

### **Announces 2022/23 Annual Results**

(Hong Kong, 19 December 2023) **Emperor Capital Group Limited** ("Emperor Capital Group" or "Group") (Stock code: 717), a one-stop financial services institution in Hong Kong, announced its annual results for the year ended 30 September 2023 ("Year").

Although the global economy is on the road to recovery, capital markets have been experiencing setbacks due to ongoing macro-economic issues which have inevitably affected the Group's businesses; hence the Group's total revenue was HK\$441.0 million (2022: HK\$512.8 million) during the Year. Net impairment allowances for margin loans, other loans and advances decreased to HK\$403.6 million (2022: HK\$590.1 million), resulting in the Group's net loss narrowing to HK\$160.6 million (2022: HK\$299.2 million) during the Year. Basic loss per share was HK2.38 cents (2022: HK4.44 cents).

## <u>Financing</u>

During the Year, the Group continued to adhere to its cautious approach and adopted a stringent credit risk management and control mechanism, in order to minimise default risks. The Group adjusted the interest rate and loan-to-value ratio on a timely basis, according to the market situation. During the Year, the segment's revenue was HK\$323.1 million (2022: HK\$418.5 million), accounting for 73.3% (2022: 81.6%) of the Group's total revenue.

### **Brokerage Services**

As at 30 September 2023, the Group operated 2 branches in Hong Kong and 3 liaison offices in mainland China, which are located in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou respectively. During the Year, the Group has updated its frontend and backend trading systems and launched the eGOi APP close to end of the Year, to optimise the trading experience for customers. During the Year, revenue from the brokerage services segment increased to HK\$98.2 million (2022: HK\$76.4 million), accounting for 22.2% (2022: 14.9%) of the Group's total revenue.

### **Corporate Finance**

During the Year, the Group was one of the Joint Sponsors and Overall Coordinators in the IPO of New Media Lab Limited ("New Media Lab"; Stock Code: 1284), with the shares listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited in July 2023. The Group also handled several corporate transactions during the Year, hence revenue from the corporate finance segment increased to HK\$13.3 million (2022: HK\$11.1 million), accounting for 3.0% (2022: 2.2%) of the Group's total revenue.

# **Placing and Underwriting**

Revenue from the placing and underwriting segment was HK\$6.5 million (2022: HK\$6.8 million), accounting for 1.5% (2022: 1.3%) of the Group's total revenue. During the Year, the Group was one of the Joint Coordinators, Joint Bookrunners and Joint Lead Managers in the IPO of New Media Lab.

Ms. Daisy Yeung, Chairperson of Emperor Capital Group, said, "Subsequent to the Year, growth of major economies are moderating; other factors such as volatility arising from geopolitics and rising concerns over extreme weather-related events also dampen economic activities. The deepening slump in China's property market is also casting a shadow over global growth prospects. Nevertheless, with its strategic role in the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong continues to serve as mainland China's gateway to the world and the Group is poised to benefit from Hong Kong's connectivity with regional and global economies."

Ms. Yeung concluded, "Going forward, the Group will continue to strengthen its wealth solutions team in order to drive the Group's business development. The Group will also continue to expand its high net worth customer base and further enhance its eGOi APP in order to boost its retail market segment competitiveness. In the face of a challenging economic environment, the Group will adhere to its prudent approach and adopt appropriate strategies while seizing opportunities, to maintain steady businesses development."

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#### **About Emperor Capital Group Limited**

Established in 1993, Emperor Capital Group Limited is a renowned Hong Kong based financial institution providing a wide range of financial services including (i) commercial and personal lending as well as margin and IPO financing; (ii) brokerage services, wealth management and asset management; (iii) placing and underwriting services for listed issuers; and (iv) corporate finance advisory services. For more information, please visit its website: <a href="https://www.EmperorCapital.com">www.EmperorCapital.com</a>.

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