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# China Uptown Group Company Limited

中國上城集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock code: 2330)

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS, AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice convening the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Suite 1501, 15th Floor, Tower 1, Silvercord, 30 Canton Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Friday, 19 June 2020 at 10:30 a.m. is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete the accompanying proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's head office and principal place of business at Suite 1501, 15th Floor, Tower 1, Silvercord, 30 Canton Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjourned meeting. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM and at any adjournment thereof, should you so wish.

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# **DEFINITIONS**

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

"AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Suite 1501, 15th Floor, Tower 1, Silvercord, 30 Canton Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Friday, 19 June 2020 at 10:30 a.m. to consider and, if appropriate, to approve the resolutions contained in the notice of AGM which is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular, or any adjournment thereof
"Articles" or "Articles of Association"	the articles of association of the Company
"close associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to this term under the Listing Rules
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Company"	China Uptown Group Company Limited (Stock Code: 2330), a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, and the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"core connected person(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to this term under the Listing Rules
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Issue Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise all powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with the Shares up to a maximum of 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution at the AGM

# DEFINITIONS

"Latest Practicable Date"	17 April 2020, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained in this circular
"Listing Committee"	has the meaning ascribed to this term under the Listing Rules
"Listing Rules"	The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"Old Share Option Scheme"	the old share option scheme adopted by the Company on 30 November 2009
"Ordinary Resolution(s)"	the proposed ordinary resolution(s) as referred to in the notice of the AGM
"PRC"	The People's Republic of China
"Repurchase Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise the power of the Company to repurchase Shares
"SFO"	Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of Hong Kong Laws)
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Share(s)
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Takeovers Code"	The Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs



# China Uptown Group Company Limited 中國上城集團有限公司

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Executive Directors: Mr. LIU Feng (Chairman) Mr. CHEN Xian (Vice-Chairman) Mr. LAU Sai Chung (Chief Executive Officer) Mr. LIU Zhongxiang

Independent Non-Executive Directors: Mr. POON Lai Yin Michael Mr. CHAR Shik Ngor Stephen Mr. CHEN Weijiang Registered Office: Cricket Square Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681 Grand Cayman KY1-1111 Cayman Islands

Head Office and Principal Place of Business in Hong Kong: Suite 1501, 15th Floor Tower 1, Silvercord 30 Canton Road Tsimshatsui, Kowloon Hong Kong

23 April 2020

To the Shareholders

Dear Sirs,

### GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS, AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information in respect of the Ordinary Resolutions to be proposed to seek approval of the Shareholders at the AGM in respect of, among other matters, (i) the Issue Mandate; (ii) the Repurchase Mandate; (iii) general mandate to extend the Issue Mandate; and (iv) the re-election of retiring Directors. In compliance with the Listing Rules, this circular contains an explanatory statement which provides all the information reasonably necessary to enable the Shareholders to make informed decisions on whether to vote for or against the resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate and other relevant information.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 29 May 2019, an ordinary resolution was passed by the then Shareholders granting the existing issue mandate to the Directors, which is due to expire at the conclusion of the AGM.

An Ordinary Resolution will be proposed at the AGM to grant to the Directors a fresh Issue Mandate i.e. a general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares with an aggregate not exceeding 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of the passing of such resolution.

On the basis of the total number of 1,824,690,520 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming that no further Shares will be allotted, issued or repurchased prior to the AGM, the maximum number of Shares which may fall to be issued under this proposed Issue Mandate will be 364,938,104 Shares.

The Issue Mandate will remain in effect until the earliest of (i) the date of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting is required to be held by any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands or the Articles; and (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company.

#### **GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES**

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 29 May 2019, an ordinary resolution was passed by the then Shareholders granting the existing repurchase mandate to the Directors, which is due to expire at the conclusion of the AGM.

An Ordinary Resolution will be proposed at the AGM to grant to the Directors a fresh Repurchase Mandate i.e. a general and unconditional mandate to repurchase Shares subject to the maximum number of Shares of up to 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of such resolution. The Repurchase Mandate will remain in effect until the earliest of (i) the date of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting is required to be held by any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands or the Articles; and (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO EXTEND THE ISSUE MANDATE

An Ordinary Resolution will be proposed at the AGM to extend the Issue Mandate by the addition to the total number of Shares which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to such general mandate of the number representing the total number of Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate provided that such extended amount shall not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing the resolution approving the Issue Mandate.

#### **RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS**

In relation to the Ordinary Resolution no. 2 set out in the notice of the AGM regarding the re-election of retiring Directors, (i) Mr. Chen Xian, the executive Director, and Mr. Char Shik Ngor Stephen, the independent non-executive Director, shall retire from office by rotation at the AGM pursuant to article 87(1) of the Articles; (ii) Mr. Chen Weijiang, the independent non-executive Director, shall retire from office as Director at the AGM pursuant to article 86(3) of the Articles, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the AGM.

Mr. Char Shik Ngor Stephen and Mr. Chen Weijiang were appointed as independent nonexecutive Directors on 30 September 2015 and 3 January 2020, respectively. Mr. Char Shik Ngor Stephen and Mr. Chen Weijiang have made annual confirmation of independence pursuant to the independence guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company is of the view that Mr. Char Shik Ngor Stephen and Mr. Chen Weijiang are independent in accordance with the independence guidelines.

Mr. Char Shik Ngor Stephen, as currently a barrister-at-law in Hong Kong and previously a chief investigator (Operations Department) in The Independent Commission Against Corruption of Hong Kong, could provide valuable advices on legal matters and internal control systems of the Group. Mr. Char Shik Ngor Stephen, as the only legal professional in the Board, could further enhance the Board diversity on the professional knowledge.

The nomination committee of the Company, consist only the independent non-executive Directors, has undertaken the nomination and selection of independent non-executive Director candidates and made relevant recommendation to the Board in related to the appointment of Mr. Chen Weijiang as an independent non-executive Director. They have adhere to the principles stated in the "Board Diversity Policy" adopted by the Company and take into account the existing composition of the Board, independent non-executive Directors and various committees as well as business requirements of the Group, and nominated Mr. Chen Weijiang by reference to his capacity and the selection criteria to the Board for approval. Mr. Chen Weijiang has earned sugar business experience in the PRC that the Board believes he could provide independent advices to the Group on the developments and expansions of sugar business and on other matters. Mr. Chen Weijiang is also an independent non-executive Director with strong PRC business experience that his diversified education and work background could further strengthen the Board's diversity.

In view of integrity, extensive knowledge and experience, the Company recommends Mr. Char Shik Ngor Stephen and Mr. Chen Weijiang to be re-elected as independent non-executive Directors.

Details of the above-mentioned Directors proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice of the AGM is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular. At the AGM, Ordinary Resolutions will be proposed to approve, inter alia, the grant of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the general mandate to extend the Issue Mandate to the Directors and the re-election of retiring Directors.

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed herewith. If you are unable to attend and/ or vote at the AGM in person, you are requested to complete the form of proxy and return it to the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong at Suite 1501, 15/F, Tower 1, Silvercord, 30 Canton Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time of the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the 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. Therefore, all resolutions proposed at the AGM shall be voted by poll. An announcement on the poll vote results will be made by the Company after the AGM in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

In order to attend the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on Friday, 19 June 2020 all transfer of shares, accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Union Registrars Limited, Suites 3301-04, 33/F, Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 15 June 2020.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the 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 aspects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board considers that the resolutions in relation to the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the general mandate to extend the Issue Mandate and the re-election of retiring Directors to be proposed at the AGM are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Board recommends the Shareholders to vote in favour of such resolutions at the AGM.

Yours faithfully, By Order of the Board China Uptown Group Company Limited Fu Lui Company Secretary

This appendix serves as an explanatory statement containing all the information required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Listing Rules in connection with the Repurchase Mandate proposed to be granted at the AGM.

#### 1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued and fully paid up share capital of the Company was HK\$182,469,052 comprising 1,824,690,520 Shares.

Assuming exercise in full of the Repurchase Mandate, on the basis of the total number of 1,824,690,520 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming no further Shares will be issued or repurchased prior to the AGM, the Directors would be authorised to repurchase up to 182,469,052 Shares during the period ending on the earliest of (i) the date 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, and (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company.

#### 2. REASONS FOR THE REPURCHASE

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole to seek a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase the Shares on the Stock Exchange. Share repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders.

#### 3. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Repurchase made pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate must be funded out of funds which are legally available for the purpose in accordance with the memorandum of association of the Company, the Articles and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

The laws of the Cayman Islands provide that the amount of capital repaid in connection with a share repurchase may only be paid out of either the capital paid up on the relevant Shares, or funds of the Company which would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or the proceeds of a new issue of Shares made for the purpose of the repurchase. The amount of premium payable on the repurchase may only be paid out of either funds of the Company which would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or the share premium account.

#### 4. GENERAL

The Directors consider that there might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position as disclosed in the audited financial statement of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019 in the event that the Repurchase Mandate were to be exercised in full at any time during the proposed repurchase 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 requirements or the gearing levels of the Company which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate.

#### 5. DIRECTORS, THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND CORE CONNECTED PERSONS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, their close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) have any present intention to sell Shares to the Company if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company has not been notified by any of its core connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) that he/she has a present intention to sell Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries, or has undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### 6. UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

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

#### 7. EFFECT OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE AND MINIMUM PUBLIC FLOAT

If on the exercise of the power under the Repurchase Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purpose of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert may obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors are not aware of any Shareholders, or a group of Shareholders acting in concert, who may become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code in the event that the Directors exercise the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

The Directors have no present intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent so as to result in triggering takeover obligation or the public float of Shares would be reduced below 25% of the total number of Shares in issue.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Company, the following Shareholders had beneficial interests representing 5% or more of the total number of Shares in issue within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. In the event that the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full, the interest of such persons will be increased to approximately the percentage set out in the last column as follows:

Name of Shareholders	Number of Ordinary Shares held	Approximate percentage of existing shareholding	Approximate percentage shareholding if the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full
China Sugar Holdings Limited (Note 1)	242,105,262	13.27	14.74
Mr. Liu Zhongxiang (Note 1)	242,105,262	13.27	14.74
	15,000,000 (Note 2)	0.82	0.91
Guangdong Nanyue Bank First Direct Branch* (Note 3)	242,105,262	13.27	14.74
Chen Qiang	149,500,000	8.19	9.10

\* For identification purpose only

#### Notes:

- 1. China Sugar Holdings Limited is 100% owned by Mr. Liu Zhongxiang, an executive Director. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Liu Zhongxiang is deemed to have interest of the Shares held by China Sugar Holdings Limited.
- 15,000,000 Shares represent the share options granted to Mr. Liu Zhongxiang by the Company under the Old Share Option Scheme.

3. China Sugar Holdings Limited has provided a share charge in respect of the 242,105,262 Shares held by it in favour of Guangdong Nanyue Bank First Direct Branch\*.

The Directors are not aware of any consequences that may arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any repurchase made under the Repurchase Mandate. As at the Latest Practicable Date, so far as is known to the Directors, no Shareholder may become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code in the event that the Directors exercise the power in full to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

#### 8. SHARE REPURCHASES MADE BY THE COMPANY

No repurchase of Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) has been made by the Company during the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

### 9. SHARE PRICES

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

	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2019		
April	0.127	0.087
May	0.140	0.104
June	0.140	0.110
July	0.138	0.110
August	0.178	0.125
September	0.154	0.125
October	0.128	0.105
November	0.280	0.118
December	0.240	0.111
2020		
January	0.142	0.076
February	0.099	0.077
March	0.095	0.070
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.080	0.074

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

#### PARTICULARS OF DIRECTORS FOR RE-ELECTION

As required by the Listing Rules, the details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are set out below.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Mr. Chen Xian**, aged 56, was appointed as an executive Director and the vice-chairman of the Company on 12 October 2007 and was re-designated as the chairman of the Company on 30 November 2007. Mr. Chen Xian was re-designated again as the vice-chairman of the Company on 17 August 2012. He is also a director of several subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Chen Xian is one of the founders of a sizeable property development company in Zhuhai, the PRC and has been a member of the senior management of a subsidiary of that company. Mr. Chen Xian was mainly responsible for the investment and development of real estate projects of such companies. Before joining those companies, Mr. Chen Xian worked as a senior member of certain stated-owned companies and the local authority. He has more than 16 years of extensive experience in the investment and development of real estate projects. He holds a Master Degree of Business Administration from the Asia International Open University (Macau).

Mr. Chen Xian has entered into a service contract with the Company without a fixed term and is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles. Mr. Chen Xian is entitled to a remuneration of HK\$182,700 per month plus double pay, which is covered by his service contract, and discretionary bonus payment as determined by the remuneration committee of the Company based on Mr. Chen Xian's and the Company's performance. The remuneration package of Mr. Chen Xian is determined by reference to his duties, responsibilities and expected time commitment to the Company's affairs.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chen Xian is interested in 10,000,000 Shares, which are the share options granted to him by the Company under the Old Share Option Scheme. Save as disclosed, Mr. Chen Xian does not have any other interests in the Shares or underlying Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chen Xian (i) does not hold any other positions in the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (ii) does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company; (iii) does not hold any other directorships held in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years preceding the date hereof; and (iv) does not have other major appointments or professional qualifications.

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

#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

**Mr. Char Shik Ngor Stephen ("Mr. Char")**, aged 71, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 30 September 2015. Mr. Char is also the chairman of the nomination committee, a member of the audit committee and a member of the remuneration committee of the Company. Mr. Char is currently a Barrister-at-Law and was an independent non-executive director of National Investments Fund Limited (Stock Code: 1227), from May 2007 to November 2018, whose shares are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange. Mr. Char holds a bachelor of laws (Honours) from the University of London and a master degree in Social Sciences from the University of Hong Kong. Mr. Char was also the chief investigator and senior assignment officer of the Independent Commission Against Corruption in Hong Kong from 1976 to 2004 and a chief executive officer of Garner Forest Industries Limited.

Mr. Char has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 29 August 2018. However, he is subject to the retirement by rotation and reelection at annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles. Mr. Char is entitled to an annual remuneration of HK\$180,000 without any bonus payment. The remuneration of Mr. Char is not covered by any service contract. The remuneration package of Mr. Char is determined by reference to performance of the Group and of Mr. Char with reference to prevailing market conditions.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Char has an interest in 1,000,000 Shares, which are the share options granted to him by the Company under the Old Share Option Scheme. Saved as disclosed, Mr. Char does not have any other interests in the Shares or underlying Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Char (i) does not hold any other positions in the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (ii) does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company; (iii) does not hold any other directorships held in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years preceding the date hereof; and (iv) does not have other major appointments or professional qualifications.

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

Mr. Chen Weijiang, aged 46, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 3 January 2020. Mr. Chen Weijiang is also the chairman of the remuneration committee, a member of the audit committee and a member of the nomination committee of the Company. Mr. Chen Weijiang has over twenty years of experience in the sugar markets in the People's Republic of China. Mr. Chen Weijiang obtained a law degree from the Xi'an Politics Institute of the People's Liberation Army\* (解放軍西安政治學院) and commenced work at the Zhanjiang Hengde Sugar Company Limited\* (湛江恒德糖業有限公司) in 1997. From 2007 to 2017, Mr. Chen Weijiang acted as the executive director of Zhanjiang Hengde Sugar Company Limited\* (湛江恒德糖業有限公司).

Mr. Chen Weijiang has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for an initial term of three years commencing from 3 January 2020. However, he is subject to the retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles. Mr. Chen Weijiang is entitled to an annual remuneration of HK\$180,000, which is covered by his letter of appointment, without any bonus payment. The remuneration package of Mr. Chen Weijiang is determined by reference to his duties, responsibilities and expected time commitment to the Company's affairs,

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chen Weijiang does not have any interests in the Shares or underlying Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chen Weijiang (i) does not hold any other positions in the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (ii) does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company; (iii) does not hold any other directorships held in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years preceding the date hereof; and (iv) does not have other major appointments or professional qualifications.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning the re-elections of each of Mr. Chen Xian, Mr. Char and Mr. Chen Weijiang that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders nor is there any information need to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

<sup>\*</sup> English name is for identification purpose only

# NOTICE OF AGM



(Stock code: 2330)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of China Uptown Group Company Limited (the "Company") will be held at Suite 1501, 15th Floor, Tower 1, Silvercord, 30 Canton Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Friday, 19 June 2020 at 10:30 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the directors and the auditor of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2019;
- 2. To re-elect retiring members of the board of directors of the Company and authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration;
- 3. To re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as the Company's auditor and authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix its remuneration;

and, as special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions (with or without modifications):

### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

- 4. **"THAT**:
  - (a) subject to paragraph (c) below and in substitution for all previous authorities, the exercise by the directors of the Company (the "Directors") during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the share capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements, options and other rights, or issue warrants and other securities including bonds, debentures and notes convertible into shares of the Company, which would or might require the exercise of such powers, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

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- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements, options and other rights, or issue warrants and other securities, which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the total number of share allotted or to be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to or in consequence of:
  - (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined);
  - (ii) the exercise of any option under any share option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to option holders of shares in the Company;
  - (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company;
  - (iv) any adjustment, after the date of grant or issue of any options, rights to subscribe or other securities referred to above, in the price at which shares of the Company shall be subscribed, and/or in the number of shares of the Company which shall be subscribed, on exercise of relevant rights under such options, rights to subscribe or other securities, such adjustment being made in accordance with, or as contemplated by, the terms of such options, rights to subscribe or other securities; or
  - (v) a specified authority granted by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting of the Company,

shall not exceed 20% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purposes 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;
- (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any other applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation, variation or renewal of this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares of the Company, or an offer of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for shares of the Company, open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of shares in the Company on the registers of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject in all cases 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, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory applicable to the Company)."

### 5. **"THAT**:

(a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all powers of the Company to repurchase its own shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, subject to and in accordance with applicable laws, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

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- (b) the total number of shares of the Company to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to paragraph (a) above during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) above shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes 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;
- (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any other applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation, variation or renewal of this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."
- 6. **"THAT** conditional upon the ordinary resolutions nos. 4 and 5 above being passed, the general mandate granted to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with additional shares pursuant to ordinary resolution no. 4 be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of the number representing the total number of shares repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to ordinary resolution no. 5 provided that such number of shares shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing the said resolution."

By Order of the Board of China Uptown Group Company Limited Fu Lui Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 23 April 2020

Registered Office: Cricket Square Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681 Grand Cayman KY1-1111 Cayman Islands Head Office and Principal Place of Business in Hong Kong: Suite 1501, 15th Floor Tower 1, Silvercord 30 Canton Road Tsimshatsui, Kowloon Hong Kong Notes:

- 1. In order to attend the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on Friday, 19 June 2020 (the "AGM"), all transfer of shares, accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Union Registrars Limited, Suites 3301-04, 33/F, Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 15 June 2020.
- 2. A member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxy to attend and, subject to the provisions of the articles of association of the Company, to vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company but must be present in person at the AGM to represent the member. If more than one proxy is so appointed, the appointment shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such proxy is so appointed.
- 3. In order to be valid, the form of proxy must be deposited together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, at the office of the Company's head office and principle place of business in Hong Kong at Suite 1501, 15th Floor, Tower 1, Silvercord, 30 Canton Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the AGM or adjourned meeting. Completion and return of a form of proxy will not preclude a shareholder of the Company from attending in person and voting at the AGM or any adjournment thereof, should he so wish.
- 4. In relation to proposed resolutions nos. 4 and 6 above, approval is being sought from the shareholders of the Company for the grant to the Directors of a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of shares of the Company under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). The Directors have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company other than shares which may fall to be issued under the share option scheme of the Company or any scrip dividend scheme which may be approved by shareholders.
- 5. In relation to proposed resolution no. 5 above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to repurchase shares in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the shareholders of the Company. An explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable the shareholders to make an informed decision to vote on the proposed resolution as required by the Listing Rules is set out in Appendix I to this circular.
- As at the date of this notice, the executive Directors are Mr. Liu Feng, Mr. Chen Xian, Mr. Lau Sai Chung and Mr. Liu Zhongxiang and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Poon Lai Yin Michael, Mr. Char Shik Ngor Stephen and Mr. Chen Weijiang.
- 7. If Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning is in effect any time after 7:00 a.m. on the date of the AGM, the AGM will be postponed. The Company will post an announcement on the website of Company at http://www.chinauptown.com.hk and on the HKExnews website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited at www.hkexnews.hk to notify shareholders of the Company of the date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting.