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# **Astrum Financial Holdings Limited**

阿仕特朗金融控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8333)

# (1) PROPOSED GRANT OF ISSUE MANDATE AND REPURCHASE MANDATE; (2) PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS; AND

## (3) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting ("AGM") of the Company to be held at Room 2704, 27/F, Tower 1, Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong on Friday, 16 June 2023 at 11:00 a.m. is set out on pages 13 to 17 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend and vote at the AGM in person, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be) should you so desire.

This circular will remain on the "Latest Listed Company Information" page of the website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) for at least 7 days from the date of its publication and on the website of the Company (www.astrum-capital.com).

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF GEM**

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Given that the companies listed on GEM are generally small and mid-sized companies, there is a risk that securities traded on GEM may be more susceptible to high market volatility than securities traded on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange and no assurance is given that there will be a liquid market in the securities traded on GEM.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings set out below:

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at

Room 2704, 27/F, Tower 1, Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong on Friday, 16 June 2023 at 11:00 a.m., the notice of which is set out on pages 13 to 17 of this

circular

"AGM Notice" the notice convening the AGM as set out on pages 13 to

17 of this circular

"Articles of Association" the second amended and restated articles of association of

the Company adopted on 19 December 2022 with effect from 21 December 2022 and as amended from time to

time

"associate(s)" has the same meaning ascribed to it under the GEM

Listing Rules

"Board" the board of Directors

"Company" Astrum Financial Holdings Limited, a company

incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability, the Shares of which are

listed on GEM

"core connected person(s)" has the same meaning ascribed to it under the GEM

Listing Rules

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company

"GEM" GEM operated by the Stock Exchange

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

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

People's Republic of China

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Issue Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to exercise all power of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new Shares of up to 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution in relation thereof "Latest Practicable Date" 24 March 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained herein "Repurchase Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase Shares up to 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution in relation thereof "SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong), as amended and supplemented from time to time "Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.1 each in the share capital of the Company "Shareholder(s)" the holder(s) of the Share(s) "Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited has the same meaning ascribed to it under the GEM "substantial shareholder(s)" Listing Rules "Takeovers Code" The Hong Kong Codes on Takeovers and Mergers "HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

per cent

"%"



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Executive Directors:

Mr. Pan Chik (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Kwan Chun Yee Hidulf

Ms. Yu Hoi Ling

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Mr. Sum Loong

Mr. Lau Hon Kee

Ms. Yue Chung Sze Joyce

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Hong Kong

31 March 2023

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# (1) PROPOSED GRANT OF ISSUE MANDATE AND REPURCHASE MANDATE; AND

# (2) PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to: (i) provide you with details of the proposed Issue Mandate and the proposed Repurchase Mandate and the extension of the Issue Mandate by addition thereto of the number of Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate; (ii) set out an explanatory statement regarding the Repurchase Mandate; (iii) furnish you with details of the proposed re-election of Directors; and (iv) give you the AGM Notice.

#### PROPOSED ISSUE MANDATE

The Company's existing mandate to issue Shares was approved by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 17 June 2022. Unless otherwise renewed, the existing mandate to issue Shares will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM.

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to grant to the Directors new general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new Shares of up to 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the AGM. In addition, a separate ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to add to the Issue Mandate those Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate (if so granted to the Directors at the AGM).

The Issue Mandate allows the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new Shares only during the period ending on the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands; or (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company (the "Relevant Period").

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 96,000,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Issue Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are allotted and issued or repurchased prior to the date of the AGM, the Directors would be authorised to allot, issue and otherwise deal with a maximum of 19,200,000 new Shares under the Issue Mandate, representing 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution in relation thereof.

#### PROPOSED REPURCHASE MANDATE

The Company's existing mandate to repurchase Shares was approved by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 17 June 2022. Unless otherwise renewed, the existing mandate to repurchase Shares will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM.

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to grant to the Directors new general and unconditional mandate to repurchase Shares of up to 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the AGM. The Repurchase Mandate allows the Company to make purchases of Shares only during the Relevant Period.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company was 96,000,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are allotted and issued or repurchased prior to the date of the AGM, the Company would be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 9,600,000 Shares under the Repurchase Mandate, representing 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution in relation thereof.

An explanatory statement required to be sent to the Shareholders under the GEM Listing Rules is set out in Appendix I to this circular to provide the requisite information regarding the Repurchase Mandate to the Shareholders.

The Directors have no present intention to exercise the Issue Mandate or the Repurchase Mandate (if granted to the Directors at the AGM).

#### PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with article 108 of Articles of Association, at each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being, or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not less than one-third, shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. Therefore, at the AGM, each of Mr. Kwan Chun Yee Hidulf and Mr. Sum Loong will retire as Director by rotation and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM.

In proposing Mr. Sum Loong to be re-elected as independent non-executive Director at the AGM, the nomination committee of the Company has considered the valuable working experience, knowledge and professionalism of Mr. Sum Loong (in particular in terms of law industry) and his contribution to the diversity of the Board having regard the background and experience of each member of the Board.

Mr. Sum Loong have demonstrated his ability to provide an independent, balanced and objective view to the Company's matters during his years of appointment. The nomination committee of the Company has assessed and reviewed the annual confirmation of independence of Mr. Sum Loong based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 5.09 of the GEM Listing Rules, and re-affirmed his independence.

Biographical details of Mr. Kwan Chun Yee Hidulf and Mr. Sum Loong who are subject to re-election at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular in accordance with the relevant requirements of the GEM Listing Rules.

#### **AGM**

A notice convening the AGM to be held at Room 2704, 27/F, Tower 1, Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong on Friday, 16 June 2023 at 11:00 a.m. is set out on pages 13 to 17 of this circular.

Pursuant to Rule 17.47(4) of the GEM Listing Rules, any vote of Shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands.

A form of proxy for use by Shareholders at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend and vote at the AGM in person, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be) should you so desire and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

#### CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The transfer books and register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 13 June 2023 to Friday, 16 June 2023, both days inclusive. During such period, no share transfers will be effected. In order to qualify for attending the AGM, all transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 12 June 2023.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the granting of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate and the re-election of retiring Directors referred to in this circular are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM and as set out in the AGM Notice.

#### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

By order of the Board

Astrum Financial Holdings Limited

Pan Chik

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

This appendix serves as an explanatory statement as required under the GEM Listing Rules to provide the requisite information to Shareholders for consideration of the Repurchase Mandate pursuant to Rule 13.08 of the GEM Listing Rules

#### 1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 96,000,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued and allotted or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the AGM, the Company will be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 9,600,000 Shares.

#### 2. SOURCE OF FUNDS

The Directors propose that the repurchase of Shares under the Repurchase Mandate will be financed from the Company's internal resources.

In repurchasing the Shares, the Company may only apply funds which are legally available for such purposes in accordance with the constitutional documents of the Company, the GEM Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations of the Cayman Islands. The Company will not purchase the Shares for a consideration other than cash or for settlement otherwise than in accordance with the trading rules of the Stock Exchange from time to time.

#### 3. REASONS FOR SHARE REPURCHASE

Although the Directors have no present intention of exercising the proposed Repurchase Mandate, the Directors believe that the flexibility afforded by the proposed Repurchase Mandate would be beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders. An exercise of the Repurchase Mandate may, depending on market conditions and Share price at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such repurchase of the Company Shares will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### 4. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the twelve months preceding the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Highest HK\$	Lowest HK\$
2022		
March (from 25 March 2022 to 31 March 2022)	1.48*	1.30*
April	1.60*	1.43*
May	1.50*	0.91*
June	1.32*	1.20*
July	1.50*	0.97*
August	1.58*	1.25*
September	1.54*	0.84*
October	1.53*	0.62*
November	0.82*	0.36*
December	0.76*	0.60*
2023		
January	0.70	0.69
February	0.70	0.70
March (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.70	0.64

<sup>\*</sup> These share prices were adjusted as a result of share consolidation which became effective on 21 December 2022. Details of the share consolidation were set out in the circular of the Company dated 23 November 2022.

#### 5. UNDERTAKING

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the powers of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and in accordance with the GEM Listing Rules, the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and the Articles of Association.

#### 6. EFFECT OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE

If a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases as a result of a repurchase of Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purpose of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder, or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (as defined under the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase in the shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

Approximate percentage

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the following Shareholders had interests representing 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company:

					of share	eholding	
	Capacity/ Nature of	Number of Shares held/	Number of underlying		As at the Latest Practicable	If the Repurchase Mandate is exercised	
Name	interests	interested in	Shares held	Total	Date	in full	
Mr. Pan Chik (Notes 1 & 2)	Interest of a controlled corporation/ Beneficial owner	53,268,500	800,000 (Note 3)	54,068,500	56.32%	62.58%	
Ms. Liu Ming Lai Lorna (Note 4)	Interest of spouse	53,268,500	800,000	54,068,000	56.32%	62.58%	
Autumn Ocean Limited (Note 2)	Beneficial interest	53,268,500	-	53,268,500	55.49%	61.65%	

#### Notes:

- 1. Mr. Pan Chik is an executive Director.
- 2. These 53,268,500 Shares are held by Autumn Ocean Limited which is wholly-owned by Mr. Pan Chik and hence, Mr. Pan Chik is deemed, or taken to be, interested in all the Shares held by Autumn Ocean Limited for the purposes of the SFO.
- 3. Mr. Pan Chik was granted 800,000 share options on 4 January 2021 under the share option scheme of the Company adopted by the Shareholders on 23 June 2016 (the "Share Option Scheme") at an exercise price of HK\$0.96 per Share with the validity period from 4 January 2021 to 3 January 2026.
- 4. Ms. Liu Ming Lai Lorna is the spouse of Mr. Pan Chik. She is deemed, or taken to be, interested in all Shares and underlying Shares in which Mr. Pan Chik is interested for the purposes of the SFO.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best knowledge and belief of the Directors, Mr. Pan Chik, through Autumn Ocean Limited, indirectly held 53,268,500 Shares, representing approximately 55.49% of the issued Shares. In the event that the Directors should exercise the Repurchase Mandate in full and excluding the Shares which may be issued to Mr. Pan Chik upon the exercise of the 800,000 share options granted to him under the Share Option Scheme, Mr. Pan Chik's voting right in the Shares will be increased to approximately 61.65% of the then issued share capital of the Company. Such exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full would not trigger an obligation on the part of Mr. Pan Chik and parties acting in concert with him to make a mandatory general offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

The Directors have no intention to exercise the power to repurchase Shares to an extent which would render any Shareholder or group of Shareholders obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 or Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code.

The Directors have no intention to repurchase Shares on GEM if the repurchase would result in the number of Shares in the hands of the public falling below 25%, being the relevant minimum prescribed percentage for the Company as required by the GEM Listing Rules.

# 7. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS, THEIR ASSOCIATES AND CORE CONNECTED PERSONS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the Directors nor, to the best of their respective knowledge and belief and having made all reasonable enquiries, their associates, have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company or any of its subsidiaries under the Repurchase Mandate if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders and is exercised.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, no core connected person of the Company has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### 8. MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE

As compared with the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2022 (being the date to which the latest audited accounts of the Company have been made up), the Directors consider that there would not be a material adverse impact on the working capital or the gearing position of the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate were to be carried out in full during the Relevant Period.

However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital of the Company or the gearing position which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### 9. SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

The Company had not repurchased any Shares (whether on GEM or otherwise) during the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

# DETAILS OF DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AT THE AGM

The details of the retiring Directors proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are set out as follows:

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Kwan Chun Yee Hidulf (關振義), aged 50, was appointed as an executive Director on 13 January 2015 and is responsible for business planning and development and overseeing the operations of the Group. Mr. Kwan is also the compliance officer of the Company with effect from 16 November 2017. He has over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry. Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Kwan was the responsible officer of Asia Investment Management Limited, Goldin Financial Limited and South West Capital Limited at the material time for the period from March 2009 to June 2012.

Mr. Kwan joined the Group as the head of corporate finance department of Astrum Capital Management Limited ("Astrum Capital"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, in July 2012 and was subsequently appointed as a director of Astrum Capital in October 2012. He is currently the managing director of Astrum Capital and is licensed with the SFC as a responsible officer of Astrum Capital for Type 1 (dealing in securities), Type 6 (advising on corporate finance) and Type 9 (asset management) regulated activities. He obtained his bachelor's degree in business administration conferred by Lingnan University in Hong Kong in November 1999.

Under the service agreement of Mr. Kwan with the Company in relation to his service as an executive Director, he was appointed for a term of 3 years commencing on 14 July 2022. Mr. Kwan is entitled to a monthly director's fee of HK\$160,000, which is determined with reference to his experience, duties and responsibilities within the Company. Mr. Kwan is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company pursuant to the Articles of Association.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Kwan held share options granted under the Share Option Scheme to subscribe for 800,000 Shares.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Kwan confirms that he (i) does not hold any other position with the Company or other members of the Group; (ii) has not held any directorship in other public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas during the three years immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date; (iii) does not hold other major appointments and professional qualifications; (iv) does not have any relationship with other Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders (having the meaning ascribed to it in the GEM Listing Rules) of the Company; and (v) did not have any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Save as disclosed above, there is no further information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 17.50(2)(h) to (v) of the GEM Listing Rules nor any other matters that needed to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in relation to the re-election of Mr. Kwan.

#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sum Loong (沈龍) (alias Dillan Sum), aged 61, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 1 November 2020. Mr. Sum has over 25 years of working experience in the areas of corporate/company/commercial legal affairs, compliance and business administration matters. He has been engaged as a consultant lawyer of Lee Chan Cheng Solicitors since 1 March 2023.

Mr. Sum graduated from the University of Essex with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1991 and was admitted as a solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong in 1994, and of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 1995. He also obtained a law degree in the China University of Political Science and Law in 1999. He passed the qualifying examination to practise law in the People's Republic of China (Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area) in July 2021 and obtained the Lawyer's License of the People's Republic of China (Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area) in August 2022.

Under the service agreement of Mr. Sum with the Company in relation to his service as an independent non-executive Director, he was appointed for a term of three years commencing on 1 November 2020. Mr. Sum is entitled to a monthly director's fee of HK\$11,000, which is determined with reference to his experience, duties and responsibilities within the Company. Mr. Sum is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company pursuant to the Articles of Association.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Sum confirms that he (i) does not hold any other position with the Company or other members of the Group; (ii) has not held any directorship in other public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas during the three years immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date; (iii) does not hold other major appointments and professional qualifications; (iv) does not have any relationship with other Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders (having the meaning ascribed to it in the GEM Listing Rules) of the Company; and (v) did not have any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Save as disclosed above, there is no further information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 17.50(2)(h) to (v) of the GEM Listing Rules nor any other matters that needed to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in relation to the re-election of Mr. Sum.



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting (the "**AGM**") of Astrum Financial Holdings Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at Room 2704, 27/F, Tower 1, Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong on Friday, 16 June 2023 at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business:

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

- 1. To receive and approve the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors (the "**Directors**', each a "**Director**") and the auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.
- 2. To re-appoint HLB Hodgson Impey Cheng Limited as the auditors of the Company and to authorise the board of Directors (the "Board") to fix their remuneration.
- 3. To pass the following resolutions, each a separate resolution:
  - (a) (i) To re-elect Mr. Kwan Chun Yee Hidulf as an executive Director; and
    - (ii) To re-elect Mr. Sum Loong as an independent non-executive Director;
  - (b) To authorise the Board to fix the remuneration of the Directors.

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### 4. "THAT

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) of this resolution, and pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM (the "GEM Listing Rules") of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of HK\$0.1 (the "Share") each in the share capital of the Company or securities convertible into such shares or options, warrants, or similar right to subscribe for any shares or convertible securities of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such power, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such powers (including but not limited to the power to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares in the capital of the Company) during or after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); (ii) the exercise of any options granted under any share option scheme adopted by the Company or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries and/or any eligible persons thereunder of shares or rights to subscribe for shares in the capital of the Company; (iii) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment and issue of shares in the Company in lieu of the whole or part a dividend pursuant to the articles of association of the Company (the "Articles of Association") from time to time; or (iv) an issue of shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants of the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

- (d) for the purpose of this resolution, "**Relevant Period**" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or
  - (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands; or
  - (iii) the date upon which the authority given under this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") in a general meeting of the Company.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares of the Company open for a period fixed by the Company or the Directors to the Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares as at that date (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange)."

#### 5. "THAT

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares in the share capital of the Company on GEM of the Stock Exchange or on any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and which is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, and that the exercise by the Directors of all powers to repurchase such shares are subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and requirements of the GEM Listing Rules or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors on behalf of the Company during the Relevant Period to procure the Company to repurchase its shares at a price determined by the Directors;

- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company repurchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purpose of this resolution, "**Relevant Period**" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or
  - (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands; or
  - (iii) the date upon which the authority given under this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company."
- 6. "THAT conditional upon the passing of resolutions Nos. 4 and 5 as set out in this notice convening the AGM of which this resolution forms part, the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to resolution No. 4 as set out in this notice convening the AGM of which this resolution forms part be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution No. 5 as set out in this notice convening the AGM of which this resolution forms part, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution."

By Order of the Board

Astrum Financial Holdings Limited

Pan Chik

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 31 March 2023

#### Notes:

- 1. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote on his/her/it behalf. A member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him/her/it and vote on his/her/its behalf at the AGM. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. In case of a joint holding, the form of proxy may be signed by any joint holder, but if more than one joint holder is present at the AGM, whether in person or by proxy, that one of the joint holders whose name stands first on the register of members in respect of the relevant joint holding shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- 3. To be valid, the form of proxy together with any power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy thereof, must be deposited at the Company's branch registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the AGM, and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy previously submitted shall be deemed revoked.
- 4. In compliance with the GEM Listing Rules, the ordinary resolutions to the proposed at the AGM convened by this notice will be voted on by way of poll.
- 5. In relation to resolution No. 3, Mr. Kwan Chun Yee Hidulf and Mr. Sum Loong will retire from office as Directors at the AGM in accordance with article 108 of the Articles of Association and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election. Biographical details of these Directors are set out in Appendix II to this circular.
- 6. An explanatory statement as required by the GEM Listing Rules in connection with the repurchase mandate under resolution No. 5 above is set out in Appendix I to this circular.
- 7. The transfer books and register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 13 June 2023 to Friday, 16 June 2023 (both days inclusive), during which period no share transfers will be effected. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the AGM, all completed transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 12 June 2023.
- 8. A form of proxy for use by shareholders at the AGM is enclosed.

As at the date of this notice, the Directors are:

#### **Executive Directors**

Mr. Pan Chik (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Kwan Chun Yee Hidulf

Ms. Yu Hoi Ling

## Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Sum Loong

Mr. Lau Hon Kee

Ms. Yue Chung Sze Joyce

This notice, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this notice is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this notice misleading.

This notice will remain on the "Latest Listed Company Information" page of the website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) for at least 7 days from the date of its publication and on the website of the Company (www.astrum-capital.com).