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Tree Holdings Limited
齊家控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock code: 8395)

**THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT

- The Group's revenue amounted to approximately HK\$69.8 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019, representing an increase of approximately HK\$6.4 million or 10.1% as compared with the nine months ended 31 December 2018.
- The profit and total comprehensive income of the Group was approximately HK\$9.2 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019, representing an increase of approximately HK\$7.4 million or 400.1% as compared with the nine months ended 31 December 2018.
- The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the nine months ended 31 December 2019.

THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS

The board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of the Company is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 (the “**Relevant Period**”), which has been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company, together with the unaudited comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2018, as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

For the nine months ended 31 December 2019

		Nine months ended	
		31 December	
		2019	2018
		HK\$’000	HK\$’000
	<i>Notes</i>	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue	3	69,760	63,337
Cost of sales		(18,856)	(20,986)
Gross Profit		50,904	42,351
Other income		624	157
Selling and marketing expenses		(27,652)	(29,236)
Administrative expenses		(12,824)	(11,126)
Finance costs		(279)	(132)
Profit before income tax		10,773	2,014
Income tax expense	4	(1,537)	(167)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company		9,236	1,847
Earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company (expressed in HK cents per share)			
— Basic and diluted	5	0.58	0.12

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

For the nine months ended 31 December 2019

	Share capital	Share premium	Capital reserve	Accumulated profits/ (Accumulated losses)	Total equity
<i>Notes</i>	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Balance as at 1 April 2019					
(audited)	15,840	31,564	5,474	(2,471)	50,407
Adjustment from adoption of HKFRS 16	–	–	–	(635)	(635)
Restated balance as at 1 April 2019	15,840	31,564	5,474	(3,106)	49,772
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	9,236	9,236
Balance as at 31 December 2019					
(unaudited)	<u>15,840</u>	<u>31,564</u>	<u>5,474</u>	<u>6,130</u>	<u>59,008</u>
Balance as at 1 April 2018					
(audited)	15,840	31,564	5,474	(3,563)	49,315
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	1,847	1,847
Balance as at 31 December 2018					
(unaudited)	<u>15,840</u>	<u>31,564</u>	<u>5,474</u>	<u>(1,716)</u>	<u>51,162</u>

The above unaudited consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Tree Holdings Limited was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 9 March 2016 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law (as revised) of the Cayman Islands. The address of the Company's registered office is P.O. Box 1350, Clifton House, 75 Fort Street, Grand Cayman KY1-1108, Cayman Islands. The address of its principal place of business is 28/F., Horizon Plaza, 2 Lee Wing Street, Ap Lei Chau, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the sale and distribution of furniture and home accessories, distribution and licencing of intellectual property rights, the provision of styling and consulting services and the operation of a café.

As at 30 June 2019, the directors consider the immediate and ultimate holding company of the Company to be Tiptop Honour Limited ("**Tiptop**"), a company incorporated in Samoa.

The Company's shares were listed on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 25 January 2018 (the "**Listing**").

2. REORGANISATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

Pursuant to a group reorganisation (the "**Reorganisation**") of the Company in connection with the listing of its shares on GEM of the Stock Exchange, the Company became the holding company of the companies now comprising the Group on 29 July 2016. Details of the Reorganisation are set out in the paragraph headed "Reorganisation" in the section headed "History, Development and Reorganisation" in the Company's prospectus dated 12 January 2018.

Prior to the Reorganisation, TREE Limited, the Group's sole operating subsidiary, was wholly owned and controlled by Tiptop. The Group is under the common control of the Tiptop prior to and after the Reorganisation. The Group comprising the Company and its subsidiaries resulting from the Reorganisation is regarded as a continuing entity.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared as if the Company had always been the holding company of the Group. The unaudited consolidated statement of comprehensive income, and consolidated statement of changes in equity of the Group for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 include the results of operations of the companies now comprising the Group as if the current group structure had been in existence and remained unchanged throughout the periods, or since their respective dates of incorporation when there is a shorter period.

These unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“**HKFRSs**”) which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“**HKASs**”) and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“**HKICPA**”) and the accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and include the applicable disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange.

The significant accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these unaudited consolidated financial statements have been consistently applied to all the periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for cash surrender value of life insurance which are carried at fair value.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“**HK\$**”), which is the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousands (“**HK\$’000**”), except when otherwise indicated.

HKICPA has issued a number of new and amended HKFRSs and interpretations that are first effective or available for early adoption for the Relevant Period. There have been no significant changes to the accounting policies applied in these financial statements for the Relevant Period presented as a result of these developments.

The preparation of the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Relevant Period is in conformity with the HKFRSs requirements in the use of certain critical accounting estimates. The HKFRSs also require the management to exercise their judgements in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements for the Relevant Period have not been audited by the Company’s independent auditor but have been reviewed by the Company’s audit committee.

HKFRS 16 Leases

The Group has applied HKFRS 16 for the first time in the current year. HKFRS 16 “Leases” will replace HKAS 17 and three related Interpretations.

Under HKFRS 16, distinctions of operating leases and finance leases are removed for lease accounting, and is replaced by a model where a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability have to be recognised for all leases by lessees, except for short-term leases and leases of low value assets.

The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost (subject to certain exceptions) less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liability. The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. Subsequently, the lease liability is adjusted for interest and lease payments, as well as the impact of lease modifications, amongst others.

As allowed by HKFRS 16, the Group has elected the practical expedient to grandfather the previous assessment of which existing arrangements are, or contain, leases, and has applied the new definition of a lease in HKFRS 16 only to contracts that are entered into on or after the date of initial application, 1 January 2019. The Group has opted the modified retrospective approach for the adoption of HKFRS 16 on 1 January 2019 and recognised the cumulative effect of initial application as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 January 2019. Comparative information will not be restated.

Based on the allowed practical expedients under HKFRS 16, the Group has elected not to apply the new accounting model to short-term leases and leases of low-value assets, not to perform a full review of existing leases and apply HKFRS 16 only to new contracts and to account for leases for which the lease term ends within 12 months from the date of initial application as short-term lease.

The following table summarises the impacts of applying HKFRS 16 on the Group's consolidated statement of comprehensive income. Line items that were not affected by the changes have not be included.

Impacts on consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the nine months ended 31 December 2019

	Nine months ended 31 December 2019 (Unaudited)		
	As reported HK\$'000	Results without application of HKFRS 16 HK\$'000	(Decrease)/ increase in profit for the period HK\$'000
Selling and marketing expenses	(27,652)	(27,792)	140
Finance costs	(279)	(51)	(228)
Income tax expenses	(1,537)	(1,552)	15
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company	<u>9,236</u>	<u>9,309</u>	<u>(73)</u>
	31 March 2019		
Consolidated statement of financial statement	As originally presented	HKFRS 16	1 April 2019 Restated
Non-current asset			
Right-of-use asset	<u>–</u>	<u>8,643</u>	<u>8,643</u>
Current liability			
Lease liability	<u>–</u>	<u>5,300</u>	<u>5,300</u>
Non-current liability			
Lease liability	<u>–</u>	<u>3,978</u>	<u>3,978</u>
Equity			
Reserves	<u>34,567</u>	<u>(635)</u>	<u>33,932</u>

The HKICPA has issued certain new and revised HKFRSs. For those which are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019, the adoption has no material impact on how the results and financial positions of the Group for the current and prior periods have been prepared and presented. For those which are not yet effective and have not been early adopted in prior accounting periods, the Group is in the process of assessing their impact on the Group's results and financial position.

3. REVENUE

An analysis of the Group's revenue is as follows:

	Nine months ended	
	31 December	
	2019	2018
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Types of goods or services		
Sale of furniture and home accessories	52,706	57,402
Distribution and license fee income	2,400	2,400
Food and beverage income	2,040	2,142
Commission income	11,754	132
Consulting income	860	1,261
Total	<u>69,760</u>	<u>63,337</u>

4. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Nine months ended	
	31 December	
	2019	2018
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Hong Kong	<u>1,537</u>	<u>167</u>

On 21 March 2018, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017 (the “**Bill**”) which introduces the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The Bill was signed into law on 28 March 2018 and was gazette on the following days.

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits of qualifying corporations will be taxed at 8.25%, and assessable profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. The assessable profits of corporations not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

For the Relevant Period, Hong Kong Profit Tax is calculated in accordance with the two-tiered profits tax rates regime for the qualifying corporation and the remaining corporations are calculated at a flat rate of 16.5%.

5. BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company is based on the following:

	Nine months ended	
	31 December	
	2019	2018
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company (HK\$'000)	9,236	1,847
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share (thousands)	<u>1,584,000</u>	<u>1,584,000</u>
Basic earnings per share (expressed in HK cents per share)	<u><u>0.58</u></u>	<u><u>0.12</u></u>

The weighted average number of ordinary shares used to calculate the basic earnings per share for the nine-month periods ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 includes (i) 100 ordinary shares in issue at the beginning of the period; (ii) 1,187,999,900 new ordinary shares issued under capitalisation issue, and (iii) 396,000,000 new ordinary shares issued under the public offer and placing of shares of the Company.

Diluted earnings per share for the Relevant Period equals the basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in existence during the nine months ended 31 December 2018, and the Relevant Period.

6. DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Relevant Period (2018: nil).

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The Group's revenue increased from approximately HK\$63.3 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 to approximately HK\$69.8 million for the Relevant Period, representing a growth of approximately 10.1%. Such increase was mainly due to the increase in commission income generated from HK Italiving International Company Limited (“**HK Italiving**”) for providing furniture agency service, partly offset by a decrease in revenue from sale of furniture and home accessories.

Cost of sales

The Group's cost of sales decreased from approximately HK\$21.0 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 to approximately HK\$18.9 million for the Relevant Period, representing a decrease of approximately 10.1%. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in sales of furniture and home accessories.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

Our gross profit of the Group increased by approximately 20.2% from approximately HK\$42.4 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 to approximately HK\$50.9 million for the Relevant Period. The gross profit margin for the Relevant Period improved to 73.0% from 66.9% for the nine months ended 31 December 2018.

Selling and marketing expenses

Our selling and marketing expenses comprised (i) depreciation expense of right of use asset and related expenses for our shop premises, warehouses and office; (ii) staff costs attributable to the salary of our staff engaged in sales and marketing activities; (iii) marketing expenses; (iv) payment gateway charges attributable to fees for our payment channels such as credit cards or EPS; and (v) electricity and water expenses.

Our selling and marketing expenses of the Group decreased by approximately 5.4% from approximately HK\$29.2 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 to approximately HK\$27.7 million for the Relevant Period. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in staff cost and marketing expense.

Administrative expenses

Our administrative expenses comprised (i) staff costs for our administrative staff and Directors' emoluments; (ii) professional fees which included legal fees, consultancy fees, auditor's remuneration, share registrar fee, compliance advisory fee, and other post-listing fees; (iii) travel expenses; (iv) office expenses; (v) depreciation of our property, plant and equipment, and amortisation of our intangible assets; (vi) repairs and maintenance for our trucks and retail stores; (vii) insurance expenses which included business insurance, vehicle insurance and medical insurance; (viii) recruitment expenses which included fees to the recruitment agents and advertisements on websites; (ix) bank charges; and (x) others which included motor vehicle expenses, donations, net foreign exchange losses and entertainment expenses.

Our administrative expenses of the Group increased by approximately 15.3% from approximately HK\$11.1 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 to approximately HK\$12.8 million for the Relevant Period. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in the additional expenses in relation to the furniture agency services business, staff cost and professional fees.

Income tax expense

The Income tax expense of the Group increased from approximately HK\$0.2 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 to approximately HK\$1.5 million for the Relevant Period.

Profit for the period

Our Group recorded an increase in profit by approximately 400.1% from approximately HK\$1.8 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018 to approximately HK\$9.2 million for the Relevant Period.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

Headquartered in Hong Kong and operating under the brand name “TREE”, we engage in (i) the sale and distribution of furniture and home accessories; (ii) the distribution and licencing of our intellectual property rights; (iii) the operation of TREE Café in our flagship store in Ap Lei Chau (the “**Flagship Store**”) (iv) consignment sales of home accessories and furniture agency services; and (v) the provision of styling and consulting services. We offer a variety of (i) furniture including tables, chairs, storage solutions, sofas and beds; and (ii) home accessories including kitchenware, bed and bathroom related products, jars, cushions, mattresses, utensils and baskets. In addition, we acquired, HK Italiving in December 2018, and it is principally engaged in the provision of furniture agency service. Furthermore, a subsidiary, Shanghai Italiving International Co., Ltd. (“**Shanghai Italiving**”), was incorporated in July 2019. Shanghai Italiving is principally engaged in the provision of furniture agency service in the PRC.

As at the date of this announcement, we operated three “TREE” retail stores in Hong Kong namely, our Flagship Store, our Sha Tin store, and our Yuen Long store which we opened in May 2018. We have commercial online sales since May 2019.

During the nine months ended 31 December 2019, we generated revenue from the (i) sale of furniture and home accessories; (ii) distribution and license fee income; (iii) operation of TREE Café; (iv) consignment sales of home accessories and furniture agency service; and (v) provision of styling, consulting service. The table below sets forth a breakdown of our revenue for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 and 2018:

	Nine months ended	
	31 December	
	2019	2018
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Sale of furniture and home accessories	52,706	57,402
Distribution and license fee income	2,400	2,400
Food and beverage income	2,040	2,142
Commission income	11,754	132
Consulting income	860	1,261
Total	69,760	63,337

For the nine months ended 31 December 2019, our revenue amounted to approximately HK\$69.8 million, representing an increase of approximately HK\$6.4 million or 10.1% from approximately HK\$63.3 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018. Such increase was mainly attributable to the increase in commission income contributed by the furniture agency service provided by HK Italiving, partly offset by a decrease in sale of furniture and home accessories.

Sale of furniture and home accessories

TREE primarily sells its products to (i) retail customers who visited our retail stores, being the Direct Sales; and (ii) our distributor in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), being the Distribution Sales. The following table sets forth a breakdown of our sale of furniture and home accessories by the Direct Sales and Distribution Sales for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 and 2018, respectively.

	Nine months ended 31 December			
	2019		2018	
	Revenue HK\$'000	% of total revenue from sale of furniture and home accessories %	Revenue HK\$'000	% of total revenue from sale of furniture and home accessories %
Direct Sales				
Flagship Store	37,316	70.8	41,394	72.1
Sai Kung store ⁽¹⁾	–	–	720	1.3
Sha Tin store	9,594	18.2	10,881	18.9
Yuen Long store ⁽²⁾	2,037	3.9	2,673	4.7
Online sales	2,874	5.4	–	–
Sub-total	<u>51,821</u>	<u>98.3</u>	<u>55,668</u>	<u>97.0</u>
Distribution Sales	<u>885</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>1,734</u>	<u>3.0</u>
Total	<u><u>52,706</u></u>	<u><u>100.0</u></u>	<u><u>57,402</u></u>	<u><u>100.0</u></u>

Notes:

- (1) Our Sai Kung store ceased operations in May 2018.
- (2) Our Yuen Long store commenced operations in May 2018.

For the nine months ended 31 December 2019, revenue generated from the Direct Sales amounted to approximately HK\$51.8 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$3.8 million or 6.9% from approximately HK\$55.7 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018. Such decrease was primarily attributable to the (i) lower sales generated by all of our stores and (ii) no sales was recognised this year in Sai Kung Store as we ceased operation of Sai Kung store in May 2018, partly offset by the online sales commenced during the period.

For the nine months ended 31 December 2019, revenue generated from the Distribution Sales amounted to approximately HK\$0.9 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$0.8 million or 49.0% from approximately HK\$1.7 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2018, as a result of reduced sales order by our distributor in the PRC.

Distribution and license fee income

We entered distribution agreements with our PRC distributor, and we are entitled to receive annual non-refundable fees of HK\$2.4 million and HK\$0.8 million from our PRC distributor for the distribution of our products in Beijing and Hainan province, the PRC, respectively. Our distribution and license fee income was approximately HK\$2.4 million and HK\$2.4 million, representing approximately 3.4% and 3.8% of our total revenue for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Food and beverage income

Our food and beverage income generated from operating TREE Café in our Flagship Store remained stable at approximately HK\$2.0 million, respectively and HK\$2.1 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2019 and 2018.

Commission income

Our commission income comprised income generated from (i) the furniture agency service by HK Italiving and (ii) the sales of consignment goods. The increase of approximately HK\$11.6 million was mainly contributed by the furniture agency service by HK Italiving.

Consulting income

Our consulting income comprised income generated from providing styling ideas, advising on furniture to be used and conducting site visits and sourcing trips for projects. During the relevant period, the Group provided styling and consulting services of approximately HK\$0.9 million in relation to Hong Kong residential show flats.

PROSPECTS

The economy of Hong Kong and the sentiment of the retail business in Hong Kong have been negatively affected by the PRC-US conflicts since the second quarter of 2018, the recent political and social unrest in 2019 and the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus globally, and our industry continues to be challenging in Hong Kong with increasing competition and rising costs. However, we have taken a number of proactive measures to strengthening our capabilities including the launch of online e-commerce platform in May 2019 and the launch of a new furniture rental business in Hong Kong in August 2019.

Outside Hong Kong, we are actively expanding in the PRC where the market potential is huge. In addition to the sale of Tree products in the PRC, our acquisition of HK Italiving in December 2018 also enables us to expand our product offerings of premium Italian furnitures to customers in the PRC and Hong Kong.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from the Listing in January 2018, after deducting the underwriting fees, the Stock Exchange trading fee and the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (“SFC”) transaction levy and other listing-related expenses in connection with the Share Offer, were approximately HK\$20.3 million.

The actual net proceeds from the issue of new shares of the Company under the Share Offer was different from the estimated net proceeds of approximately HK\$22.7 million as set out in the Prospectus. The Group adjusted the use of proceeds in the same manner and in the same proportion as shown in the Prospectus, which is (i) approximately 71.5% of the total actual net proceeds, or approximately HK\$14.5 million will be used to expand our sales network, (ii) approximately 10.1% of the total actual net proceeds, or approximately HK\$2.1 million, will be used to promote and strengthen brand image and recognition, (iii) approximately 9.1% of the total actual net proceeds, or approximately HK\$1.8 million, will be used to enhance our styling and consulting services and distribution sales, and (iv) approximately 9.3% of the total actual net proceeds, or approximately HK\$1.9 million, will be used to enhance operational efficiencies.

During the period from the Listing Date to 31 December 2019, the Group has utilised HK\$11.5 million, or 56.7% of the actual net proceeds from the Listing for the staff costs of an interior designer; the establishment of an e-commerce platform; the enhancement of the POS system; and for the leasehold improvement, marketing, deposit and rental of the Yuen Long store opened in May 2018.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Interests and short positions of the Company's Directors and chief executives in the Company's Shares, underlying shares and debentures and the Company's associated corporations

As at 31 December 2019, the interests or short positions of the Company's Directors in the Company's Shares, underlying shares or debentures which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") (including interests and short positions in which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register as referred to therein, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the "required standard of dealings" as contained in Chapter 5 of the GEM Listing Rules, were as follows:

i. Long position in the Company's Shares

Name of Director	Nature of interest	Number of shares held (Note 1)	Percentage of shareholding
Mr. TONG Tang Joseph ("Mr. Tong") (Note 4)	Interest in a controlled corporation (Note 2)	1,104,840,000 (L)	69.75%
Ms. Mary Kathleen Babington ("Ms. Babington")	Interest in a controlled corporation (Note 3)	59,400,000 (L)	3.75%

Notes:

1. The letter "L" denotes a person's "long position" (as defined under Part XV of the SFO) in such shares.
2. The Company is owned as to 69.75% by Tiptop. Tiptop is wholly-owned by Mr. Tong. Under the SFO, Mr. Tong is deemed to be interested in the same number of shares held by Tiptop.
3. The Company is owned as to 3.75% by Rothley Investment Limited ("Rothley"). Rothley is wholly-owned by Ms. Babington. Under the SFO, Ms. Babington is deemed to be interested in the same number of shares held by Rothley.
4. Mr. Tong was re-designated as an executive director and the chief executive officer of the Company with effect from 1 August 2019.

Saved as disclosed above, as of 31 December 2019, none of the Company's Directors and chief executives and their respective associates had or are deemed to have any interest or short positions in the Company's shares, underlying shares or debentures or the Company's associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register as referred to herein, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the "required standard of dealing" as contained in Chapter 5 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Interests and short positions of substantial Shareholders in the Company's Shares, underlying shares and debentures and the Company's associated corporations

As at 31 December 2019, so far as the Company's Directors are aware, the following persons (other than the Directors and chief executive of the Company) had, or were deemed to have, interests or short positions in the Company's shares or underlying shares which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or who, directly or indirectly, were interested in 10% or more of the issued voting shares of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any member of the Company:

i. Long position in the Company's Shares

Name of Shareholder	Nature of interest	Interests in shares (Note 1)	Percentage of shareholding
Tiptop	Beneficial owner (Note 2)	1,104,840,000 (L)	69.75%
Ms. Shum Yuet Wah Anna	Interest of spouse (Note 3)	1,104,840,000 (L)	69.75%

Notes:

1. The letter "L" denotes a person's "long position" (as defined under Part XV of the SFO) in such Shares.
2. The Company is owned as to 69.75% by Tiptop.
3. Tiptop is wholly-owned by Mr. Tong, the Company's chairman, Executive Director and chief executive officer (with effect from 1 August 2019), and Controlling Shareholders. Under the SFO, Mr. Tong is deemed to be interested in the same number of shares held by Tiptop. Ms. Shum Yuet Wah Anna is the spouse of Mr. Tong. Under the SFO, Ms. Shum Yuet Wah Anna is deemed to be interested in all the Company's shares in which Mr. Tong is interested.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2019, the Directors were not aware of any other persons/entities (other than the Directors and chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO, or who was directly or indirectly interested in 10% or more of the issued voting shares of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any member of the Company.

COMPETING BUSINESS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

As confirmed by the Directors, Controlling Shareholders and their respective close associates do not have any interests in any business, apart from the business operated by members of the Group, which competes or is likely to compete, directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group during the nine months ended 31 December 2019.

INTERESTS OF COMPLIANCE ADVISER

As at the date of this announcement, except for the compliance adviser agreement entered into between the Company and Rainbow Capital (HK) Limited (the “**Compliance Adviser**”), neither the Compliance Adviser, nor any of its directors, employees or close associates have any interests in the securities of the Company or any other companies of the Group (including options or rights to subscribe for such securities) pursuant to Rule 6A.32 of the GEM Listing Rules.

PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALES OF THE LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

The Company’s shares were successfully listed on GEM on 25 January 2018. Save as the Listing, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company’s listed securities during the nine months ended 31 December 2019.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company and the Directors recognise the importance of incorporating elements of good corporate governance in the management structures and internal control procedures of the Group so as to achieve accountability.

The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the principles and code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report (the "CG Code") as set out in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Shares were successfully listed on GEM on 25 January 2018. To the best knowledge of the Board, during the period from the date of Listing to the date of this announcement, except for the code provision A.2.1, the Company has complied with the applicable code provisions of the CG Code.

CODE PROVISION A.2.1

The above code provision stipulates that the roles of the chairman and the CEO should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual.

After the change of the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") with effect from 1 August 2019, Mr. Tong will be both the chairman of the Board and the CEO of the Company.

The Board considers that having the same person to perform the roles of both the chairman and the CEO provides the Company with strong and consistent leadership, and allows effective and efficient planning and implementation of business decisions and strategies. Such structure would not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Company. The balance of power and authority is ensured by the operations of the Board which comprises experienced and high caliber individuals and having meeting regularly to discuss issues affecting the operations of the Group.

CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Group has adopted a code of provisions of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors (the “**Code of Conduct**”) on terms no less exacting than the required standards of dealings concerning securities transactions by the Directors as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. Having made specific enquiries with the Directors, all Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Code of Conduct during the Relevant Period.

DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Relevant Period.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company adopted a share option scheme on 5 January 2018 (the “**Share Option Scheme**”). The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to enable the Group to grant options to the eligible participants as incentives or rewards for their contribution to our Group and/or to enable our Group to recruit and retain high-caliber employees and attract human resources that are valuable to our Group. The terms of the Scheme are in accordance with the provision of chapter 23 of the GEM Listing Rules.

During the Relevant Period and up to the date of this announcement, no share options were granted by the Company under the Share Option Scheme.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

We established our Audit Committee with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 5.28 of the GEM Listing Rules and paragraphs C3.2 and C3.3 of the CG Code Practices pursuant to a resolution of our Directors passed on 5 January 2018. The primary duties of our Audit Committee are, among other things, to make recommendations to our Board on the appointment, reappointment and removal of external auditors, review the financial statements and provide advice in respect of financial reporting, oversee our financial reporting process, internal control, risk management systems and audit process, and perform other duties and responsibilities assigned by our Board.

At present, our Audit Committee comprises Mr. Yeung Man Chung Charles, Mr. Tsang Wai Yin and Mr. Sit Hoi Wah Kenneth, all being Independent Non-Executive Directors. Mr. Yeung Man Chung Charles is the Chairman of our Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Relevant Period.

By order of the Board
Tree Holdings Limited
TONG Tang Joseph
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 13 February 2020

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. TONG Tang Joseph, Ms. Mary Kathleen BABINGTON and Mr. TSUI Wing Tak as executive Directors; and Mr. YEUNG Man Chung Charles, Mr. TSANG Wai Yin, and Mr. SIT Hoi Wah Kenneth as the independent non-executive Directors.