Notes

Payments of principal (other than Instalment Amounts prior to the final instalment) in respect of each Registered Note (whether or not in global form) will be made against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the Registered Note at the specified office of the Registrar or any of the Paying Agents. Such payments will be made by transfer to the Designated Account (as defined below) of the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Note appearing in the register of holders of the Registered Notes maintained by the Registrar (the "Register") (i) where in global form, at the close of the business day (being for this purpose, in respect of Notes clearing through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are open for business, in respect of Notes clearing through the CMU, a day on which the CMU is open for business, and in respect of Rule 144A Global Notes, a day on which DTC is open for business) before the relevant due date, and (ii) where in definitive form, at the close of business on the third business day (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located) before the relevant due date. For these purposes, "Designated Account" means the account (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese Yen to a nonresident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account and, in the case of a payment in Renminbi, means a Renminbi account maintained by or on behalf of the payee with a bank in Hong Kong) maintained by a holder with a Designated Bank and identified as such in the Register and "Designated Bank" means (in the case of payment in a Specified Currency other than euro and Renminbi) a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Melbourne and Wellington, respectively), (in the case of a payment in euro) any bank which processes payments in euro and (in the case of a payment in Renminbi) a bank in Hong Kong.

In the case of a Specified Currency other than Renminbi, upon application of the holder to the specified office of the Registrar not less than three business days in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located before the due date for any payment of interest in respect of a Registered Note, the payment may be made by transfer on the due date in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph. Any such application for transfer shall be deemed to relate to all future payments of interest (other than interest due on redemption) and Instalment Amounts (other than the final instalment) in respect of the Registered Notes which become payable to the holder who has made the initial application until such time as the Registrar is notified in writing to the contrary by such holder. Payment of the interest due in respect of each Registered Note on redemption and the final instalment of principal will be made in the same manner as payment of the principal amount of such Registered Note.

Payments of interest and payments of Instalment Amounts (other than the final instalment) denominated in Renminbi in respect of each Registered Note (whether or not in global form) shall be made by transfer to the Designated Account of the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of such Registered Note appearing in the Register on the Record Date.

For these purposes "Record Date" means (i) in respect of Registered Notes in global form, the close of the business day (being for this purpose, in respect of Notes clearing through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are open for business, in respect of Notes clearing through the CMU, a day on which the CMU is open for business, and, in respect on Rule 144A Global Notes, a day on which DTC is open for business) before the relevant due date, and (ii) in respect of Registered Notes in definitive form, the close of business on the fifth day (in the case

of Renminbi) or the fifteenth day (in the case of a Specified Currency other than Renminbi), whether or not such day is a business day, before the relevant due date.

No commissions or expenses shall be charged to such holders by the Registrar in respect of any payments of principal or interest in respect of the Registered Notes.

All amounts payable to DTC or its nominee as registered holder of a Registered Global Note in respect of Notes denominated in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars shall be paid by transfer by the Registrar to an account in the relevant Specified Currency of the Exchange Agent on behalf of DTC or its nominee for payment in such Specified Currency for conversion into U.S. dollars in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement.

None of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Agents will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

## (e) General provisions applicable to payments

The holder of a Global Note (if the Global Note is not lodged with the CMU) or (if the Global Note is lodged with the CMU) the person(s) for whose account(s) interests in such Global Note are credited as being held in the CMU in accordance with the CMU Rules. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC or the CMU, as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note must look solely to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC or the CMU Lodging Agent, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor in respect of such Global Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition, if any amount of principal and/or interest in respect of Bearer Notes is payable in U.S. dollars, such U.S. dollar payments of principal and/or interest in respect of such Notes will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States only if:

- the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Bearer Notes in the manner provided above when due;
- (ii) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. dollars; and
- (iii) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer and the Guarantor, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer or the Guarantor.

## (f) Payment Day

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, "Payment Day" means any day which (subject to Condition 10) is:

(i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:

- (A) in the case of Notes in definitive form only, the relevant place of presentation;
- (B) any Additional Financial Centre (other than TARGET2 System) specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; and
- (C) if TARGET2 System is specified as an Additional Financial Centre in the applicable Pricing Supplement, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open;
- (ii) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro and Renminbi, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Melbourne and Wellington, respectively), (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open or (3) in relation to any sum payable in Renminbi, a day on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business and settlement of Renminbi payments in Hong Kong; and
- (iii) in the case of any payment in respect of a Registered Global Note denominated in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee and in respect of which an accountholder of DTC (with an interest in such Registered Global Note) has elected to receive any part of such payment in U.S. dollars, a day other than a Saturday or Sunday or any other day on which commercial banks are not authorised or required by law or regulation to be closed in New York City.

#### (g) Renminbi Currency Event

This Condition shall apply if Renminbi Currency Event is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. If any amount in respect of the Notes is payable in Renminbi and by reason of Inconvertibility, Non-transferability or Illiquidity, it is not reasonably practicable for either the Issuer or the Guarantor to satisfy such payment when due in Renminbi in Hong Kong, notwithstanding all other provisions in these Conditions, the Issuer or the Guarantor as the case may be, on giving not less than seven Determination Business Days nor more than 30 days' irrevocable notice to the Noteholders prior to the due date for payment, settle any such payment (in whole or in part) in U.S. dollars on the due date at the U.S. Dollar Equivalent of any such Renminbi denominated amount. The due date for payment shall be the originally scheduled due date or such postponed due date as shall be specified in the notice referred to above, which postponed due date may not fall more than 14 consecutive calendar days after the originally scheduled due date. Interest on the Notes, if any, will continue to accrue up to but excluding any such date for payment of principal.

For the purposes of these Conditions, the "U.S. Dollar Equivalent" of a Renminbi amount means the relevant Renminbi amount converted into U.S. dollars using the Spot Rate for the relevant Determination Date.

In this Condition:

"Determination Business Day" means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange) in Hong Kong and in New York City;

"Determination Date" means the day which is two Determination Business Days before the due date of the relevant amount under these Conditions;

"Governmental Authority" means any de facto or de jure government (or any agency or instrumentality thereof), court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority of Hong Kong or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) of Hong Kong;

"Illiquidity" means the general Renminbi exchange market in Hong Kong becomes illiquid as a result of which the Issuer or the Guarantor cannot obtain sufficient Renminbi in order to satisfy its obligation to pay interest or principal in respect of the Notes as determined by the Issuer or the Guarantor in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner following consultation with two Renminbi Dealers;

"Inconvertibility" means the occurrence of any event that makes it impossible (where it had previously been possible) for the Issuer or the Guarantor to convert any amount due in respect of the Notes in the general Renminbi exchange market in Hong Kong, other than where such impossibility is due solely to the failure of the Issuer or the Guarantor to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the relevant Issue Date and it is impossible for the Issuer or the Guarantor, due to an event beyond its control, to comply with such law, rule or regulation);

"Non-transferability" means the occurrence of any event that makes it impossible for the Issuer or the Guarantor to transfer Renminbi between accounts inside Hong Kong or from an account inside Hong Kong to an account outside Hong Kong, other than where such impossibility is due solely to the failure of the Issuer or the Guarantor to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the relevant Issue Date and it is impossible for the Issuer or the Guarantor, due to an event beyond its control, to comply with such law, rule or regulation);

"Renminbi Dealer" means an independent foreign exchange dealer of international reports active in the Renminbi exchange market in Hong Kong; and

"Spot Rate", means the spot CNY/U.S. dollar exchange rate for the purchase of U.S. dollars with Renminbi in the over-the-counter Renminbi exchange market in Hong Kong for settlement in two Determination Business Days, as determined by an agent (the "Calculation Agent") at or around 11.00 a.m. (Hong Kong time) on the Determination Date, on a deliverable basis by reference to Reuters Screen Page TRADCNY3, or if no such rate is available, on a non-deliverable basis by reference to Reuters Screen Page TRADNDF. If neither rate is available, the Calculation Agent will determine the Spot Rate at or around 11.00 a.m. (Hong Kong time) on the Determination Date as the most recently available CNY/ U.S. dollar official fixing rate for settlement in two Determination Business Days reported by The State Administration of Foreign Exchange of the PRC, which is reported on the Reuters Screen Page CNY=SAEC. Reference to a page on the Reuters Screen means the display page so designated on the Reuter Monitor Money Rates Service (or any successor service) or such other page as may replace that page for the purpose of displaying a comparable currency exchange rate.

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition by the Calculation Agent, will (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Agents and all Noteholders.

### (h) Interpretation of principal and interest

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

(i) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 9;

- (ii) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iii) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iv) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
- (v) in relation to Notes redeemable in instalments, the Instalment Amounts;
- (vi) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 8(e)); and
- (vii) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 9.

### 8 Redemption and Purchase

## (a) Redemption at maturity

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Note (including each Index Linked Redemption Note and Dual Currency Redemption Note) will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Pricing Supplement in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date.

#### (b) Redemption for tax reasons

The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (if this Note is neither a Floating Rate Note nor an Index Linked Interest Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this Note is either a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Interest Note), on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Principal Paying Agent and, in accordance with Condition 15, the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if:

- (i) on the occasion of the next payment due under the Notes, the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 9 or the Guarantor would be unable for reasons outside its control to procure payment by the Issuer and in making payment itself would be required to pay such additional amounts, in each case as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of a Tax Jurisdiction (as defined in Condition 9) or any political subdivision of, or any authority in, or of, a Tax Jurisdiction having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of the Notes; and
- (ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor taking reasonable measures available to it,

provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then due.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the Issuer shall deliver to the Principal Paying Agent (1) a certificate signed by two Directors of the Issuer or, as the case may be, two Directors of the Guarantor stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting

forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred, and (2) an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts as a result of such change or amendment.

Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 8(b) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in paragraph (e) below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

### (c) Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)

If Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Issuer may, having given:

- not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15; and
- (ii) not less than 15 days before the giving of the notice referred to in sub-paragraph (i) above, notice to:
  - (a) the Principal Paying Agent; and
  - (b) in the case of a redemption of Registered Notes, the Registrar,

(which notices shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem all or some only of the Notes then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date(s) and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Pricing Supplement together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date. Any such redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount and/or not more than the Maximum Redemption Amount, in each case as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed ("Redeemed Notes") will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, and in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC and/or the CMU, (as appropriate) in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the "Selection Date"). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 15 not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. The aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes or represented by a Global Note shall in each case bear the same proportion to the aggregate nominal amount of all Redeemed Notes as the aggregate nominal amount of definitive Notes outstanding and Notes outstanding represented by such Global Note, respectively, bears to the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes outstanding, in each case on the Selection Date, provided that, if necessary, appropriate adjustments shall be made to such nominal amounts to ensure that each represents an integral multiple of the Specified Denomination. No exchange of the relevant Global Note will be permitted during the period from (and including) the Selection Date to (and including) the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this paragraph (c) and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 at least five days prior to the Selection Date.

#### (d) Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)

(A) If Investor Put is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement

If Investor Put is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, upon the holder of any Note giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 15 not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem, subject to, and in accordance with,

the terms specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, such Note on the Optional Redemption Date(s) and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date.

(B) Put Option Exercise Procedures

If this Note is in definitive form, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must deliver such Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar falling within the notice period, accompanied by a duly completed and signed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar (a "Put Notice") and in which the holder must specify a bank account to which payment is to be made under this Condition accompanied by, if this Note is in definitive form, this Note or evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent concerned that this Note will, following delivery of the Put Notice, be held to its order or under its control and, in the case of Registered Notes, the nominal amount thereof to be redeemed and, if less than the full nominal amount of the Registered Notes so surrendered is to be redeemed, an address to which a new Registered Note in respect of the balance of such Registered Notes is to be sent subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Condition 2(b). Registered Notes may be redeemed under this Condition 8(d) in any multiple of their lowest Specified Denomination.

Any Put Notice given by a holder of any Note pursuant to this paragraph shall be irrevocable except where prior to the due date of redemption an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 11 below) shall have occurred and be continuing in which event such holder, at its option, may elect by notice to the Issuer to withdraw the notice given pursuant to this paragraph and instead to declare such Note forthwith due and payable pursuant to Condition 11.

#### (e) Early Redemption Amounts

For the purpose of paragraph (b) above and Condition 11, each Note will be redeemed at its Early Redemption Amount calculated as follows:

- (i) in the case of a Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note, an Instalment Note and a Partly Paid Note) with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof;
- (ii) in the case of a Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note but including an Instalment Note and Partly Paid Note) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be less or greater than the Issue Price or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Note is denominated, at the amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Pricing Supplement or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, at its nominal amount; or
- (iii) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note, at an amount (the "Amortised Face Amount") calculated in accordance with the following formula:

Early Redemption Amount = RP x  $(1 + AY)^{y}$  where:

"RP" means the Reference Price; and "AY" means the Accrual Yield; and

"y" is a fraction the numerator of which is equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date

of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator of which is 360, or on such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

### (f) Instalments

Instalment Notes will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates. In the case of early redemption, the Early Redemption Amount will be determined pursuant to paragraph (e) above.

### (g) Partly Paid Notes

Partly Paid Notes will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this Condition and the applicable Pricing Supplement.

### (h) Purchases

The Issuer, the Guarantor or any Subsidiary of the Issuer or the Guarantor may at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of definitive Bearer Notes, all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all Noteholders alike. All Notes so purchased will be surrendered to any Paying Agent and/or the Registrar for cancellation.

## (i) Cancellation

All Notes which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled (together with all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All Notes so cancelled and the Notes purchased and cancelled pursuant to paragraph (h) above (together with all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons cancelled therewith) shall be forwarded to the Principal Paying Agent and may not be reissued or resold.

### (j) Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 11 is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in paragraph (e)(iii) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for the redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and payable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (ii) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Zero Coupon Notes has been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15.

## 9 Taxation

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons by the Issuer or the Guarantor will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of any Tax Jurisdiction unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and

interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon:

- (a) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who is liable for such taxes or duties in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with a Tax Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of such Note, Receipt or Coupon; or
- (b) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined below) except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day assuming that day to have been a Payment Day (as defined in Condition 7(f)); or
- (c) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder of such Note, Receipt or Coupon who, at the time of such presentation, is able to avoid such withholding or deduction by making a declaration of nonresidence or other similar claim for exemption and does not make such declaration or claim.

As used herein:

- "Tax Jurisdiction" means the British Virgin Islands or any political subdivision or any authority thereof
  or therein having power to tax (in the case of payments by the Issuer) or Hong Kong or any political
  subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax (in the case of payments by the
  Guarantor); and
- (ii) the "Relevant Date" means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which,

the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15.

# 10 Prescription

The Notes (whether in bearer or registered form), Receipts and Coupons will become void unless presented for payment within a period of 10 years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 9) therefor.

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 7(b) or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 7(b).

# 11 Events of Default

If any one or more of the following events (each, an "Event of Default") occurs and is continuing:

- Non-payment: the Issuer fails to pay any amount of principal in respect of the Notes within seven days of the due date for payment thereof or fails to pay any amount of interest in respect of the Notes within fourteen days of the due date for payment thereof; or
- (ii) Breach of other obligations: the Issuer or the Guarantor defaults in the performance or observance of any of its other obligations under or in respect of the Notes or the Guarantee and such default remains unremedied for 30 days after written notice thereof, addressed to the Issuer and the Guarantor by any Noteholder, has been delivered to the Issuer and the Guarantor or to the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent: or

- (iii) Cross default of Issuer, Guarantor or Material Subsidiary:
  - any Indebtedness (other than Project Finance Indebtedness) of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Material Subsidiaries is not paid when due or (as the case may be) within any applicable grace period; or
  - (2) any such Indebtedness (other than Project Finance Indebtedness) becomes due and payable prior to its stated maturity by reason of an event of default, howsoever described; or
  - (3) the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Material Subsidiaries fails to pay when due any amount payable by it under any guarantee of any Indebtedness (other than Project Finance Indebtedness);

provided that the amount of Indebtedness referred to in sub-paragraph (1) and/or subparagraph (2) above and/or the amount payable under any guarantee referred to in subparagraph (3) above individually or in the aggregate exceeds U.S.\$30,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies); or

- (iv) Unsatisfied judgment: one or more judgment(s) or order(s) for the payment of an amount exceeding U.S.\$30,000,000 is rendered against the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Material Subsidiaries and continues(s) unsatisfied and unstayed for a period of 30 days after the date(s) thereof or, if later, the date thereof or, if later, the date therein specified for payment; or
- (v) Security enforced: a secured party takes possession, or a receiver, manager or other similar officer is appointed (other than as a result of any default under Project Finance Indebtedness), of the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking, assets and revenues of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Material Subsidiaries; or
- (vi) Insolvency etc: (1) the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Material Subsidiaries becomes insolvent or is unable to pay its debts as they fall due, (2) an administrator or liquidator of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Material Subsidiaries or the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking, assets and revenues of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Material Subsidiaries is appointed (other than as a result of any default under Project Finance Indebtedness), (3) the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Material Subsidiaries enters into an agreement or takes any proceedings under applicable law for the readjustment or deferment of its obligations generally, or its obligations together constituting a class) or makes a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors or declares a moratorium in respect of its Indebtedness (or any guarantees of any Indebtedness given by it) generally, or in respect of such Indebtedness (or such guarantees) of a particular class (whether to a class as a whole or individually to a set of Indebtedness or guarantees together constituting a class) or (4) the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Material Subsidiaries ceases or threatens to cease to carry on all or a substantial part of its business; or
- (vii) Winding up etc: an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding up, liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Material Subsidiaries (otherwise than for the purposes of or pursuant to an amalgamation, reorganisation or restructuring whilst solvent); or
- (viii) *Analogous event*: any event occurs which under the laws of the British Virgin Islands or Hong Kong has an analogous effect to any of the events referred to in paragraphs (iv) to (vii) above; or
- (ix) Failure to take action etc: any action, condition or thing at any time required to be taken, fulfilled or done in order (1) to enable the Issuer and the Guarantor lawfully to enter into, exercise their respective rights and perform and comply with their respective obligations under and in respect of the Notes and the Guarantee, (2) to ensure that those obligations are legal, valid, binding and enforceable and (3) to

make the Notes, the Coupons and the Guarantee admissible in evidence in the courts of the British Virgin Islands and Hong Kong is not taken, fulfilled or done; or

- (x) *Unlawfulness*: it is or will become unlawful for the Issuer or the Guarantor to perform or comply with any of its payment obligations under or in respect of the Notes or the Guarantee; or
- (xi) *Guarantee not in force*: the Guarantee is not (or is claimed by the Guarantor not to be) in full force and effect; or
- (xii) Government intervention: all or a substantial part of the undertaking, assets and revenues of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Material Subsidiaries is condemned, seized or otherwise appropriated by any person acting under the authority of any national, regional or local government; or
- (xiii) Controlling shareholder: the Issuer ceases to be a Subsidiary of the Guarantor,

then any holder of a Note may, by written notice addressed to the Issuer and the Guarantor delivered to the Issuer and the Guarantor and to the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent, effective upon the date of receipt thereof by the Principal Paying Agent, declare any Notes held by the holder to be forthwith due and payable whereupon the same shall become forthwith due and payable at the Early Redemption Amount (as described in Condition 8(e)), together with accrued interest (if any) to the date of repayment, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind.

# 12 Replacement of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons

Should any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced subject to applicable laws, regulations and relevant stock exchange regulations at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent or the Paying Agent in Hong Kong (in the case of Bearer Notes, Receipts or Coupons) or the Registrar or the Transfer Agent in Hong Kong (in the case of Registered Notes) upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar (as the case may be) may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## 13 Agents

The names of the initial Agents and their initial specified offices are set out below.

The Issuer is entitled to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and/or appoint additional or other Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Agent acts, provided that:

- (a) there will at all times be a Principal Paying Agent and a Registrar;
- (b) so long as the Notes are listed on any stock exchange, there will at all times be a Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) and a Transfer Agent (in the case of Registered Notes) with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange (or any other relevant authority); and
- (c) so long as any of the Registered Global Notes denominated in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars are held through DTC or its nominee, there will at all times be an Exchange Agent.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in Condition 7(e). Any variation, termination, appointment or change referred to in the preceding paragraph and/or any appointment referred to in this paragraph shall only take effect (other than in

the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15.

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders. The Agency Agreement contains provisions permitting any entity into which any Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor agent.

## 14 Exchange of Talons

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 10.

## 15 Notices

All notices regarding the Bearer Notes will be deemed to be validly given if published in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Hong Kong. It is expected that such publication will be made in the South China Morning Post in Hong Kong. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any stock exchange (or any other relevant authority) on which the Bearer Notes are for the time being listed. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers.

All notices regarding the Registered Notes will be deemed to be validly given if sent by first class mail or (if posted to an address overseas) by airmail to the holders (or the first named of joint holders) at their respective addresses recorded in the Register and will be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after mailing and, in addition, for so long as any Registered Notes are listed on a stock exchange and the rules of that stock exchange so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by the rules of that stock exchange.

Until such time as any definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as any Global Notes representing the Notes are held in their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or the CMU and/or DTC, be substituted for such publication in such newspaper(s) the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/ or the CMU and/or DTC for communication by them to the holders of the Notes and, in addition, for so long as any Notes are listed on a stock exchange and the rules of that stock exchange (or any other relevant authority) so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by that stock exchange (or any other relevant authority). Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Notes on the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or the CMU and/or DTC.

Notices to be given by any Noteholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Note in definitive form) with the relative Note or Notes, with the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes). Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any holder of a Note to the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC and/or, in the case of Notes lodged with the CMU, by delivery by such holder of such notice to the CMU Lodging Agent in Hong Kong, as the case may

be, in such manner as the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar, the CMU Lodging Agent and Euroclear and/ or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC and/or the CMU, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

Receiptholders and Couponholders will be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to Noteholders in accordance with this Condition 15.

#### 16 Meetings of Noteholders, Modification and Waiver

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or any of the provisions of the Agency Agreement. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or Noteholders holding not less than ten per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing more than 50 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons (including modifying the date of maturity of the Notes or any date for payment of interest thereon, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons), the quorum shall be one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing not less than one-third in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders.

The Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to any modification (except as mentioned above) of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or the Agency Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of the law.

Any such modification shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and any such modification shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 as soon as practicable thereafter.

#### **17 Further Issues**

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders to create and issue further notes having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Notes.

## **18 Currency Indemnity**

The currency in which the Notes are denominated or, if different, payable, as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement (the "Contractual Currency"), is the sole currency of account and payment for all sums payable by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, in respect of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons, the Guarantee and the Deed of Covenant, including damages. Any amount received or recovered in a currency other than the Contractual Currency (whether as a result of, or of the enforcement of, a judgement or order of a court of any jurisdiction or otherwise) by any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder in respect of any sum expressed to be due to it from the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, shall only constitute a discharge to the

Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, to the extent of the amount in the Contractual Currency which such Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder is able to purchase with the amount so received or recovered in that other currency on the date of that receipt or recovery (or, if it is not practicable to make that purchase on that date, on the first date on which it is practicable to do so). If that amount is less than the amount in the Contractual Currency expressed to be due to any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, shall indemnify such Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder against any loss sustained by such Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder as a result. In any event, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, shall indemnify each such Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder against any cost of making such purchase which is reasonably incurred. These indemnities constitute a separate and independent obligation from the Issuer's or, as the case may be, the Guarantor's other obligations, shall give rise to a separate and independent cause of action, shall apply irrespective of any indulgence granted by any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder and shall continue in full force and effect despite any judgement, order, claim or proof for a liquidated amount in respect of any sum due in respect of the Notes or any judgement or order. Any such loss aforesaid shall be deemed to constitute a loss suffered by the relevant Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder and no proof or evidence of any actual loss will be required by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor.

## 19 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

No rights are conferred on any person under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Note, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

## 20 Governing Law and Submission to Jurisdiction

#### (a) Governing law

The Agency Agreement, the Guarantee, the Deed of Covenant, the Deed Poll, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with any of these documents are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.

#### (b) Submission to jurisdiction

The Issuer agrees, for the exclusive benefit of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and/or the Coupons (including a dispute relating to any non- contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with these documents) and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as "Proceedings") arising out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons (including any Proceedings relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with these documents) may be brought in such courts.

The Issuer hereby irrevocably waives any objection which it may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any such Proceedings in any such court and any claim that any such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and hereby further irrevocably agrees that a judgment in any such Proceedings brought in the English courts shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.

Nothing contained in this Condition shall limit any right to take Proceedings against the Issuer in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.

## (c) Appointment of Process Agent

The Issuer appoints Hackwood Secretaries Limited at its registered office at One Silk Street, London EC2Y 8HQ, England as its agent for service of process, and undertakes that, in the event of Hackwood Secretaries Limited ceasing so to act or ceasing to be registered in England, it will appoint another person as its agent for service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect the right to serve proceedings in any other manner permitted by law.

#### (d) Other documents and the Guarantor

The Issuer and, where applicable, the Guarantor have in the Agency Agreement, the Guarantee, the Deed of Covenant and the Deed Poll submitted to the jurisdiction of the English courts and appointed an agent for service of process in terms substantially similar to those set out above.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds of any Notes issued under the Programme shall be used by the Group for general corporate purposes. If, in respect of any particular issue, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER**

The Issuer, incorporated in the British Virgin Islands on 29th October, 2001 pursuant to the International Business Companies Act (Cap. 291) and automatically re-registered under the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 (as revised) on 1st January, 2007, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Guarantor. As at the date of this Offering Circular, it has an authorised share capital of U.S.\$50,000, divided into 50,000 shares of U.S.\$1.00 each, of which one share has been issued. The Issuer was established to raise financing for the Guarantor and its subsidiaries. As at the date hereof the Issuer has no subsidiary.

The directors of the Issuer as at the date of this Offering Circular are:

Lee Irene Yun-Lien; Lui Kon Wai; and Hao Shu Yan

Lee Irene Yun-Lien and Lui Kon Wai are also directors of the Guarantor. Lui Kon Wai and Hao Shu Yan are senior executives of the Guarantor. The directors of the Issuer do not have any interest in the Issuer. Ms. Lee and Mr. Hao have interests in the Guarantor's shares. Ms. Lee, Mr. Lui and Mr. Hao have been granted share options in shares of the Guarantor under the Guarantor's 2005 and/or 2015 share option schemes.

Details of options granted to and interests in the Guarantor's shares of Lee Irene Yun-Lien, Lui Kon Wai and Hao Shu Yan are disclosed in the section headed "Description of the Guarantor – Guarantor Directors' and Issuer Directors' interests in shares".

The registered office of the Issuer is Vistra Corporate Services Centre, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands. The correspondence address of each of the directors of the Issuer for the purposes of his or her directorship in the Issuer is 50th Floor, Lee Garden One, 33 Hysan Avenue, Hong Kong.

The Issuer has no employees.

The following table sets out the outstanding debt securities of the Issuer (all of which are non-listed except for the Notes that marked with an asterisk\* below, which are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange) as at the date of this Offering Circular together with their respective coupon amount and year of maturity. The Issuer has no outstanding debt securities other than the debt securities listed below:

Description and principal amount of debt	Coupon amount	Year of maturity
HK\$404,000,000 Notes	4.10% per annum	2023
HK\$150,000,000 Notes	1.75% per annum	2024
HK\$200,000,000 Notes	4.00% per annum	2025
HK\$300,000,000 Notes	3.66% per annum	2025
HK\$1,000,000 Notes	2.10% per annum	2025
HK\$300,000,000 Notes	3.33% per annum	2026
HK\$400,000,000 Notes	1.50% per annum	2026
CNY\$200,000,000 Notes	3.55% per annum	2026
CNY\$250,000,000 Notes	3.15% per annum	2026
HK\$150,000,000 Notes	4.50% per annum	2027
HK\$500,000,000 Notes	2.73% per annum	2027
U.S.\$400,000,000 Notes*	2.875% per annum	2027
HK\$500,000,000 Notes	3.10% per annum	2029
HK\$250,000,000 Notes	3.05% per annum	2029
U.S.\$500,000 Notes*	2.82% per annum	2029
HK\$400,000,000 Notes	2.90% per annum	2031

Description and principal amount of debt	Coupon amount	Year of maturity
HK\$250,000,000 Notes	4.41% per annum	2033
HK\$300,000 Notes	4.30% per annum	2033
HK\$500,000 Notes	3.64% per annum	2034
HK\$250,000,000 Notes	2.81% per annum	2034
HK\$400,000 Notes	2.85% per annum	2035
U.S.\$225,000,000 Notes	3.55% per annum	2035

## **CAPITALISATION AND INDEBTEDNESS OF THE GUARANTOR**

The following table sets out the consolidated capitalisation and indebtedness of the Guarantor as at 30th June, 2023 on an actual basis. Except as otherwise disclosed herein, there has been no material change in the Guarantor's capitalisation since 30th June, 2023.

	As at 30th June, 2023
	(in HK\$ million)
Total long-term debt <sup>(1)</sup>	29,230
Capital and reserves	
– Share capital <sup>(2)</sup>	7,723
– Reserves	61,006
Equity attributable to owners of the Guarantor	68,729
Perpetual capital securities	10,224
Other non-controlling interests <sup>(3)</sup>	2,854
Total shareholders' equity	81,807
Total capitalisation <sup>(4)</sup>	111,037

Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> Total long-term debt includes non-current borrowings and amount due to non-controlling interest. As at 30th June, 2023, HK\$4,728 million of the Group's non-current liabilities was due to other non-controlling interests in one subsidiary, which are unsecured, interest-free and for the development of a commercial site at Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

<sup>(2)</sup> As at 30th June, 2023, the Guarantor had an issued and fully paid-up share capital of approximately HK\$7,723 million, consisting of 1,027,008,223 ordinary shares. The Guarantor has no authorised share capital and its shares have no par value since the coming into force of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) of Hong Kong on 3rd March, 2014.

The Guarantor was authorised at its Annual General Meetings to repurchase its own ordinary shares not exceeding 10 per cent. of the total number of its issued shares as at the dates of the resolutions being passed. The Guarantor may repurchase its shares from time to time pursuant to such authorisation and, as at 30th June, 2023, the Guarantor did not repurchase any ordinary shares since 1st January, 2023 on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

<sup>(3)</sup> As at 30th June, 2023, HK\$210 million of the Group's current liabilities was due to other non-controlling interests in one of the operating subsidiaries, which are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

<sup>(4)</sup> Total capitalisation includes total shareholders' equity and total long-term debt.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE GUARANTOR**

#### Introduction

The Guarantor is principally engaged, together with its subsidiaries and joint ventures, in property investment, management and development. The Guarantor was incorporated on 20th October, 1970 in Hong Kong as a limited company under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. Listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange since 1981, the Guarantor is also a constituent stock of the Morgan Stanley Capital International – Hong Kong Index. Based on the closing price of its shares on 30th June, 2023, the Guarantor had a market capitalisation of approximately HK\$19,636 million.

The Guarantor dates its property experience from the 1920s, when the founding Lee family began to engage in property and other businesses in Hong Kong. Lee Hysan Company Limited ("LHC"), is a substantial shareholder of the Guarantor, holding approximately 42.17 per cent. of the Guarantor's issued shares as at 30th June, 2023.

As at 30th June, 2023, the Group's operated property interests in Hong Kong and China amount to approximately 5.3 million square feet of gross floor area. The Group's investment property portfolio was valued at HK\$96,732 million as at 30th June, 2023. Further details on the breakdown of this information may be found under "*Investment Property Portfolio*".

The Group believes that it is a leading commercial landlord based in the prime office/retail Causeway Bay area in Hong Kong. The Group believes that its property portfolio is well balanced between its office and retail segments, which has enabled it to be relatively resilient in the current market situation. With such a portfolio, the Group has placed itself in a strategic position that offers protection against market volatility in either the office or the retail segment.

#### **Financial Summary**

The summary financial information of the Guarantor as at and for the years ended 31st December, 2021 and 2022 and the six months ended 30th June, 2022 and 2023 set forth below has been extracted without material adjustment from the audited consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor as at and for the years ended 31st December, 2021 and 2022 and the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor as at and for the six months ended 30th June, 2023, respectively.

#### **Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss**

	Year ended 31st December,		Six months ended 30th June	
	2022	2021	2023	2022
	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)
Turnover	3,460	3,608	1,611	1,777
Property expenses	(567)	(499)	(264)	(248)
Gross profit	2,893	3,109	1,347	1,529
Investment income	248	92	138	135
Other gains and losses	(2)	(8)	(32)	16
Administrative expenses	(332)	(274)	(145)	(145)
Finance costs	(423)	(393)	(231)	(172)
Change in fair value of investment properties	(3,213)	(720)	(754)	(985)

	Year ended 31st December,		Six months er	nded 30th June,
	2022	2021	2023	2022
	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)
Share of results of:				
associates	274	458	146	147
joint venture	(52)	(3)	17	(8)
(Loss) profit before taxation	(607)	2,261	486	517
Taxation	(342)	(358)	(153)	(182)
(Loss) profit for the year	(949)	1,903	333	335
(Loss) profit for the year attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	(1,157)	1,383	190	71
Perpetual capital securities holders	450	459	221	230
Other non-controlling interests	(242)	61	(78)	34
	(949)	1,903	333	335
(Loss) earnings per share (expressed in HK cents)				
Basic	(112)	133	19	7
Diluted	(112)	133	19	7

# Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Year ended 31st December,		Year ended 31st December, Six month		Year ended 31st December, Six months ended 30st		ded 30th June,
	2022	2021	2023	2022			
	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)			
(Loss) profit for the year	(949)	1,903	333	335			
Other comprehensive (expenses) income							
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:							
(Loss) gain on revaluation of properties held for own use (net of tax)	(6)	(18)	2	(2)			
Change in fair value of equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive							
income ("FVTOCI")	(42)	314	(94)	21			
	(48)	296	(92)	19			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:							
Exchange difference on translation of subsidiaries	(311)	-	(164)	(153)			
Net adjustments to hedging reserve	17	(20)	(65)	139			

	Year ended 31st December,		Six months ended 30th June,	
	2022	2021	2023	2022
	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)
Share of translation reserve of an				
associate	(557)	167	(141)	(270)
	(851)	147	(370)	(284)
Other comprehensive (expenses) income for the year (net of tax)	(899)	443	(462)	(265)
Total comprehensive (expenses) income for the year	(1,848)	2,346	(129)	70
Total comprehensive (expenses) income attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	(2,056)	1,826	(272)	(194)
Perpetual capital securities holders	450	459	221	230
Other non-controlling interests	(242)	61	(78)	34
	(1,848)	2,346	(129)	70

## **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

	Year end	As of 30th June,	
	2022	2021	2023
	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	96,787	95,107	96,732
Property, plant and equipment	623	472	608
Investments in associates	5,491	5,995	5,496
Loans to associates	10	10	8
Investments in joint ventures	473	475	723
Loans to joint ventures	3,485	1,256	3,496
Other financial investments	2,035	1,780	1,934
Debt securities	992	843	903
Deferred tax asset	96	90	96
Other financial assets	383	9	354
Other receivables	442	1,835	632
	110,817	107,872	110,982
Current assets			
Accounts and other receivables	562	887	425

	Year end	As of 30th June,	
	2022	2021	2023
	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)	(in HK\$ million)
Debt securities	-	171	94
Other financial assets	15	-	-
Tax recoverable	-	39	-
Time deposits	5,211	1,866	3,695
Cash and cash equivalents	2,560	6,538	666
	8,348	9,501	4,880
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accruals	1,026	820	931
Deposits from tenants	387	372	321
Amounts due to non-controlling interests	214	214	210
Borrowings	3,244	531	1,054
Taxation payable	32	-	79
	4,903	1,937	2,595
Net current assets	3,445	7,564	2,285
Total assets less current liabilities	114,262	115,436	113,267
Non-current liabilities			
Amounts due to non-controlling interests	4,635	7,639	4,728
Borrowings	24,033	18,126	24,502
Other financial liabilities	514	149	510
Deposits from tenants	498	546	511
Deferred taxation	1,171	1,091	1,209
	30,851	27,551	31,460
Net assets	83,411	87,885	81,807
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	7,723	7,723	7,723
Reserves	62,477	66,147	61,006
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	70,200	73,870	68,729
Perpetual capital securities	10,224	10,657	10,224
Other non-controlling interests	2,987	3,358	2,854
Total equity	83,411	87,885	81,807

## Strategy

The Group is engaged principally in the investment, development and management of high quality investment properties in Hong Kong. In order to create and sustain value as well as achieve growth, the Group focuses on four main strategies: (1) maximising the value of its existing investment property portfolio; (2) selectively pursuing property development opportunities; (3) actively managing its portfolio mix to preserve a defensive market position while having the flexibility to pursue value creation opportunities; and (4) maintaining a strong and flexible financial position.

## Maximising the value of its existing investment property portfolio

The Group's investment properties, which generate rental income for the Guarantor, are intended to be held for the long term. The Group therefore seeks to strengthen the long-term value of its investment property portfolio and enhance its cash flow from operations by maximising the value of such properties.

The Group oversees the development, leasing and management of its investment property portfolio. It believes that its integrated approach enables it to maintain close relationships with its customers, thereby being in a position to anticipate and respond to customer needs more effectively. It also ensures uniformity in service standards and ultimately the quality of accommodation and services provided to customers.

It is also the Group's strategy to maximise retention of quality tenants. The Group believes that having quality tenants maximises a property's stability. By having the leases rolled over and hence reducing the rental income fluctuations caused by void periods, a property's cash flow and value are enhanced. At the same time, the Group seeks to attract further quality tenants to its portfolio.

In order to keep its portfolio competitive, the Group continually reviews the performance of individual properties and invests in selective capital improvement projects, which include refurbishment, market repositioning and re-development.

With its core retail portfolio located in the retail hub of Causeway Bay, the Group aims at providing a variety of offerings to cater for different customer needs.

## **Property Investment Activities**

## Overview

The Group's core commercial property investment portfolio is concentrated in Causeway Bay. Located on Hong Kong Island, Causeway Bay is a major commercial district and is also an established retail and entertainment hub of Hong Kong Island.

The Group has a quality office tenant base from a broad range of industries. The banking and finance, co-work, professional and consulting, tech and medical and health segments maintained the top five slots in the Group's office portfolio. The Group's portfolio also includes prime retail space in the Causeway Bay shopping district, providing a variety of retail shops and restaurants. The range is from luxury retail and fine dining at the Lee Gardens property portfolio to trendy and lifestyle themes around the Lee Theatre area and the Hysan Place area. In addition, the Group has also invested in high quality residential properties in the high-end Mid-Levels area, being the Bamboo Grove development.

The table below shows the turnover and occupancy rate for office, retail and residential segments for the period indicated:

	Year ended 31st December,		Six months ended 30th Jun		
	2022	2022	2022 2021	2023	2022
	in HK\$ million	in HK\$ million	in HK\$ million	in HK\$ million	
Turnover					
Office	1,578	1,728	745	805	
Retail	1,643	1,620	762	846	
Residential	239	260	104	126	
	3,460	3,608	1,611	1,777	

	Year ended 31st December,		Six months ended 30th June,	
-	2022	2021	2023	2022
Occupancy Rates		·		
Office	90%	94%	89%	91%
Retail	99%	99%	98%	98%
Residential	61%	71%	61%	71%

# Investment Property Portfolio

The following tables set out details of the Group's investment property portfolio as at 30th June, 2023

	Approximate Gross Floor Area in Square Feet <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Carparks	Year of Completion/ Acquisition	Percentage Held by the Group
Commercial Property Portfolio				
Hysan Place	716,000	66	2012	100%
Lee Garden One	903,000	200	1997	100%
Lee Garden Two	621,000	167	1992	65.36%
Lee Garden Three	467,000	201	2017	100%
Lee Garden Five	132,000	_	1989	100%
Lee Garden Six	80,000	_	1988	100%
Lee Theatre Plaza	314,000	_	1994	100%
Leighton Centre	430,000	321	1977	100%
One Hysan Avenue	169,000	_	1976	100%
Lee Gardens Shanghai	736,000	375	2022	100%
Residential Property Portfolio				
Bamboo Grove, Mid-Levels	691,000	436	1985	100%

Note:

(1) The Approximate Gross Floor Areas shown above are rounded to the nearest 1,000 square feet.

Property	Details
Hysan Place	• A 40-level office and retail complex with 66 parking spaces. The 17-floor retail shopping mall contains over 110 shops with lifestyle brands and restaurants.
	• The property is certified at the highest platinum level by the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Standard (LEED). It is also certified at the highest final platinum level under the Hong Kong Green Building Council's BEAM Plus standard for Existing Buildings.
	• Its rooftop urban farm is also one of the key sustainability features of our portfolio.
Lee Garden One	• A 53-level office and retail complex with 200 parking spaces.
	• Lee Garden One Offices achieved final platinum rating under Hong Kong Green Building Council's BEAM Plus standard for Existing Buildings.
Lee Garden Two	• A 34-level office and retail complex with 167 parking spaces.
	• The retail shopping mall contains luxury brands as well as children floors offering a wide collection of kid's fashion, accessories, books and educational toys under one roof.
	• The property achieved platinum rating in the final assessment under Hong Kong Green Building Council's BEAM Plus standard for Existing Buildings.
Lee Garden Three	• A 32-level office and retail complex with 201 parking spaces. It is positioned as the area's lifestyle extension with tenants from home & lifestyle as well as food & beverage sectors.
	• The property has achieved United States Green Building Council's LEED (Core and Shell) Gold certification.
Lee Garden Five	• A 25-level office and retail complex located at the corner of Hysan Avenue and Yun Ping Road.
Lee Garden Six	• A 24-level office and retail complex located at Leighton Road, Causeway Bay.
Lee Theatre Plaza	• A 26-level retail and dinning complex, with food and beverage options, ranging from Cantonese classics and Hong Kong-style western fare to Japanese and Korean cuisine.
Leighton Centre	• A 28-level office and retail complex with four levels of retail and leisure areas and 321 parking spaces.
One Hysan Avenue	• A 26-level office and retail complex located at the junction of three streets in Causeway Bay.

A brief description of the Investment Property Portfolio is set out in the table below:

Property	Details				
Lee Gardens Shanghai	• A 24-storey tower plus a 3-storey basement and is intended to be used as an office/retail mixed used development with approximately 375 parking spaces located strategically in the heart of Jing'an district, a historic neighbourhood similar to the Group's Lee Gardens area.				

## **Residential Portfolio**

In addition to commercial properties, the Group also owns Bamboo Grove, a luxury residential property in Mid-Levels, which consists of six residential towers totalling 345 apartments and 436 parking spaces, with full clubhouse and sports facilities. Corporate tenants include financial institutions, multinational corporations, consulates and professional firms.

## **Property Development Portfolio**

## Caroline Hill Road Site

The Group successfully tendered for a commercial site at Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong in May 2021. The major designs are now finalised. Foundation works were on schedule and superstructure works are targeted to commence in the third quarter of 2023. The entire project is progressing on schedule for opening in late 2026. A weatherproof pedestrian route connecting the Caroline Hill Road project with the rest of Lee Gardens also remained on schedule for its completion in 2026.

## Tai Po Lo Fai Road Luxury Residential Project – Villa Lucca

The Group successfully bid for residential lots in Hong Kong's Tai Po area in late 2016. The sites are now being developed as a joint venture project, namely Villa Lucca, with HKR International Limited, a company with a recognised track record for developing quality low-density residential projects. The sales programme for the award-winning Villa Lucca project began in August 2022 and received extensive press attention during on-site media gatherings. The project, which is the first luxury project to be unveiled in Tai Po's prestigious Lo Fai Road area in recent years, commands views of the Plover Cove Reservoir and Tolo Harbour. The project provides 262 garden houses and apartments, including 36 houses/mansions, 66 special apartments and 160 typical units with unit sizes ranging from 1,010 square feet to 8,030 square feet in saleable area. There is also a 34,000 square foot clubhouse complementing the residential units. The project was granted a certificate of compliance by the Lands Department of Hong Kong in the first quarter of 2023.

## Urban Renewal Authority Residential Project in To Kwa Wan

In February 2022, the Group acquired a 25 per cent. stake in a joint venture with Henderson Land Development Company Limited and Empire Group Holdings Limited to develop the Urban Renewal Authority residential project at Bailey Street/Wing Kwong Street in To Kwa Wan.

The Group believes that this project is located at a quality site and has high development potential. The project site is adjacent to the commercial and residential hub of Kai Tak and is within 5-minute walking distance to To Kwa Wan and Sung Wong Toi MTR stations. The development plan was approved in February 2023 and the site will be redeveloped into three 24-storey buildings, covering total GFA of over 700,000 square feet upon completion. The Group will leverage its skillsets by overseeing the design and operation of the retail portion of the project, which comprises a retail mall and shopping streets.

#### Lease Terms

In accordance with practices in the Hong Kong property market, the Group's office leases are typically for three years. Longer lease terms may be signed on a case-by-case basis. The rents charged are generally reviewed every three years based upon prevailing market rates. Residential leases are typically for two years and are generally offered for renewal based upon prevailing market rates. Similar to office leases, retail leases are normally for three years and longer lease terms may be signed on an individual case-by-case basis. The rents charged are generally reviewed every three years based upon market rates. Retail leases generally provide for a fixed monthly rent with turnover rent. The Group's office, retail and residential tenants are also generally charged a monthly management fee which covers building maintenance expenses and certain other costs. Tenants are also generally required to pay their utility charges and government rates.

## Competition

The Group competes mainly with other property companies and owners in Hong Kong and the PRC, to attract and retain office, retail and residential tenants. The Group believes it is a leading commercial landlord based in Causeway Bay. The Group believes that its competitive advantages lie in its reputation for well-managed buildings, the development of long-term relationships with key tenants and its ability to balance the composition of its tenants, in addition to the location and quality of its buildings.

## **China Property**

## Grand Gateway 66

The Group currently has associate-level interest in Grand Gateway 66, a retail, office and residential complex in Shanghai, China. The total gross floor area of this project is approximately 2.9 million square feet. The Group interest in this investment in associates is approximately 26 per cent.

## Lee Gardens Shanghai

The Group completed the acquisition of the entire equity interest of Scorecity Investments Limited, being an indirect holder of a commercial complex located at Nos. 668 and 688 Xinzha Road, Shanghai, the PRC with a gross floor area of approximately 0.7 million square feet, with 375 parking spaces available. The property comprises a 24-storey tower plus a 3-storey basement and is intended to be used as an office/retail mixed used development. The acquisition is a strategic long-term investment for the Group significantly expands the scale of the Group's portfolio and diversifies the Group's business in the PRC market. The acquisition is in line with the business strategy to strengthen the investment property portfolio.

Shanghai experienced a city-wide outbreak of COVID-19 in the second quarter of 2022 and was subject to stringent disease control measures, including the lockdown of large areas in the city, as a result social and economic activities were severely curtailed. Once restrictions were relaxed, Lee Gardens Shanghai restarted its rental campaign and pre-leasing activities resumed immediately. Lee Gardens Shanghai is also exploring different concepts for the retail space and design as further asset enhancement work gets underway. The investment is included in investment properties under condensed consolidated statement of financial position.

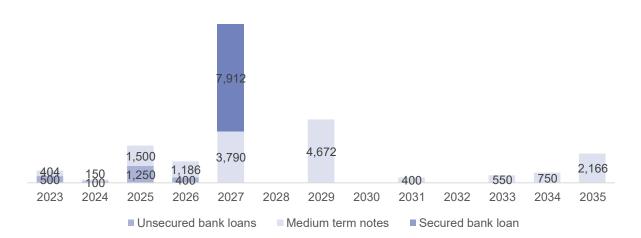
#### **Capital Structure Management**

The Group is committed to maintain a prudent financial management policy. The Group's gearing ratio is calculated as borrowings less time deposits, cash and balance divided by total equity. The table below shows the gearing ratio for the periods indicated:

	Year ended 3	1st December	Six months ended 30th June		
	2022	2021	2023	2022	
Gearing ratio	23.4%	11.7%	25.9%	23.8%	

To ensure a healthy financial position and a capital structure suitable for servicing its financing needs and sustainable growth, the Group always strives to diversify its funding sources, retain an appropriate debt maturity profile relative to the overall use of funds, maintain adequate liquidity, maintain a low borrowing margin relative to market conditions and adopt suitable hedging and forex management strategies.

The Group's average debt maturity was at 4.8 years as at 30th June, 2023 (31st December, 2022: 4.8 years). The following shows the debt maturity profile for the group as at 30th June, 2023 (in HK\$ million):



The Group monitors its interest rate exposure closely and adopts an appropriate hedging strategy in light of market conditions. The effective interest rate was 3.9 per cent. as at 30th June, 2023 (31st December, 2022: 2.8 per cent.).

As at 30th June, 2023, the Group has cash and cash equivalents and time deposits totalling about HK\$4,361 million (31st December, 2022: HK\$7,771 million). The Group also has undrawn committed facilities amounting to HK\$9,909 million as at 30th June, 2023 (31st December, 2022: HK\$9,939 million), allowing the Group to obtain additional liquidity as the need arises.

## **Credit Rating**

The Guarantor has, as at the date hereof, a credit rating of "BBB+" from Fitch (Hong Kong) Limited ("Fitch") and a credit rating of "Baa1" from Moody's Investors Service Hong Kong Ltd ("Moody's"). These ratings do not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell or hold Notes issued and may be subject to suspension, reduction, revision or withdrawal at any time by Fitch and Moody's.

#### Insurance

The Group is covered by insurance policies which cover fire, flood, other material damage to property and general liability under property all risks, business interruption and public liability insurance.

The Group believes that its properties are covered with adequate insurance provided by reputable independent insurance companies and with commercially reasonable deductibles and limits on coverage. Notwithstanding the Group's insurance coverage, damage to the Group's buildings, facilities, equipment, machinery or other properties as a result of occurrences such as fire, flood, water damage, explosion, power loss, telecommunications failure, intentional unlawful act, human error, typhoon and other disasters could nevertheless have a material adverse effect on the Group's financial condition and results of operations.

## **Government Regulation**

The operations of the Group are subject to various laws and regulations of Hong Kong and the PRC. The Group's activities conducted in respect of its investment and development properties in Hong Kong are limited by zoning ordinances and other regulations enacted by the Hong Kong government. Developing properties, refurbishment and other re-development projects require government permits, some of which may take longer to obtain than others. From time to time, the Hong Kong government and/or regulators may impose new regulations on landlords such as mandatory retrofitting of upgraded safety and fire systems in all buildings. The Group's properties are subject to routine inspections by Hong Kong government officials with regard to various safety and environmental issues. The Group believes that it is in compliance in all material respects with safety regulations currently in effect in Hong Kong and the PRC. The Group has not experienced significant problems in complying with any relevant regulations currently in force with regard to these issues. The Group is not otherwise aware of any pending legislation in Hong Kong and the PRC that might have a material adverse effect on its properties.

## **Environmental Matters**

The Group believes that it is in compliance in all material respects with applicable environmental regulations in Hong Kong and the PRC. The Group is not aware of any environmental proceedings or investigations of which it is or might become a party.

## Legal Proceedings

Neither the Guarantor nor any of its subsidiaries or joint ventures is involved in any legal or arbitration proceedings which may have a material adverse effect on the business or financial position of the Guarantor and its Material Subsidiaries or joint ventures.

#### **Capital and Holding Structures**

As at 30th June, 2023, the Guarantor had an issued and fully paid-up share capital of approximately HK\$7,723 million consisting of 1,027,008,223 ordinary shares. The register of the interests or short position of substantial shareholders and other persons of the Guarantor in the shares and underlying shares of the Guarantor required to be kept under Section 336 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (the "SFO") as at 30th June, 2023 showed that the interest of LHC, Silchester International Investors LLP and First Eagle Investment Management, LLC in the Guarantor was approximately 42.17 per cent., 8.14 per cent. and 5.10 per cent. of its issued shares respectively. The Guarantor is not aware of any other shareholder which holds greater than a 5 per cent. interest of its issued shares as at 30th June, 2023.

The Guarantor was authorised at its Annual General Meetings to repurchase its own ordinary shares not exceeding 10 per cent. of the total number of its issued shares as at the dates of the resolutions being passed. The Guarantor may repurchase its ordinary shares from time to time in order to enhance shareholder value pursuant to such authorisation and, as at 30th June, 2023, the Guarantor did not repurchase any ordinary shares since 1st January, 2023 on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

The Guarantor holds its investment properties via individual subsidiaries. Its property management, security services, and lease agency and administration activities are managed by wholly-owned subsidiaries.

#### **Management and Employees**

#### Corporate Governance

The Guarantor is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance. The board of directors of the Guarantor ("Guarantor Board") currently comprises Lee Irene Yun-Lien, Chairman, Lui Kon Wai, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, six other Independent Non-Executive Directors and three other Non-Executive Directors.

The Company Secretary of the Guarantor is currently Hao Shu Yan.

There is a majority of Independent Non-Executive Directors and Non-Executive Directors on the Guarantor Board with a wide range of experience and calibre who bring valuable judgement on issues of strategy, performance and resources.

The Guarantor Board meets regularly and has formed four governance-related Board Committees to deal with specific aspects of the Guarantor's affairs.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee is currently chaired by Poon Chung Yin Joseph with a majority of Independent Non-Executive Directors. It is responsible for reviewing a wide range of matters including the half-year and annual accounts and oversees compliance generally. The Remuneration Committee is currently chaired by Fan Yan Hok Philip with all Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Remuneration Committee reviews and determines the remuneration of the Executive Directors and senior management, the fees of Independent Non-Executive Directors and Non-Executive Directors and members of Board Committees within its terms of reference. The Nomination Committee is responsible for nominating for the Guarantor Board approval candidates to fill Board vacancies as and when they arise and evaluates the balance of skills, knowledge and experience of the Guarantor Board generally. It is chaired by the Chairman of the Guarantor Board with a majority of Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Sustainability Committee is currently chaired by Young Elaine Carole with a majority of Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Sustainability Committee is currently chaired by Young Sustainability development and strategies, governance and reporting.

## Management

Guarantor Board of Directors	Position
Lee Irene Yun-Lien	Chairman and Executive Director
Lui Kon Wai	Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer
Chung Cordelia	Independent Non-Executive Director
Churchouse Frederick Peter	Independent Non-Executive Director
Fan Yan Hok Philip	Independent Non-Executive Director
Poon Chung Yin Joseph	Independent Non-Executive Director
Wong Ching Ying Belinda	Independent Non-Executive Director
Young Elaine Carole	Independent Non-Executive Director
Lee Anthony Hsien Pin	Non-Executive Director
Lee Chien	Non-Executive Director
Lee Tze Hau Michael	Non-Executive Director

#### **Guarantor Board of Directors**

#### **Chairman and Executive Director**

#### Lee Irene Yun-Lien

Ms. Lee leads the Group in her executive Chairman role. Ms. Lee is the independent non-executive chairman and the chairman of the nomination committee of Hang Seng Bank Limited as well as an independent non-executive director and the chairman of the remuneration committee of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited. She is also an independent director of Alibaba Group Holding Limited and the chair of its nominating and corporate governance committee and the chair of its compliance and risk committee. She is

a member of the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. Previously, Ms. Lee has held senior positions in investment banking and fund management in a number of international financial institutions, including Citibank in New York, London and Sydney, and she was the global head of corporate finance at Commonwealth Bank of Australia. She was also on the boards of many listed and unlisted companies, including ING Bank (Australia) Limited and QBE Insurance Group Limited. She was also an independent non-executive director of CLP Holdings Limited, Cathay Pacific Airways Limited, Noble Group Limited and HSBC Holdings plc, and a member of the Advisory Council of JP Morgan Australia. She was also formerly a member of the Australian Government Takeovers Panel. Ms. Lee is a member of the founding Lee family, sister of Mr. Lee Anthony Hsien Pin (a Non-Executive Director of the Guarantor) and his alternate on the Guarantor Board. Ms. Lee holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Smith College, the United States of America. She is a Barrister-at-Law in England and Wales and a member of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, the United Kingdom. She was awarded the degree of Doctor of Social Science, honoris causa from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in November 2022. She was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Guarantor in March 2011, Non-Executive Chairman of the Guarantor in May 2011, and executive Chairman of the Guarantor in March 2012. She is the chairman of the Nomination Committee of the Guarantor. She also serves as a director of certain subsidiaries of the Group. She is aged 70.

#### **Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer**

## Lui Kon Wai

Under the leadership of the executive Chairman, Mr. Lui is responsible for translating and executing the Group's strategy and vision into operational and financial attainment, and driving the Group's business growth, development and investment. He has over 30 years of experience as a senior executive in the property industry globally, covering acquisitions, development and asset management for residential, office, retail and large-scale mixed-use developments in Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas. Mr. Lui holds a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Warwick, the United Kingdom. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He was appointed as the Group's Chief Operating Officer in December 2016 and Executive Director of the Guarantor in October 2021. He also serves as a director of certain subsidiaries of the Group. He is aged 58.

#### Independent Non-Executive Director

#### **Chung Cordelia**

Ms. Chung has extensive multinational experiences specialising in information technology, with knowledge in building industry. She has trained and practised as a lawyer. Ms. Chung had spent over 20 years with IBM China/Hong Kong Limited ("IBM"). She was the first Asian female executive to serve on the IBM chairman and chief executive officer's strategy team, responsible for setting global directions for the company. She held senior leadership positions at IBM, including regional general manager for Southeast Asian countries, general manager for Hong Kong and Macau and general counsel for Asia Pacific. Ms. Chung currently serves as an independent non-executive director and the chairman of the remuneration committee of Hang Seng Bank Limited and a non-executive director of Arup Group Limited. She is the chairperson of Maryknoll Convent School Foundation Limited and a consultant at Raymond T.Y. Chan, Victoria Chan & Co. Ms. Chung also serves as a member of the Court of City University of Hong Kong and a member of the Human Resources Planning Commission of the Hong Kong government. Ms. Chung was awarded the Directors of the Year Award 2022 for "Statutory/Non-profit-distributing Organisations Non-Executive Directors" by The Hong Kong Institute of Directors. Ms. Chung was previously a non-executive director of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and Grosvenor Asia Pacific Limited, a member of the Research Grants Council of the Hong Kong government, Dalian Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and the Personal Data (Privacy) Advisory Committee of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong. Ms. Chung was also a trustee of the board, the chairman of promotion and development committee and member of audit and risk committee of the Singapore University of Technology and Design. Ms. Chung holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) Degree from the University of Hong Kong. Ms. Chung was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Guarantor in May 2023. She is a member of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee of the Guarantor. She is aged 64.

## Independent Non-Executive Director

## **Churchouse Frederick Peter**

Mr. Churchouse has been involved in Asian securities and property investment markets for more than 30 years. Currently, he is a private investor including having his own private family office company, Portwood Company Ltd. He is an independent non-executive director of Longfor Group Holdings Limited. He was the publisher and author of *The Churchouse Letter*. In 2004, Mr. Churchouse set up an Asian investment fund under LIM Advisors. He acted as the director and Responsible Officer of LIM Advisors until the end of 2009. Prior to this, Mr. Churchouse worked at Morgan Stanley as a managing director and advisory director from early 1988. He acted in a variety of roles including head of regional research, regional strategist and head of regional property research. He was also a board member of Macquarie Retail Management (Asia) Limited. Mr. Churchouse gained a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Social Sciences Degree from the University of Waikato in New Zealand. He was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Guarantor in December 2012. He is a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Guarantor. He is aged 74.

## Independent Non-Executive Director

## Fan Yan Hok Philip

Mr. Fan is an independent non-executive director and chairman of risk management committee of China Everbright Environment Group Limited, an independent non-executive director and chairman of the nomination committee and ad hoc selection committee of First Pacific Company Limited, as well as an external director of Sumida Corporation (listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange). He was previously an independent non-executive director of China Aircraft Leasing Group Holdings Limited, PFC Device Inc. and an independent director of Goodman Group. Mr. Fan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering and a Master's Degree in Operations Research from Stanford University, as well as a Master's Degree in Management Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Guarantor in January 2010. He is the chairman of the Remuneration Committee of the Guarantor and a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee of the Guarantor. He is aged 74.

## Independent Non-Executive Director

## Poon Chung Yin Joseph

Mr. Poon is a non-executive director of Tai Chong Cheang Group, a member of Advising Committee of Asia Pacific Institute for Strategy and a board advisor of Clean Air Network. He was formerly an independent nonexecutive director of AAC Technologies Holdings Inc., the group managing director and deputy chief executive officer of Tai Chong Cheang Group, managing director and deputy chief executive of Hang Seng Bank Limited and held senior management posts in HSBC Group and a number of internationally renowned financial institutions. Mr. Poon was the former chairman of Hang Seng Index Advisory Committee, Hang Seng Indexes Company Limited, a former member of the Board of Inland Revenue of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Environment and Conservation Fund Investment Committee, and a former committee member of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong. Mr. Poon holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Western Australia, is a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Poon is also a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors. He was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Guarantor in January 2010. He is the chairman of the Audit and Risk Management Committee of the Guarantor and a member of the Nomination Committee of the Guarantor. He is aged 69.

#### Independent Non-Executive Director

## Wong Ching Ying Belinda

Ms. Wong is currently the chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of Starbucks China. Ms. Wong joined Starbucks Coffee Company in 2000 and held leadership positions across a variety of business units and geographies, including marketing director for the Asia Pacific region of Starbucks Coffee, managing director of Starbucks Singapore and general manager of Starbucks Hong Kong. Ms. Wong has extensive experience in retail, food and beverage, people, brand development and growth strategy across the Greater China and Asia Pacific regions. Prior to joining Starbucks group in 2000, Ms. Wong was the marketing manager of McDonald's China Development Company. Currently, she is an independent director of Canada Goose Holdings Inc. (listed on the New York Stock Exchange and Toronto Stock Exchange) and serves as a member of the Faculty Advisory Board for UBC's Sauder School of Business. Ms. Wong was an independent non-executive director of Television Broadcasts Limited. Ms. Wong holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree with a major in finance from the University of British Columbia ("UBC") in Canada. She was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Guarantor in December 2018. She is a member of the Sustainability Committee of the Guarantor and is aged 52.

## Independent Non-Executive Director

## Young Elaine Carole

Ms. Young has extensive experience in both real estate and hospitality across Asia. She is the co-founder of the boutique serviced apartment brand, Shama. After Shama was acquired by ONYX Hospitality Group in 2010, Ms. Young founded her own real estate and hospitality consultancy firm. In 2017, Ms. Young co-founded TULU, a Shanghai based Co-Living brand. Ms. Young is a special advisor to one of Warburg Pincus' joint ventures in China, NOVA Property Investment Co. Ltd., and sits on its board. She was awarded "Entrepreneur of the Year" at the prestigious RBS Coutts / Financial Times Woman in Asia Awards in 2009. Ms. Young served as an independent non-executive director of Link Asset Management Limited (as manager of Link Real Estate Investment Trust) for 9 years until 31st January, 2022 and was a member of its Finance and Investment Committee and Remuneration Committee. She was an independent non-executive director of Ascott Residence Trust listed on The Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, and was a member of its Audit Committee. She was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Guarantor in March 2022. She is the chairman of the Sustainability Committee of the Guarantor and is aged 58.

#### Non-Executive Director

#### Lee Anthony Hsien Pin

Mr. Lee is a non-executive director and the chairman of the investment committee of Television Broadcasts Limited, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of Princeton University. He was previously a director and substantial shareholder of the Australian-listed Beyond International Limited, principally engaged in television programme production and international sales of television programmes and feature films. Mr. Lee is a member of the founding Lee family and a director of LHC, a substantial shareholder of the Guarantor. He is the brother of Ms. Lee Irene Yun-Lien, Chairman of the Guarantor Board. Mr. Lee received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Princeton University and a Master of Business Administration Degree from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Guarantor in 1994. He is a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee of the Guarantor and is aged 66.

#### Non-Executive Director

## Lee Chien

Mr. Lee is a member of the Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and chairman of CUHK Medical Centre. His is also Supervisor of St. Paul's Co-educational College and its Primary School, a Trustee Emeritus of Stanford University and past director of Stanford Healthcare. Mr. Lee was formerly an independent non-executive director of Swire Pacific Limited. He is a member of the founding Lee family and a director of LHC, a substantial shareholder of the Guarantor. Mr. Lee received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematical Science, a Master of Science Degree in Operations Research and a Master of Business Administration Degree from Stanford University. Mr. Lee was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Guarantor in 1988. He is a member of the Nomination Committee of the Guarantor and is aged 70.

## Non-Executive Director

## Lee Tze Hau Michael

Mr. Lee is currently a director of Oxer Limited, a private investment company. He is also an independent nonexecutive director and the chairman of the corporate governance committee of Chen Hsong Holdings Limited, as well as the chairman of the Board of Stewards of The Hong Kong Jockey Club. He was previously an independent non-executive director of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and Trinity Limited, and an independent non-executive director and chairman of OTC Clearing Hong Kong Limited. Mr. Lee was also a member of the Main Board and Growth Enterprise Market Listing Committees of Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Mr. Lee is a member of the founding Lee family and a director of LHC, a substantial shareholder of the Guarantor. He joined the Guarantor Board in January 2010, having previously served as a Director from 1990 to 2007. Mr. Lee received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Bowdoin College and his Master of Business Administration Degree from Boston University. He is a member of the Sustainability Committee of the Guarantor and is aged 62.

## Guarantor Directors' and Issuer Directors' interests in shares

As at 30th June, 2023, the interests and short positions of the Directors in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Guarantor and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which are required to be notified to the Guarantor and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which he is taken or deemed to have under such provision of the SFO); or as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO; or as otherwise notified to the Guarantor and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code"), are set out below:

## Aggregate long positions in shares and underlying shares of the Guarantor as at 30th June, 2023

Number of ordinary shares held

	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Other interests	Total	% of the total no. of issued shares <sup>(1)</sup>
Lee Chien	970,000			_	970,000	0.094
Lee Irene Yun-Lien	479,000	-	_	_	479,000	0.046

Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> The percentages were computed based on the total number of issued shares of the Guarantor as at 30th June, 2023 (i.e. 1,027,008,223 ordinary shares).

The Executive Directors of the Guarantor have been granted share options under the Guarantor's 2005 and/or 2015 share option schemes. These constitute interests in underlying shares of equity derivatives of the Guarantor under the SFO. Directors of the Issuer have also been granted share options under the Guarantor's 2005 and/or 2015 share option schemes.

Details of options granted to the Executive Directors of the Guarantor and Directors of the Issuer which remain outstanding under the 2005 and 2015 share option schemes are as follows:

Name	Date of grant	Exercise price HK\$	Exercise period <sup>(1)</sup>	Balance as at 1st January, 2023	Granted	Exercised	Cancelled/ lapsed	Balance as at 30th June, 2023
2005 Scheme Guarantor Executive Director								
Lee Irene Yun-Lien	7.3.2013	39.92	7.3.2014- 6.3.2023	265,000	_	_	(265,000)	_
	10.3.2014	32.84	10.3.2015- 9.3.2024	325,000	_	_	_	325,000
	12.3.2015	36.27	12.3.2016- 11.3.2025	300,000	_	-	_	300,000
Issuer Director								
Hao Shu Yan	28.3.2013	39.20	28.3.2014- 27.3.2023	50,000	_	_	(50,000)	_
	31.3.2014	33.75	31.3.2015- 30.3.2024	36,000	-	-	-	36,000
	31.3.2015	34.00	31.3.2016- 30.3.2025	42,000	_	_	_	42,000
2015 Scheme Guarantor Executive Director								
			9.3.2017-					
Lee Irene Yun-Lien	9.3.2016	33.15	8.3.2026	375,000	-	-	-	375,000
	23.2.2017	36.25	23.2.2018- 22.2.2027	300,000	_	_	_	300,000
	25.2.2017	50.25	1.3.2019-	500,000				500,000
	1.3.2018	44.60	29.2.2028	373,200	-	-	-	373,200
	22.2.2019	42.40	22.2.2020- 21.2.2029	494,200	_	-	_	494,200
	21.2.2020	29.73	21.2.2021- 20.2.2030	650,000	_	_	_	650,000
	26.2.2021	33.05	26.2.2022- 25.2.2031	664,000	_	_	_	664,000
	28.2.2022	23.25	28.2.2023- 27.2.2032	819,000	_	_	_	819,000
Guarantor Executive Director and Issuer Director								
Lui Kon Wai	29.3.2018	41.50	29.3.2019- 28.3.2028	179,000	_	-	-	179,000
	29.3.2019	42.05	29.3.2020- 28.3.2029	203,000	_	_	_	203,000
	31.3.2020	25.20	31.3.2021- 30.3.2030	262,000	_	_	_	262,000

Name	Date of grant	Exercise price HK\$	Exercise period <sup>(1)</sup>	Balance as at 1st January, 2023	Granted	Exercised	Cancelled/ lapsed	Balance as at 30th June, 2023
	31.3.2021	30.40	31.3.2022- 30.3.2031	267,000				267,000
	28.2.2022	23.25	28.2.2023- 27.2.2032	400,000	_	-	-	400,000
Issuer Director								
Hao Shu Yan	31.3.2016	33.05	31.3.2017- 30.3.2026	65,000	-	-	-	65,000
	31.3.2017	35.33	31.3.2018- 30.3.2027	58,000	_	_	-	58,000
	29.3.2018	41.50	29.3.2019- 28.3.2028	50,000	_	_	-	50,000
	29.3.2019	42.05	29.3.2020- 28.3.2029	77,000	_	_	_	77,000
	31.3.2020	25.20	31.3.2021- 30.3.2030	70,000	_	_	_	70,000
	31.3.2021	30.40	31.3.2022- 30.3.2031	101,000	_	_	_	101,000
	31.3.2022	23.36	31.3.2023- 30.3.2032	130,000	_	_	_	130,000

Notes:

(1) All options granted have a vesting period of three years in equal proportions starting from the first anniversary and become fully vested on the third anniversary. In this table, "exercise period" accordingly begins with the first anniversary of the date of grant.

(2) Options lapsed during the period from 1st January, 2023 to 30th June, 2023 in accordance with the rules of the 2005 and/or 2015 share option schemes.

Apart from the above, as at 30th June, 2023, there is no other interest or short position of Directors or alternate Directors in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Guarantor and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which are required to be notified to the Guarantor and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO; or as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO; or as otherwise notified to the Guarantor and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

#### **Registered Office**

The registered office of the Guarantor (also being the business address of the Executive Director(s)) is 50th Floor, Lee Garden One, 33 Hysan Avenue, Hong Kong.

## Employees

The Group aims to attract, retain and develop high calibre individuals committed to attaining its business objectives. The Group's total number of employees as at 30th June, 2023 was 468. The Group recognises the significance of training and invests in a variety of training programmes for management and general staff. It has not experienced any disruptive labour disputes and considers its staff relations to be generally good.

#### **BOOK-ENTRY CLEARANCE SYSTEMS**

The information set out below is subject to any change in or reinterpretation of the rules, regulations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream or the CMU (together, the "Clearing Systems") currently in effect. The information in this section concerning the Clearing Systems has been obtained from sources that the Issuer and the Guarantor believe to be reliable, but neither the Issuer, the Guarantor nor any Dealer takes any responsibility for the accuracy thereof. Investors wishing to use the facilities of any of the Clearing Systems are advised to confirm the continued applicability of the rules, regulations and procedures of the relevant Clearing System. Neither the Issuer, the Guarantor nor any other party to the Agency Agreement will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Notes held through the facilities of any Clearing System or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to, or payments made on account of, such beneficial ownership interests.

#### **Book-entry Systems**

#### DTC

DTC has advised the Issuer that it is a limited purpose trust company organised under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organisation" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities that its participants ("Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerised book-entry changes in Participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants, as the term is used herein, includes securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organisations. DTC is owned by a number of its Direct Participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange, Inc. and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants").

Under the rules, regulations and procedures creating and affecting DTC and its operations (the "Rules"), DTC makes book-entry transfers of Registered Notes among Direct Participants on whose behalf it acts with respect to Notes accepted into DTC's book-entry settlement system ("DTC Notes") as described below and receives and transmits distributions of principal and interest on DTC Notes. The Rules are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Direct Participants and Indirect Participants with which beneficial owners of DTC Notes ("Owners") have accounts with respect to the DTC Notes similarly are required to make book-entry transfers and receive and transmit such payments on behalf of their respective Owners. Accordingly, although Owners who hold DTC Notes through Direct Participants or Indirect Participants will not possess Registered Notes, the Rules, by virtue of the requirements described above, provide a mechanism by which Direct Participants will receive payments and will be able to transfer their interest(s) in respect of the DTC Notes.

Purchases of DTC Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the DTC Notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each DTC Note ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participant's records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but Beneficial Owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the DTC Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates

representing their ownership interests in DTC Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the DTC Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all DTC Notes deposited by Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of DTC Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the DTC Notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such DTC Notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices shall be sent to Cede & Co. If less than all of the DTC Notes within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. will consent or vote with respect to DTC Notes. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the DTC Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the DTC Notes will be made to DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts on the due date for payment in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on the due date.

Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name", and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to DTC is the responsibility of the Issuer, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

Under certain circumstances, including if there is an Event of Default under the Notes, DTC will exchange the DTC Notes for Definitive Registered Notes, which it will distribute to its Participants in accordance with their proportionate entitlements and which, if representing interests in a Rule 144A Global Note, will be legended as set forth under "*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*".

Since DTC may only act on behalf of Direct Participants, who in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, any Owner desiring to pledge DTC Notes to persons or entities that do not participate in DTC, or otherwise take actions with respect to such DTC Notes, will be required to withdraw its Registered Notes from DTC as described below.

## Euroclear and Clearstream

Euroclear and Clearstream each holds securities for its customers and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions by electronic book-entry transfer between their respective account holders. Euroclear and Clearstream provide various services including safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear and Clearstream also deal with domestic securities markets in several countries through established depositary and custodial relationships. Euroclear and Clearstream have established an electronic bridge between their two systems across which their respective participants may settle trades with each other.

Euroclear and Clearstream customers are world-wide financial institutions, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations. Indirect access to Euroclear and Clearstream is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with an account holder of either system.

## The CMU

The CMU is a central depositary service provided by the Central Moneymarkets Unit of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (the "HKMA") for the safe custody and electronic trading between the members of this service ("CMU Members") of Exchange Fund Bills and Notes Clearing and Settlement Service securities and capital markets instruments (together as "CMU Instruments") which are specified in the CMU Reference Manual as capable of being held within the CMU.

The CMU is only available to CMU Instruments issued by a CMU Member or by a person for whom a CMU Member acts as agent for the purposes of lodging instruments issued by such persons. Membership of the services is open to financial institutions regulated by Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Securities and Futures Commission, Insurance Authority or Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority. For further details on the full range of the CMU's custodial services, please refer to the CMU Reference Manual.

The CMU has an income distribution service which is a service offered by the CMU to facilitate the distribution of interest, coupon or redemption proceeds (collectively, the "income proceeds") by CMU Members who are paying agents to the legal title holders of CMU Instruments via the CMU system.

Furthermore, the CMU has a corporate action platform which allows an issuer (or its agent) to make an announcement/notification of a corporate action and noteholders to submit the relevant certification. For further details, please refer to the CMU Reference Manual.

An investor holding an interest in the Notes through an account with either Euroclear or Clearstream will hold that interest through the respective accounts which Euroclear and Clearstream each have with the CMU.

## Book-entry Ownership of and Payments in respect of DTC Notes

The Issuer will apply to DTC in order to have each Tranche of Notes represented by Registered Global Notes accepted in its book-entry settlement system. Upon the issue of any Registered Global Notes, DTC or its custodian will credit, on its internal book-entry system, the respective nominal amounts of the individual beneficial interests represented by such Registered Global Notes to the accounts of persons who have accounts with DTC. Such accounts initially will be designated by or on behalf of the relevant Dealer. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Registered Global Note will be limited to Direct Participants or Indirect Participants, including the respective depositaries of Euroclear and Clearstream. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Registered Global Note will be shown on, and the transfer of such ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee (with respect to the interests of Direct Participants) and the records of Direct Participants (with respect to interests of Indirect Participants).

Payments in U.S. dollars of principal and interest in respect of a Registered Global Note registered in the name of DTC's nominee will be made to the order of such nominee as the registered holder of such Note. In the case of any payment in a currency other than U.S. dollars, payment will be made to the Exchange Agent on behalf of DTC's nominee and the Exchange Agent will (in accordance with instructions received by it) remit all or a portion of such payment for credit directly to the beneficial holders of interests in the Registered Global Notes in the currency in which such payment was made and/or cause all or a portion of such payment to be converted into U.S. dollars and credited to the applicable Participants' account.

The Issuer expects DTC to credit accounts of Direct Participants on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective holdings as shown in the records of DTC unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on such payment date. The Issuer also expects that payments by Participants to beneficial owners of Notes will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers, and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not the responsibility of DTC, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar or the Issuer. Payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on Notes to DTC is the responsibility of the Issuer.

## Transfers of Notes Represented by Registered Global Notes

Transfers of any interests in Notes represented by a Registered Global Note within DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream will be effected in accordance with the customary rules and operating procedures of the relevant Clearing System. The laws in some States within the United States require that certain persons take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. Consequently, the ability to transfer Notes represented by a Registered Global Note to such persons may depend upon the ability to exchange such Notes for Notes in definitive form. Similarly, because DTC can only act on behalf of Direct Participants in the DTC system who in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, the ability of a person having an interest in Notes represented by a Registered Global Note to pledge such Notes to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system or otherwise to take action in respect of such Notes may depend upon the ability to exchange such Notes for Notes for Notes in definitive form. The ability of any holder of Notes represented by a Registered Global Note to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer such Notes may be impaired if the proposed transferee of such Notes is not eligible to hold such Notes through a direct or indirect participant in the DTC system.

Subject to compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Registered Notes described under "Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions", cross-market transfers between DTC, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream or Euroclear accountholders, on the other, will be effected by the relevant Clearing System in accordance with its rules and through action taken by the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and any custodian ("Custodian") with whom the relevant Registered Global Notes have been deposited.

On or after the Issue Date for any Series, transfers of Notes of such Series between accountholders in Clearstream and Euroclear and transfers of Notes of such Series between participants in DTC will generally have a settlement date three business days after the trade date (T+3). The customary arrangements for delivery versus payment will apply to such transfers.

Cross-market transfers between accountholders in Clearstream or Euroclear and DTC Participants will need to have an agreed settlement date between the parties to such transfer. Because there is no direct link between DTC, on the one hand, and Clearstream and Euroclear, on the other, transfers of interests in the relevant Registered Global Notes will be effected through the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and the Custodian receiving instructions (and, where appropriate, certification) from the transferor and arranging for delivery of the interests being transferred to the credit of the designated account for the transferee. In the case of cross-market transfers, settlement between Euroclear or Clearstream accountholders and DTC Participants cannot be made on a delivery versus payment basis. The securities will be delivered on a free delivery basis and arrangements for payment must be made separately.

DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear have each published rules and operating procedures designed to facilitate transfers of beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes among Participants of DTC and accountholders of Clearstream and Euroclear. However, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued or changed at any time. None of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Agents and the Dealers will be responsible for any performance by DTC, Clearstream or Euroclear or their respective Direct or Indirect Participants or accountholders (as appropriate) of their respective obligations under

the rules and procedures governing their operations and none of them will have any liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial interests in the Notes represented by Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests.

## TAXATION

The following is a general description of certain tax considerations relating to the Notes and is based on law and relevant interpretations thereof in effect as at the date of this Offering Circular, all of which are subject to change, and does not constitute legal or taxation advice. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of all tax considerations relating to the Notes. Prospective holders of Notes who are in any doubt as to their tax position or who may be subject to tax in any jurisdiction are advised to consult their own professional advisers.

## Hong Kong

## Withholding Tax

No withholding tax is payable in Hong Kong in respect of payments of principal or interest on the Notes or in respect of any capital gains arising from the sale of the Notes.

## Profits Tax

Hong Kong profits tax is chargeable on every person carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong in respect of profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong from such trade, profession or business (excluding profits arising from the sale of capital assets).

Interest on the Notes may be deemed to be profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong from a trade, profession or business carried on in Hong Kong in the following circumstances:

- (i) interest on the Notes is derived from Hong Kong and is received by or accrues to a corporation carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong;
- (ii) interest on the Notes is derived from Hong Kong and is received by or accrues to a person, other than a corporation, carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong and is in respect of the funds of that trade, profession or business;
- (iii) interest on the Notes is received by or accrues to a financial institution (as defined in the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) of Hong Kong) (the "IRO") and arises through or from the carrying on by the financial institution of its business in Hong Kong; or
- (iv) interest on the Notes is received by or accrues to a corporation, other than a financial institution, and arises through or from the carrying on in Hong Kong by the corporation of its intra-group financing business (within the meaning of section 16(3) of the IRO).

Sums received by or accrued to a financial institution by way of gains or profits arising through or from the carrying on by the financial institution of its business in Hong Kong from the sale, disposal and redemption of Notes will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax. Sums received by or accrued to a corporation, other than a financial institution, by way of gains or profits arising through or from the carrying on in Hong Kong by the corporation of its intra-group financing business (within the meaning of section 16(3) of the IRO) from the sale, disposal or other redemption of Notes will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax.

Sums derived from the sale, disposal or redemption of Notes will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax where received by or accrued to a person, other than a financial institution, who carries on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong and the sum has a Hong Kong source unless otherwise exempted. The source of such sums will generally be determined by having regard to the manner in which the Notes are acquired and disposed of.

In addition, the Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Taxation on Specified Foreign-sourced Income) Ordinance 2022 of Hong Kong (the "Amendment Ordinance") came into effect on 1 January 2023. Under the Amendment Ordinance, certain foreign-sourced interest on the Bonds accrued to an MNE entity (as defined in the

Amendment Ordinance) carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong is regarded as arising in or derived from Hong Kong and subject to Hong Kong profits tax when it is received in Hong Kong. The Amendment Ordinance also provides for relief against double taxation in respect of certain foreign-sourced income and transitional matters.

In certain circumstances, Hong Kong profits tax exemptions (such as concessionary tax rates) may be available. Investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors to ascertain the applicability of any exemptions to their individual position.

## Stamp Duty

Stamp duty will not be payable on the issue of Bearer Notes provided that either:

- (i) such Bearer Notes are denominated in a currency other than the currency of Hong Kong and are not repayable in any circumstances in the currency of Hong Kong; or
- such Bearer Notes constitute loan capital (as defined in the Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117) of Hong Kong).

If stamp duty is payable it is payable by the Issuer on the issue of Bearer Notes at a rate of 3 per cent. of the market value of the Bearer Notes at the time of issue.

No stamp duty will be payable on any subsequent transfer of Bearer Notes.

No stamp duty is payable on the issue of Registered Notes. Stamp duty may be payable on any transfer of Registered Notes if the relevant transfer is required to be registered in Hong Kong. Stamp duty will, however, not be payable on any transfer of Registered Notes provided that either:

- (i) such Registered Notes are denominated in a currency other than the currency of Hong Kong and are not repayable in any circumstances in the currency of Hong Kong; or
- such Registered Notes constitute loan capital (as defined in the Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117) of Hong Kong).

With effect from 1st August, 2021, if stamp duty is payable in respect of the transfer of Registered Notes it will be payable at the rate of 0.26 per cent. (of which 0.13 per cent. is payable by the seller and 0.13 per cent. is payable by the purchaser) normally by reference to the consideration or its value, whichever is higher. In addition, stamp duty is payable at the fixed rate of HK\$5 on each instrument of transfer executed in relation to any transfer of the Registered Notes if the relevant transfer is required to be registered in Hong Kong.

## **British Virgin Islands**

The following is a general description of certain British Virgin Islands tax considerations relating to any Notes. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of all tax considerations relating to any Notes. Prospective purchasers of any Note should consult their tax advisers as to the consequences under the tax laws of the country of which they are resident for tax purposes and the tax laws of the British Virgin Islands of acquiring, holding and disposing of Notes and receiving payments of interest, principal and/or other amounts under any Notes. This summary is based upon the law as in effect on the date of this Offering Circular and is subject to any change in law that may take effect after such date.

As the Issuer is registered under the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 (as revised) of the British Virgin Islands, payment of principal and interest in respect of the Notes are not subject to taxation in the British Virgin Islands and no withholding tax is required to be deducted by the Issuer on such payments made to any holder of a Note. Pursuant to the requirements of the Directive, as defined and detailed below, in the event that the Issuer makes interest payments to EU resident individuals who are the ultimate beneficial owners of the Notes,

the Issuer will be required to report certain information to British Virgin Islands Inland Revenue on an annual basis who would then report this information onwards to the relevant tax authorities in the EU.

In addition, the Notes will not be liable to any stamp duty in the British Virgin Islands. Gains derived from the sale or exchange of Notes by persons who are not otherwise liable to British Virgin Islands income tax will not be subject to British Virgin Islands income tax. The British Virgin Islands currently has no relevant capital gains tax, estate duty, inheritance tax or gift tax.

Holders of Notes who are not resident in the British Virgin Islands, and who do not engage in trade or business through a permanent establishment in the British Virgin Islands, will not be subject to the British Virgin Islands taxes or duties on gains realised on the sale or redemption of such Notes. No holder of a Note will be deemed to be resident or domiciled in the British Virgin Islands simply by virtue of holding a Note.

The British Virgin Islands enacted the Economic Substance (Companies and Limited Partnerships) Act (as revised) (the "ES Act") together with the Rules on Economic Substance in the Virgin Islands (as revised), containing rules and guidance relating to the interpretation of the ES Act and how the International Tax Authority (the "ITA") will carry out its obligations. The Issuer is required to report to the ITA on a periodic basis to enable the ITA to monitor compliance with the economic substance requirements, if it is carrying on one or more relevant activities. If this is the case, it may be required to adopt adequate economic substance in the British Virgin Islands.

## The Proposed Financial Transactions Tax ("FTT")

On 14th February, 2013, the European Commission published a proposal (the "Commission's Proposal") for a Directive for a common FTT in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the "participating Member States"). However, Estonia has since stated that it will not participate.

The Commission's Proposal has a very broad scope and could, if introduced in its current form, apply to certain dealings in the Notes (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. The issuance and subscription of Notes should, however, be exempt.

Under the Commission's Proposal, the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in the Notes where at least one party is a financial institution, and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A financial institution may be, or be deemed to be, "established" in a participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is subject to the dealings is issued in a participating Member State.

However, the FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between participating Member States and the scope of any such tax is uncertain. Additional EU Member States may also decide to participate. Prospective holders of the Notes are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

## Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA")

Pursuant to certain provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, commonly known as FATCA, a "foreign financial institution" (as defined by FATCA) may be required to withhold on certain payments it makes ("foreign passthru payments") to persons that fail to meet certain certification, reporting, or related requirements. The Issuer may be a foreign financial institution for these purposes. A number of jurisdictions have entered into, or have agreed in substance to, intergovernmental agreements with the United States to implement FATCA ("IGAs"), which modify the way in which FATCA applies in their jurisdictions. Under the provisions of IGAs as currently in effect, a foreign financial institution in an IGA jurisdiction would generally not be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA from payments that it makes. Certain aspects of the

application of the FATCA provisions and IGAs to instruments such as the Notes, including whether withholding would ever be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as the Notes, are uncertain and may be subject to change. Even if withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as the Notes, such withholding would not apply prior to the date that is two years after the date on which final regulations defining foreign passthru payments are published in the U.S. Federal Register and Notes issued on or prior to the date that is six months after the date on which final regulations defining foreign passthru payments are published in the U.S. Federal Register and Notes issued on or prior to the date that is six months after the date on which final regulations defining "foreign passthru payments" are published generally would be "grandfathered" for purposes of FATCA withholding unless materially modified after such date. However, if additional notes (as described under Condition 17 (*Further Issues*)) that are not distinguishable from previously issued Notes are issued after the expiration of the grandfathering period and are subject to withholding under FATCA, then withholding agents may treat all Notes, including the Notes offered prior to the expiration of the grandfathering period, as subject to withholding under FATCA. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding how these rules may apply to their investment in the Notes. In the event any withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on the Notes, no person will be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the withholding.

#### SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE AND TRANSFER AND SELLING RESTRICTIONS

The Dealers have, in an amended and restated programme agreement dated 8th October, 2021 (as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "Programme Agreement"), agreed with the Issuer and the Guarantor a basis upon which they or any of them may from time to time agree to purchase Notes or, in the case of Definitive IAI Registered Notes, procure purchasers of, Notes. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under "Form of the Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Notes". In the Programme Agreement, the Issuer (failing which, the Guarantor) has agreed to reimburse the Dealers for certain of their expenses in connection with the establishment of the Programme and the issue of Notes under the Programme and to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities incurred by them in connection therewith.

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the stabilisation manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager) (the "Stabilisation Manager(s)") in the applicable Pricing Supplement may, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and directives, over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail (provided that, in the case of any Tranche of Notes to be admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area, the aggregate principal amount of Notes allocated does not exceed 105 per cent of the aggregate principal amount of the relevant Tranche), but in so doing, the Stabilisation Manager or any person acting on behalf of the Stabilisation Manager shall act as principal and not as agent of the Issuer or the Guarantor. Specifically such persons may over-allot or create a short position in the Notes for their own account by selling more Notes than have been sold to them by the Issuer. Such persons may also elect to cover any such short position by purchasing Notes in the open market. In addition, such persons may stabilise or maintain the price of the Notes by bidding for or purchasing Notes in the open market and may impose penalty bids, under which selling concessions allowed to syndicate members or other broker-dealers participating in the offering of the Notes are reclaimed if Notes previously distributed in the offering are repurchased in connection with stabilisation transactions or otherwise. The effect of these transactions may be to stabilise or maintain the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. The imposition of a penalty bid may also affect the price of the Notes to the extent that it discourages resales thereof. No representation is made as to the magnitude or effect of any such stabilising or other transactions. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilisation Manager or any other person acting on behalf of the Stabilisation Manager will undertake Stabilisation action. Any loss or profit sustained as a consequence of any such overallotment or stabilisation shall be for the account for the Dealer or Dealers. Any stabilisation will be conducted in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under U.K. laws and regulations stabilising activities may only be carried on by the Stabilisation Manager named in the applicable Pricing Supplement and must be discontinued no later than the earlier of 30 days after the Issue Date of the relevant Tranche of Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Notes.

# Notice to capital market intermediaries and prospective investors pursuant to paragraph 21 of the SFC Code - Important Notice to CMIs (including private banks)

This notice to CMIs (including private banks) is a summary of certain obligations the SFC Code imposes on CMIs, which require the attention and cooperation of other CMIs (including private banks). Certain CMIs may also be acting as OCs for the relevant CMI Offering and are subject to additional requirements under the SFC Code. The application of these obligations will depend on the role(s) undertaken by the relevant Dealer(s) in respect of each CMI Offering.

Prospective investors who are the directors, employees or major shareholders of the Issuer, the Guarantor, a CMI or its group companies would be considered under the SFC Code as having an Association with the Issuer, the Guarantor, the CMI or the relevant group company. CMIs should specifically disclose whether their investor clients have any Association when submitting orders for the relevant Notes. In addition, private banks should

take all reasonable steps to identify whether their investor clients may have any Associations with the Issuer, the Guarantor or any CMI (including its group companies) and inform the relevant Dealers accordingly.

CMIs are informed that, unless otherwise notified, the marketing and investor targeting strategy for the relevant CMI Offering includes institutional investors, sovereign wealth funds, pension funds, hedge funds, family offices and high net worth individuals, in each case, subject to the selling restrictions and any MiFID II product governance language or any UK MiFIR product governance language set out elsewhere in this Offering Circular and/or the applicable Pricing Supplement.

CMIs should ensure that orders placed are bona fide, are not inflated and do not constitute duplicated orders (i.e. two or more corresponding or identical orders placed via two or more CMIs). CMIs should enquire with their investor clients regarding any orders which appear unusual or irregular. CMIs should disclose the identities of all investors when submitting orders for the relevant Notes (except for omnibus orders where underlying investor information may need to be provided to any OCs when submitting orders). Failure to provide underlying investor information for omnibus orders, where required to do so, may result in that order being rejected. CMIs should not place "X-orders" into the order book.

CMIs should segregate and clearly identify their own proprietary orders (and those of their group companies, including private banks as the case may be) in the order book and book messages.

CMIs (including private banks) should not offer any rebates to prospective investors or pass on any rebates provided by the Issuer or the Guarantor. In addition, CMIs (including private banks) should not enter into arrangements which may result in prospective investors paying different prices for the relevant Notes. CMIs are informed that a private bank rebate may be payable as stated above and in the applicable Pricing Supplement, or otherwise notified to prospective investors.

The SFC Code requires that a CMI disclose complete and accurate information in a timely manner on the status of the order book and other relevant information it receives to targeted investors for them to make an informed decision. In order to do this, those Dealers in control of the order book should consider disclosing order book updates to all CMIs.

When placing an order for the relevant Notes, private banks should disclose, at the same time, if such order is placed other than on a "principal" basis (whereby it is deploying its own balance sheet for onward selling to investors). Private banks who do not provide such disclosure are hereby deemed to be placing their order on such a "principal" basis. Otherwise, such order may be considered to be an omnibus order pursuant to the SFC Code. Private banks should be aware that placing an order on a "principal" basis may require the relevant affiliated Dealer(s) (if any) to categorise it as a proprietary order and apply the "proprietary orders" requirements of the SFC Code to such order and will result in that private bank not being entitled to, and not being paid, any rebate.

In relation to omnibus orders, when submitting such orders, CMIs (including private banks) that are subject to the SFC Code should disclose underlying investor information in respect of each order constituting the relevant omnibus order (failure to provide such information may result in that order being rejected). Underlying investor information in relation to omnibus orders should consist of:

- The name of each underlying investor;
- A unique identification number for each investor;
- Whether an underlying investor has any "Associations" (as used in the SFC Code);
- Whether any underlying investor order is a "Proprietary Order" (as used in the SFC Code);
- Whether any underlying investor order is a duplicate order.

Underlying investor information in relation to omnibus order should be sent to: the Dealers named in the relevant Pricing Supplement.

To the extent information being disclosed by CMIs and investors is personal and/or confidential in nature, CMIs (including private banks) agree and warrant: (A) to take appropriate steps to safeguard the transmission of such information to any OCs; and (B) that they have obtained the necessary consents from the underlying investors to disclose such information to any OCs. By submitting an order and providing such information to any OCs, each CMI (including private banks) further warrants that they and the underlying investors have understood and consented to the collection, disclosure, use and transfer of such information by any OCs and/or any other third parties as may be required by the SFC Code, including to the Issuer, the Guarantor, relevant regulators and/or any other third parties as may be required by the SFC Code, for the purpose of complying with the SFC Code, during the bookbuilding process for the relevant CMI Offering. CMIs that receive such underlying investor information are reminded that such information should be used only for submitting orders in the relevant CMI Offering. The relevant Dealers may be asked to demonstrate compliance with their obligations under the SFC Code, and may request other CMIs (including private banks) to provide evidence showing compliance with the obligations above (in particular, that the necessary consents have been obtained). In such event, other CMIs (including private banks) are required to provide the relevant Dealer with such evidence within the timeline requested.

## **Transfer Restrictions**

# As a result of the following restrictions, purchasers of Notes in the United States are advised to consult legal counsel prior to making any purchase, offer, sale, resale or other transfer of such Notes.

Each purchaser of Registered Notes (other than a person purchasing an interest in a Registered Global Note with a view to holding it in the form of an interest in the same Global Note) or person wishing to transfer an interest from one Registered Global Note to another or from global to definitive form or *vice versa* will be required to acknowledge, represent and agree, and each person purchasing an interest in a Registered Global Note with a view to holding it in the form of an interest in the same Global Note will be deemed to have acknowledged, represented and agreed, as follows (terms used in this paragraph that are defined in Rule 144A or in Regulation S are used herein as defined therein):

- (i) that either: (a) it is a QIB, purchasing (or holding) the Notes for its own account or for the account of one or more QIBs and it is aware, and each beneficial owner of such Notes has been advised, that any sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A or (b) it is an Institutional Accredited Investor which has delivered an IAI Investment Letter or (c) it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person;
- (ii) that the Notes are being offered and sold in a transaction not involving a public offering in the United States within the meaning of the Securities Act, and that the Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or any other applicable U.S. State securities laws and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except as set forth below;
- (iii) that, unless it holds an interest in a Regulation S Global Note and either is a person located outside the United States or is not a U.S. person, if in the future it decides to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer the Notes or any beneficial interests in the Notes, it will do so, prior to the date which is one year after the later of the last Issue Date for the Series and the last date on which the Issuer or an affiliate of the Issuer was the owner of such Notes, only (a) to the Issuer or any affiliate thereof, (b) inside the United States to a person whom the seller reasonably believes is a QIB purchasing for its own account or for the account of a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, (c) outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S, (d) pursuant to the exemption from registration

provided by Rule 144 under the Securities Act (if available), (e) to an institutional "accredited investor" within the meaning of subparagraph (a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Rule 501 under the Securities Act that is acquiring the Notes for its own account or for the account of such an institutional "accredited investor" for investment purposes and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution thereof in violation of the Securities Act, or (f) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, in each case in accordance with all applicable U.S. State securities laws. If any resale or other transfer of the Notes is proposed to be made pursuant to clause (e) above, the transferor shall deliver (i) an IAI Investment Letter to the Registrar, which shall provide, among other things, that the transferee is an institutional "accredited investor" within the meaning of subparagraph (a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Rule 501 under the Securities Act, that it is acquiring such Notes for investment purposes and not for distribution in violation of the Securities Act, and that it will acquire Notes having a minimum purchase price of at least U.S.\$500,000 (or the approximate equivalent in another specified currency (as defined in the Agency Agreement)); and (ii) such other satisfactory evidence as the Issuer may reasonably require from the transferor, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that such transfer is in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States, and, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States or any other jurisdiction;

- (iv) it will, and will require each subsequent holder to, notify any purchaser of the Notes from it of the resale restrictions referred to in paragraph (iii) above, if then applicable;
- (v) that Notes initially offered in the United States to QIBs will be represented by one or more Rule 144A Global Notes, that Notes offered to Institutional Accredited Investors will be in the form of Definitive IAI Registered Notes and that Notes offered outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S will be represented by one or more Regulation S Global Notes;
- (vi) that the Notes, other than the Regulation S Global Notes, will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Issuer:

"THIS SECURITY AND THE GUARANTEE HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS AND, ACCORDINGLY, THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE. BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF, THE HOLDER (A) REPRESENTS THAT (1) IT IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING THE SECURITIES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF ONE OR MORE QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS OR (2) IT IS AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 501(A)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) (AN "INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR"); (B) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT RESELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THE SECURITIES EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENCY AGREEMENT AND, PRIOR TO THE DATE WHICH IS ONE YEAR AFTER THE LATER OF THE LAST ISSUE DATE FOR THE SERIES AND THE LAST DATE ON WHICH THE ISSUER OR AN AFFILIATE OF THE ISSUER WAS THE OWNER OF SUCH SECURITIES OTHER THAN (1) TO THE ISSUER OR ANY AFFILIATE THEREOF, (2) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (3) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (4) PURSUANT TO THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE), (5) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR THAT IS ACQUIRING THE NOTES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF SUCH AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AND NOT WITH A VIEW TO, OR FOR OFFER OR SALE IN CONNECTION WITH, ANY DISTRIBUTION THEREOF IN VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT. OR (6) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND ANY OTHER JURISDICTION; IF ANY RESALE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF THE NOTES IS PROPOSED TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO CLAUSE (5) ABOVE, THE TRANSFEROR SHALL DELIVER A LETTER SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM SET OUT IN SCHEDULE 9 TO THE AGENCY AGREEMENT TO THE REGISTRAR, WHICH SHALL PROVIDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE TRANSFEREE IS AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR THAT IT IS ACQUIRING SUCH NOTES FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AND NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT, AND THAT IT WILL ACQUIRE NOTES HAVING A MINIMUM PURCHASE PRICE OF AT LEAST U.S.\$500,000 (OR THE APPROXIMATE EQUIVALENT IN ANOTHER SPECIFIED CURRENCY (AS DEFINED IN THE AGENCY AGREEMENT)) AND (C) IT AGREES THAT IT WILL DELIVER TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM THIS SECURITY IS TRANSFERRED A NOTICE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE EFFECT OF THIS LEGEND.

THIS SECURITY AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE AGENCY AGREEMENT REFERRED TO HEREIN) MAY BE AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF, BUT UPON NOTICE TO, THE HOLDERS OF SUCH SECURITIES SENT TO THEIR REGISTERED ADDRESSES, TO MODIFY THE RESTRICTIONS ON AND PROCEDURES FOR RESALES AND OTHER TRANSFERS OF THIS SECURITY TO REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN APPLICABLE LAW OR REGULATION (OR THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF) OR IN PRACTICES RELATING TO RESALES OR OTHER TRANSFERS OF RESTRICTED SECURITIES GENERALLY. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY SHALL BE DEEMED, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OR PURCHASE HEREOF, TO HAVE AGREED TO ANY SUCH AMENDMENT OR SUPPLEMENT (EACH OF WHICH SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND BINDING ON THE HOLDER HEREOF AND ALL FUTURE HOLDERS OF THIS SECURITY AND ANY SECURITIES ISSUED IN EXCHANGE OR SUBSTITUTION THEREFOR, WHETHER OR NOT ANY NOTATION THEREOF IS MADE HEREON).";

(vii) if it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person, that if it should resell or otherwise transfer the Notes prior to the expiration of the Distribution Compliance Period (defined as 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering and the closing date with respect to the original issuance of the Notes), it will do so only (i) outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or 904 of Regulation S or (ii) upon receipt by the Registrar of a written certification substantially in the form set out in Schedule 8 to the Agency Agreement, amended as appropriate (a "Transfer Certificate"), copies of which are available from the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, from the transferor of the Note or beneficial interest therein to the effect that such transfer is being made: (a) to a person whom the transferor reasonably believes is a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A; or (b) to a person who is an Institutional Accredited Investor, together with, in the case of (b), a duly executed investment letter from the relevant transfere substantially in the form set out in Schedule 9 to the Agency Agreement and such other satisfactory evidence as the Issuer may reasonably require from the

transferor, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that such transfer is in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States; (iii) to the Issuer or any affiliate thereof; or (if available) (iv) otherwise pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or an exemption therefrom, subject to receipt by the Issuer of such satisfactory evidence as the Issuer may reasonably require, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that such transfer is in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States, and, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States or any other jurisdiction; and it acknowledges that the Regulation S Global Notes will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Issuer:

"THIS SECURITY AND THE GUARANTEE HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS AND, ACCORDINGLY, THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENCY AGREEMENT AND PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. THIS LEGEND SHALL CEASE TO APPLY UPON THE EXPIRY OF THE PERIOD OF 40 DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALL THE NOTES OF THE TRANCHE OF WHICH THIS NOTE FORMS PART."; and

(viii) that the Issuer and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements and agrees that if any of such acknowledgements, representations or agreements made by it are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer; and if it is acquiring any Notes as a fiduciary or agent for one or more accounts it represents that it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements on behalf of each such account.

Institutional Accredited Investors who purchase Registered Notes in definitive form offered and sold in the United States in reliance upon the exemption from registration provided by Regulation D of the Securities Act are required to execute and deliver to the Registrar an IAI Investment Letter. Upon execution and delivery of an IAI Investment Letter by an Institutional Accredited Investor, Notes will be issued in definitive registered form, see *"Form of the Notes"*.

The IAI Investment Letter will state, among other things, the following:

- (i) that the Institutional Accredited Investor has received a copy of the Offering Circular and such other information as it deems necessary in order to make its investment decision;
- (ii) that the Institutional Accredited Investor understands that any subsequent transfer of the Notes is subject to certain restrictions and conditions set forth in the Offering Circular and the Notes (including those set out above), and that it agrees to be bound by, and not to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer the Notes except in compliance with such restrictions and conditions and the Securities Act;
- (iii) that, in the normal course of its business, the Institutional Accredited Investor invests in or purchases securities similar to the Notes;
- (iv) that the Institutional Accredited Investor is an Institutional Accredited Investor within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Regulation D under the Securities Act and has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of its investment in the Notes, and it and any accounts for which it is acting are each able to bear the economic risk of its or any such accounts' investment for an indefinite period of time;

- (v) that the Institutional Accredited Investor is acquiring the Notes purchased by it for its own account or for one or more accounts (each of which is an Institutional Accredited Investor) as to each of which it exercises sole investment discretion and not with a view to any distribution of the Notes, subject, nevertheless, to the understanding that the disposition of its property shall at all times be and remain within its control; and
- (vi) that, in the event that the Institutional Accredited Investor purchases Notes, it will acquire Notes having a minimum purchase price of at least U.S.\$500,000 (or the approximate equivalent in another Specified Currency).

No sale of Legended Notes in the United States to any one purchaser will be for less than U.S.\$100,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) nominal amount or, in the case of sales to Institutional Accredited Investors, U.S.\$500,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) nominal amount, and no Legended Note will be issued in connection with such a sale in a smaller nominal amount. If the purchaser is a non-bank fiduciary acting on behalf of others, each person for whom it is acting must purchase at least U.S.\$100,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) or, in the case of sales to Institutional Accredited Investors, U.S.\$500,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) or, in the case of sales to Institutional Accredited Investors, U.S.\$500,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) nominal amount of Registered Notes.

## Selling Restrictions

## United States

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

- (i) The Notes and the Guarantee have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and the Notes may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.
- (ii) The Notes in bearer form are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and regulations thereunder. The applicable Pricing Supplement will identify whether TEFRA C rules, TEFRA D rules apply or whether TEFRA is not applicable.
- (iii) In connection with any Notes which are offered or sold outside the United States in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided under Regulation S ("Regulation S Notes"), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or delivered and will not offer, sell or, in the case of Notes sold in Bearer form, deliver such Regulation S Notes (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of all Notes of the Tranche of which such Regulation S Notes are a part, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Each Dealer has further agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will send to each dealer to which it sells any Regulation S Notes during the Distribution Compliance Period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Regulation S Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons.
- (iv) Until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any Series of Notes, an offer or sale of such Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

- (v) Notwithstanding anything above to the contrary, dealers may arrange for the resale of Notes to QIBs pursuant to Rule 144A, and each such purchaser of Notes is hereby notified that the Dealers may be relying on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A. The minimum aggregate nominal amount of Notes which may be purchased by a QIB pursuant to Rule 144A is U.S.\$ 100,000 (or the approximate equivalent thereof in any other currency). To the extent that the Issuer or the Guarantor is not subject to or does not comply with the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or the information furnishing requirements of Rule 12g3-2(b) thereunder, the Issuer and the Guarantor have agreed to furnish to holders of Notes and to prospective purchasers designated by such holders, upon request, such information as may be required by Rule 144A(d)(4).
- (vi) Notwithstanding anything above to the contrary, it is understood that Registered Notes may be offered and sold pursuant to a private placement in the United States to Institutional Accredited Investors, and in connection therewith each Dealer represents and agrees that:
  - (a) offers, sales, resales and other transfers of Notes made in the United States made or approved by a Dealer (including offers, resales or other transfers made or approved by a Dealer in connection with secondary trading) shall be made with respect to Registered Notes only and shall be effected pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act;
  - (b) offers, sales, resales and other transfers of Notes made in the United States will be made only in private transactions to a limited number of Institutional Accredited Investors;
  - (c) the Notes will be offered in the United States only by approaching prospective purchasers on an individual basis. No general solicitation or general advertising within the meaning of Rule 502(c) of Regulation S will be used in connection with the offering of the Notes in the United States; and
  - (d) no sale of Notes in the United States to any one Institutional Accredited Investor will be for less than U.S.\$500,000 principal amount and, if such purchaser is a non-bank fiduciary acting on behalf of others, each person for whom it is acting must purchase at lease U.S.\$500,000 principal amount of the Notes.
- (vii) Each issuance of Index Linked Notes or Dual Currency Notes shall be subject to such additional U.S. selling restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree as a term of the issuance and purchase of such Notes, which additional selling restrictions shall be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

## Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Offering Circular as completed by the Pricing Supplement in relation thereto to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression "retail investor" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "MiFID II"); or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (as amended, the "Insurance Distribution Directive"), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or

- (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the "Prospectus Regulation"); and
- (b) the expression "offer" includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes.

## **United Kingdom**

## Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by the Offering Circular as completed by the applicable Pricing Supplement in relation thereto to any retail investor in the UK. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression "retail investor" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("EUWA"); or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement the Insurance Distribution Directive, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or
  - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the Prospectus Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; and
- (b) the expression an "offer" includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes.

## Other Regulatory Restrictions

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) in relation to any Notes which have a maturity of less than one year, (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer or the Guarantor; and

(c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the UK.

## Japan

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended; the "FIEA") and each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Act No. 228 of 1949, as amended)), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any other sold otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

## Hong Kong

In relation to each Tranche of Notes issued by the Issuer, each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

- (i) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in Hong Kong, by means of any document, any Notes (except for Notes which are a "structured product" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (the "SFO")) other than (i) to "professional investors" as defined in the SFO and any rules made under the SFO; or (ii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong ("C(WUMP)O") or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of C(WUMP)O; and
- (ii) it has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Notes, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong), other than with respect to Notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" as defined in the SFO and any rules made under the SFO.

## Singapore

Each Dealer has acknowledged, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to acknowledge that, this Offering Circular has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold any Notes or caused the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell any Notes or cause the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute, this Offering Circular or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Notes, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the Notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities or securities-based derivatives contracts (each term as defined in Section 2(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- to an institutional investor or to a relevant person, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(c)(ii) of the SFA; or
- (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer; or
- (3) where the transfer is by operation of law; or
- (4) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
- (5) as specified in Regulation 37A of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Securities and Securities-based Derivatives Contracts) Regulations 2018.

Singapore SFA Product Classification: In connection with Section 309B of the SFA and the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018 of Singapore (the "CMP Regulations 2018"), unless otherwise specified before an offer of Notes, the Issuer has determined, and hereby notifies all relevant persons (as defined in Section 309A(1) of the SFA), that the Notes are 'prescribed capital markets products' (as defined in the CMP Regulations 2018) and Excluded Investment Products (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products).

## British Virgin Islands

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that with respect to offers and sales of any Notes, that it has not and will not offer or sell any Notes to persons resident in the British Virgin Islands.

## For Residents of the British Virgin Islands only

This Offering Circular is not an offer to the public in the British Virgin Islands. No action has been taken to permit an offer of the Notes in the British Virgin Islands and this Offering Circular is not a registered prospectus within the meaning of section 25 of the Securities and Investment Business Act, 2010 (as revised) ("SIBA").

Subscriptions for the securities contained in this Offering Circular will not be accepted from any person in the British Virgin Islands and no Notes will be issued to any person in the British Virgin Islands unless: (a) that person is a Qualified Investor as defined in Schedule 4 of SIBA and, to the extent that person is a professional investor for the purposes of Schedule 4 of SIBA, it declares that (i) its ordinary business involves, whether for its own account or the account of others, the acquisition or disposal of property of the same kind as the property constituting the Notes, or a substantial part of the property; or (ii) it has net worth in excess of U.S.\$ 1,000,000 or its equivalent in any other currency and that it consents to being treated as a professional investor within the meaning of section 40 of SIBA; or (b) that person is a BVI business company and neither this Offering Circular nor any other document relating to this offer has been received by that person at an address in the British Virgin Islands other than its registered office in the British Virgin Islands; or (c) that person has a close connection

(within the meaning of section 2(3) of SIBA) with the Issuer; or (d) that person is the Government of the British Virgin Islands.

## General

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will (to the best of its knowledge and belief) comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes this Offering Circular and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the Issuer, the Guarantor nor any of the other Dealers shall have any responsibility therefor. If a jurisdiction requires that an offering of Notes be made by a licensed broker or dealer and the Dealers or any affiliate of the Dealers is a licensed broker or dealer in that jurisdiction, such offering shall be deemed to be made by the Dealers or such affiliate on behalf of the Issuer in such jurisdiction.

None of the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Dealers represents that Notes may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating such sale.

The Issuer may also from time to time agree with the relevant Dealer(s) that the Issuer may pay certain third parties commissions (including, without limitation, rebates to private banks as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement).

With regard to each Tranche, the relevant Dealer will be required to comply with such other restrictions as the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealers shall agree and as shall be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

The Dealers and certain of their affiliates may have performed certain investment banking and advisory services for the Issuer, the Guarantor, their subsidiaries and/or their respective affiliates from time to time for which they have received customary fees and expenses and may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for the Issuer, the Guarantor, their subsidiaries and/or their respective affiliates in the ordinary course of their business. The Dealers or their respective affiliates are, or may in the future be, lenders to the Issuer, the Guarantor, their subsidiaries and/or their respective affiliates. In connection with each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme, the Dealers or certain of their affiliates may purchase Notes and be allocated Notes for asset management and/or proprietary purposes but not with a view to distribution. Such persons do not intend to disclose the extent of any such investment or transactions otherwise than in accordance with any legal or regulatory obligation to do so.

In connection with each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme, the Dealers or their respective affiliates may purchase Notes for its or their own account and enter into transactions, including credit derivatives, such as asset swaps, repackaging and credit default swaps relating to such Notes and/or other securities of the Issuer, the Guarantor or their subsidiaries or associates at the same time as the offer and sale of each Tranche of Notes or in secondary market transactions. Such transactions would be carried out as bilateral trades with selected counterparties and separately from any existing sale or resale of the Tranche of Notes to which a particular Pricing Supplement relates (notwithstanding that such selected counterparties may also be purchasers of such Tranche of Notes).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## Authorisation

The establishment of the Programme and the issue of Notes have been duly authorised by resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Issuer dated 4th December, 2001, 14th November, 2003, 5th November, 2004, 24th October, 2005, 15th September, 2011, 6th October, 2014, 26th September, 2019 and 22nd September, 2020 and the giving of the Guarantee has been duly authorised by resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Guarantor dated 4th December, 2003, 5th November, 2004, 24th October, 2005, 6th October, 2014, 28th November, 2001, 14th November, 2003, 5th November, 2004, 24th October, 2005, 6th October, 2014, 28th November, 2017, 26th September, 2019 and 10th August, 2020. The increase in the aggregate nominal amount of the Programme from U.S.\$2,500,000,000 to U.S.\$4,000,000,000 and the update of the Programme have been duly authorised by the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Issuer dated 22nd September, 2020 and the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Guarantor dated 10th August, 2020, as well as the resolutions of the Executive Committee of the Guarantor dated 22nd September, 2020.

## Listing of Notes on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Application has been made to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for the listing of the Programme during the 12month period after the date of this Offering Circular on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange under which Notes may be issued by way of debt issues to Professional Investors only. A separate application will be made for permission to deal in and the listing of Notes issued under the Programme on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The listing of Notes on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will be expressed as a percentage of their nominal amount. Transactions will normally be effected for settlement in the relevant specified currency and for delivery by the end of the second trading day after the date of the transaction. It is expected that dealings will, if permission is granted to deal in and for the listing of such Notes, commence on or about the date of listing of the relevant Notes.

The Securities and Futures Commission has granted an exemption to the Issuer, its substantial shareholders, directors and chief executives from compliance with the requirements of Part XV of the SFO in respect of the disclosure obligations arising from the listing of the Notes under this Programme on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

## **Documents Available**

So long as Notes are capable of being issued under the Programme, copies of the following documents will be available from the registered office of the Issuer and the Guarantor and from the specified office of the Paying Agent for the time being in Hong Kong:

- (i) the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Issuer and the Articles of Association of the Guarantor;
- (ii) the audited consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor in respect of the financial years ended 31st December, 2021 and 2022 and the non-consolidated audited statement of financial position of the Guarantor as at the respective dates (the Guarantor currently prepares audited accounts on an annual basis and does not prepare annual non-consolidated financial statements other than the statement of financial position) and the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor for the six months ended 30th June, 2023;
- (iii) the most recently published audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor and the most recently published unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor from time to time (at the date of this Offering Circular, the Issuer has not published any audited or unaudited financial statements and does not propose to publish any financial statements. The Guarantor currently prepares unaudited consolidated interim accounts on a half-yearly basis);

- (iv) the Programme Agreement, the Agency Agreement, the Guarantee, the Deed of Covenant, the Deed Poll, the forms of the Global Notes, the Notes in definitive form, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons;
- (v) a copy of this Offering Circular;
- (vi) any future offering circulars, prospectuses, information memoranda and supplements including Pricing Supplements (save that a Pricing Supplement relating to an unlisted Series of Notes will only be available for inspection by a holder of any such Notes and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of Notes and identity) to this Offering Circular and any other documents incorporated herein or therein by reference;
- (vii) in the case of each issue of listed Notes subscribed pursuant to a subscription agreement, the subscription agreement (or equivalent document); and
- (viii) all reports, letters and other documents, statements of financial position, valuations and statements by any expert any part of which is extracted or referred to in this Offering Circular.

## **Clearing Systems**

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream. The appropriate Common Code and ISIN for each Tranche of Bearer Notes allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream will be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. The Issuer may also apply to have Bearer Notes accepted for clearance through the CMU. The relevant CMU instrument number will be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. In addition, the Issuer may make an application for any Registered Notes to be accepted for trading in book-entry form by DTC. The CUSIP and/or CINS numbers for each Tranche of Registered Notes, together with the relevant ISIN and common code, will be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

## Significant or Material Change

Save as disclosed in this Offering Circular, there has been no significant or material adverse change in the financial or trading position of the Guarantor or the Group since 31st December, 2022 and there has been no significant or material adverse change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer since its date of incorporation.

## Litigation

Save as disclosed in this Offering Circular (if any), neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor nor any other member of the Group is or has been involved in any legal or arbitration proceedings (including any proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer or the Guarantor are aware) which may have or have had in the 12 months preceding the date of this document a significant effect on the financial position of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Group.

## Auditor

The Issuer has not published and does not propose to publish accounts. The independent auditor of the Guarantor is Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, 35/F One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong, Certified Public Accountants and Registered Public Interest Entity Auditors in Hong Kong, who have audited the Guarantor's consolidated financial statements and issued unmodified opinions for each of the three financial years ended on 31st December, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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