

Achieves Turnaround in 2022/23 Interim Results

(Hong Kong, 30 May 2023) **Emperor Capital Group Limited** ("Emperor Capital Group" or the "Group") (Stock code: 717), a one-stop financial services institution in Hong Kong, announced its interim results for the six months ended 31 March 2023 (the "Period").

With market uncertainties and challenges during the Period as a result of a number of macroeconomic issues, the Group's total revenue inevitably decreased to HK\$190.3 million (2022: HK\$244.8 million) during the Period. However, net impairment allowances for margin loans, and other loans and advances ("Impairment") decreased significantly to HK\$47.8 million (2022: HK\$161.8 million), hence the Group achieved a turnaround and recorded a net profit of HK\$45.2 million (2022: net loss of HK\$35.0 million) during the Period. Basic earnings per share was HK0.67 cent (2022: basic loss per share of HK0.52 cent).

Financing

In view of the economic instability, the Group continued to adhere to its cautious approach to strengthening the overall credit risk management and control mechanism, in order to minimise default risks. The Group also adjusted the interest rate and loan-to-value ratio on a timely basis, according to the market situation. During the Period, the segment's revenue was HK\$136.1 million (2022: HK\$203.4 million), accounting for 71.5% (2022: 83.1%) of the Group's total revenue.

Brokerage Services

The Group offers web-based and mobile trading platforms which enable real-time transaction and investment portfolio monitoring. As at 31 March 2023, the Group operated 2 branches in Hong Kong and 3 liaison offices in mainland China. During the Period, revenue from brokerage services was HK\$49.7 million (2022: HK\$36.0 million), accounting for 26.1% (2022: 14.7%) of the Group's total revenue.

Corporate Finance

During the Period, the Group continued to partake in fundraising projects with involvement in multiple roles, and handled several corporate transactions and IPO projects. Revenue from the corporate finance segment was HK\$4.3 million (2022: HK\$4.0 million), accounting for 2.3% (2022: 1.6%) of the Group's total revenue.

Placing and Underwriting

During the Period, revenue from the placing and underwriting segment was HK\$0.2 million (2022: HK\$1.5 million), accounting for 0.1% (2022: 0.6%) of the Group's total revenue.

Ms. Daisy Yeung, **Chairperson of Emperor Capital Group**, said, "Reflecting its dedication to continually striving for improvements, the Group will further strengthen its wealth solutions team covering global investment, wealth management and asset management. The Group will also strive to expand its high net worth customer base by providing tailor-made solutions and enhancing its product offerings spanning fixed income, funds and insurance products. With the launch of the upcoming new Capital Investment Entrant Scheme (CIES), the Group is poised to gain advantages riding on its two decades of experience."

Ms. Yeung concluded, "Fears of continued interest rate hikes and potential global financial crises subsequent to the collapse of several international banks have added to the uncertainties for the market outlook. However, with Hong Kong being a regional hub for green technology and finance, and its strategic role in the Greater Bay Area connecting China and the world, it is envisaged that Hong Kong will continue playing a crucial role in the regional capital market. With both opportunities and challenges ahead, the Group will adopt a prudent approach in the course of its business development and delivery of quality services, as well as undertaking the responsibility to nurture the next generation of elites for the industry."

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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: www.EmperorCapital.com.

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