



英皇證券集團有限公司  
Emperor Capital Group Limited

於百慕達註冊成立之有限公司 Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability

**ANNOUNCES 2018/19 ANNUAL RESULTS**  
**STRENGTHENS CREDIT CONTROL MEASURES**  
**CAPTURES PROPERTY MORTGAGE MARKET OPPORTUNITIES**

**Financial Summary**

HK\$'000	For the year ended 30 September	
	2019	2018
Total revenue	<b>1,082,854</b>	1,314,270
Financing	<b>940,016</b>	1,085,879
Brokerage	<b>102,020</b>	133,844
Placing & Underwriting	<b>34,453</b>	75,920
Corporate Finance	<b>6,365</b>	18,627
Net (loss) / profit		
Per reported	<b>(258,706)</b>	549,195
Adjusted*	<b>630,578*</b>	754,773*
Basic (loss) / earnings per share	<b>HK(3.84) cents</b>	HK8.15 cents

\* Excluding aggregate impairment allowances on margin loans and, loans and advances, net of reversal, totalling approximately HK\$889.3 million (2018: HK\$205.6 million)

(Hong Kong, 12 December 2019) **Emperor Capital Group Limited** (“Emperor Capital Group” or the “Group”) (Stock code: 717), a one-stop financial services institution in Hong Kong, today announced its annual results for the year ended 30 September 2019 (the “Year”).

During the Year, against the backdrop of the unfavourable market situation, the Group’s revenue decreased to HK\$1,082.9 million (2018: HK\$1,314.3 million). Net loss for the Year was HK\$258.7 million (2018: net profit of HK\$549.2 million), which was mainly due to the downward adjustment in revenue across all business segments, and the recognition of impairment allowances for margin loans as well as loans and advances, net of reversal (“Impairment Allowances”). Excluding the Impairment Allowances, the Group’s adjusted net profit decreased by 16.5% to HK\$630.6 million (2018: HK\$754.8 million). Basic loss per share were HK3.84 cents (2018: basic earnings per share of HK8.15 cents).

## **Financing**

Fluctuations in the local stock and property markets have influenced the demand for the Group's loans and financing services as well as its performance. During the Year, the financing segment's revenue decreased by 13.4% to HK\$940.0 million (2018: HK\$1,085.9 million), accounting for 86.8% (2018: 82.6%) of the Group's total revenue. In response to the significant amount of Impairment Allowances during the Year, the Group has already initiated relevant legal proceedings. The Group will closely monitor its recoverability and take further action as appropriate. The Group has also further strengthened its credit control measures for relevant businesses to minimize potential risks.

## **Brokerage**

During the Year, the brokerage segment's revenue decreased to HK\$102.0 million (2018: HK\$133.8 million), mainly attributable to the sluggish investment sentiment. The segment accounted for 9.4% (2018: 10.2%) of total revenue.

As at 30 September 2019, the Group operated 4 branches in Hong Kong and 3 liaison offices in mainland China. In addition, the Group offers web-based and mobile trading platforms which enable real-time transaction and investment portfolio monitoring. Since the launch of the Shanghai-Hong Kong and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect schemes in recent years, the Group has included Northbound trading services, enabling investors to trade eligible stocks listed in Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange.

## **Placing and Underwriting**

During the Year, the revenue of the Group's placing and underwriting segment was HK\$34.5 million (2018: HK\$75.9 million), accounting for 3.2% (2018: 5.8%) of total revenue.

During the Year, the Group acted as the Lead Manager and Sole Bookrunner in the IPO of Metropolis Capital Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 8621) which was listed on the GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") in December 2018. The Group also acted as the Joint Lead Manager and Underwriter in the IPO of Design Capital Limited (Stock Code: 1545) which was listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange in April 2019.

## **Corporate Finance**

The Group's corporate finance segment recorded revenue of HK\$6.4 million (2018: HK\$18.6 million) during the Year, accounting for 0.6% (2018: 1.4%) of total revenue.

During the Year, the Group acted as the Sole Sponsor in the reverse takeover and public offer of Da Yu Financial Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 1073; formerly known as China Agrotech Holdings Limited), which resumed its listing and trading of shares on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange in July 2019.

**Ms. Daisy Yeung, Chief Executive Officer of Emperor Capital Group**, said, “Due to the unstable economic conditions, a challenging external environment is anticipated in the near term. Nevertheless, with the unique competitive advantages of the Hong Kong dollar being pegged to the United States dollar plus free capital mobility, as well as the development of the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong will continue to leverage its strengths as an international financial centre. The Group believes Hong Kong’s position will remain resilient in the long-term. In addition, the local government’s recent policy on raising the mortgage cap for first-time buyers is expected to stimulate property transactions. The Group will therefore deploy more resources in property mortgage for seizing this market potential. With its integrated business model and diversification strategies, the Group can meet customers’ demands amidst the volatile economic environment and will strive to maintain steady development of its businesses.”

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

Established in 1993, Emperor Capital Group Limited (717.HK) 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, 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: [www.emperorcapi.com](http://www.emperorcapi.com).

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