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# PICO FAR EAST HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 752)

# PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO BUY BACK SHARES AND TO ISSUE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the AGM of Pico Far East Holdings Limited to be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 19/F, Pico Tower, 64-66 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong is set out on pages 14 to 17 to this circular. A form of proxy for use in connection with the AGM is enclosed herewith. Whether or not you are able to attend, please complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong at Pico House, 4 Dai Fu Street, Tai Po Industrial Estate, New Territories, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not later than 48 hours before the time of the meeting. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the meeting should you so wish.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE AGM

Please refer to page 1 of this circular for the measures being taken to prevent and control the spread of the COVID-19 at the AGM, including but not limited to:

- (1) Compulsory body temperature check
- (2) Compulsory wearing of surgical face mask
- (3) The number of attendees will be limited to ensure appropriate social distancing and will be admitted into the AGM venue on a first-come-first-served basis
- (4) No provision of refreshments or beverages
- (5) No distribution of gifts or coupons for subsequent consumption

Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures or is subject to any Hong Kong Government prescribed quarantine will be denied entry into or be required to leave the AGM venue.

In light of the continuing risks posed by COVID-19 and as part of the Company's control measures to safeguard the health and safety of Shareholders, the Company strongly recommends Shareholders to exercise their right to vote at the AGM by appointing the chairman of the AGM as their proxy, and to return their proxy forms by the time specified, instead of attending the AGM in person.

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#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE AGM

To prevent and control the spread of the COVID-19, the Company will implement the following at the AGM as part of the control measures to safeguard the health and safety of our attending Shareholders, staff and stakeholders of the Company:

- (1) Compulsory body temperature checks will be conducted for every attendee at the entrance of the AGM venue. Any person who has a body temperature of over 37.3 degrees Celsius or exhibiting flu-like symptoms will be denied entry into or be required to leave the AGM venue.
- (2) Every attendee must wear a surgical face mask throughout the AGM and inside the AGM venue. Please note that no masks will be provided at the AGM venue and attendees should bring and wear their own surgical face masks.
- (3) Following the Hong Kong Government's regulation, the number of attendees inside the AGM venue, who will be physically attending the AGM, will be limited. Shareholders and/or their proxies will be admitted into the AGM venue on a first-come-first-served basis.
- (4) No refreshments or beverages will be served.
- (5) No distribution of gifts or coupons for subsequent consumption.

Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures or is subject to any Hong Kong Government prescribed quarantine will be denied entry into or be required to leave the AGM venue at the absolute discretion of the Company.

The Company wishes to advise all Shareholders that physical attendance in person at the AGM is not necessary for the purpose of exercising voting rights. For the health and safety of Shareholders, the Company strongly recommends Shareholders to exercise their voting rights by appointing the chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolution(s) instead of attending the AGM in person, by completing and returning the form of proxy attached to this circular by the time specified.

Due to the constantly evolving COVID-19 pandemic situation in Hong Kong, the Company may be required to change the AGM arrangements at short notice. The Shareholders should check the Company's website (www.pico.com) or Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited's website (www.hkexnews.hk) for any future announcements and updates on the AGM arrangements.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 9:30

a.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 19/F, Pico Tower, 64-66 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving, *inter alia*, the

resolutions proposed in this circular

"Articles" the existing articles of association of the Company

"Board" the board of directors of the Company

"Code" The Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs

"Company" Pico Far East Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the

Cayman Islands with limited liability, the shares of which are

listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company

"Group" Pico Far East Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollar(s), the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's

Republic of China

"Latest Practicable Date" Tuesday, February 2, 2021, being the latest practicable date prior

to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information

contained in this circular

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange

"Memorandum" the existing memorandum of association of the Company

"New Issue Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate to be granted to the Directors

to allot, issue, and otherwise deal with new Shares and other securities with an aggregate nominal amount not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant

resolution

"Notice of AGM" the notice convening the AGM set out on pages 14 to 17 to this

circular

## **DEFINITIONS**

"Buy-back Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate to the Directors to exercise

the power of the Company to buy back Shares in the capital of the Company up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date

of passing the relevant resolution

"Share(s)" the share(s) of HK\$0.05 each in the capital of the Company

"Shareholder(s)" the holder(s) of the Share(s)

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited



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Executive Directors:
Lawrence Chia Song Huat, Chairman
Jean Chia Yuan Jiun
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Independent Non-Executive Directors:
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February 10, 2021

To the Shareholders

Dear Sirs or Madams.

# PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO BUY BACK SHARES AND TO ISSUE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding the following resolutions to be proposed at the AGM relating to:

- (a) grant of the New Issue Mandate to issue Shares;
- (b) grant of the Buy-back Mandate for buy-back by the Company of its own Shares;

- (c) grant of general extension mandate to extend the New Issue Mandate to include Shares bought back under the Buy-back Mandate; and
- (d) re-election of Directors.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO BUY BACK SHARES

At the last annual general meeting of the Company held on Friday, March 27, 2020, the Directors were given a general mandate to buy back Shares. The mandate will expire at the conclusion of the AGM. At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed that the Directors be given a general mandate to exercise all the powers of the Company to buy back issued and fully-paid Shares. Under such mandate, the number of Shares that the Company may buy back shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company on the date of passing the relevant resolution. The Company's authority is restricted to purchases made on the Stock Exchange in accordance with the Listing Rules. The Buy-back Mandate allows the Company to make or agree to make purchases only during the period ending on the earlier of the date of the next annual general meeting or the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company. An explanatory statement giving the particulars required under the Listing Rules in respect of the Buy-back Mandate to provide the Shareholders with all the information reasonably necessary to enable them to make an informed decision whether to vote for or against the resolution is set out in the Appendix I to this circular. Save as disclosed above, the Company did not obtain any other general mandate to buy back Shares in the past 12 months.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SECURITIES

At the last annual general meeting of the Company held on Friday, March 27, 2020, the Directors were given a general mandate to allot and issue Shares. The mandate will expire at the conclusion of the AGM. At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed that the Directors be given a general mandate to allot, issue and deal with Shares or securities convertible into Shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for Shares, and to make or grant offers, agreements or options which might require the exercise of such powers, with an aggregate nominal value of not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the existing share capital of the Company in issue on the date of passing the relevant resolution. In accordance with the Listing Rules, the Company may not make a new issue of Shares or announce a proposed new issue of Shares for a period of 30 days after any purchase by it of Shares without the prior approval of the Stock Exchange. The New Issue Mandate may only continue in force during the period ending on the earlier of the date of the next annual general meeting or the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, on the basis of 1,238,056,104 existing Shares in issue, the New Issue Mandate could result in up to 247,611,220 Shares being issued by the Company. The Directors have no present intention to issue any new Shares pursuant to the New Issue Mandate. Save as disclosed above, the Company did not obtain any other general mandate or special mandate to issue securities in the past 12 months.

#### **GENERAL EXTENSION MANDATE**

In addition, if the Buy-back Mandate and the New Issue Mandate are granted, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM that the Directors be granted an extension of New Issue Mandate, which provides that any Shares bought back under the Buy-back Mandate will be added to the total number of Shares which may be allotted and issued under the New Issue Mandate.

#### **RE-ELECTION OF THE DIRECTORS**

Pursuant to article 116 of the Articles and code provision A4.2 set out in the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, Mr. Lawrence Chia Song Huat, Mr. Gregory Robert Scott Crichton and Mr. Charlie Yucheng Shi will retire from office as Directors by rotation at the AGM and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Particulars of Directors proposed to be re-elected in the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Company will convene the AGM at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 19/F, Pico Tower, 64-66 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong at which resolutions will be proposed for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving, *inter alia*, the resolutions proposed in this circular. The Notice of Annual General Meeting is set out on pages 14 to 17 to this circular of the Company.

A form of proxy for use in connection with the AGM is enclosed herewith. Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible to the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong at Pico House, 4 Dai Fu Street, Tai Po Industrial Estate, New Territories, Hong Kong and in any event by not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM (or any adjourned meeting thereof). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM should you so wish.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the Buy-back Mandate, the New Issue Mandate and the extension of the New Issue Mandate and the re-election of retiring Directors are in the best interests of the Company as well as its Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that all Shareholders of the Company should vote in favour of all the resolutions set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting.

#### 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 respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

As at the date hereof, the Board comprises Mr. Lawrence Chia Song Huat, Ms. Jean Chia Yuan Jiun and Mr. Mok Pui Keung as executive directors; Mr. Gregory Robert Scott Crichton, Mr. James Patrick Cunningham, Mr. Frank Lee Kee Wai and Mr. Charlie Yucheng Shi as independent non-executive directors.

Yours faithfully,
By order of the Board
Lawrence Chia Song Huat
Chairman

#### 1. SOURCE OF FUNDS

The Company is empowered by the Memorandum and Articles to purchase its Shares. In accordance with the Cayman Islands law and the Memorandum and Articles, Shares may only be purchased out of the funds of the Company which are legally available for such purpose or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purposes of the purchase or, subject to a statutory test of solvency, out of capital. The premium, if any, payable on purchase must be provided for out of the profits of the Company or out of the Company's share premium account before or at the time the Shares are purchased or, subject to the statutory test of solvency, out of capital. Under Cayman Islands law, the Shares so bought back will be treated as cancelled but the aggregate amount of authorised share capital will not be reduced.

#### 2. SHARE CAPITAL

Assuming that no further Shares are issued or bought back during the period from the Latest Practicable Date to the AGM, exercise in full of the Buy-back Mandate, on the basis of 1,238,056,104 existing Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date, could result in up to 123,805,610 Shares being bought back by the Company.

#### 3. REASONS FOR BUY-BACK

The Directors have no present intention to buy back any Shares but consider that the mandate will provide the Company the flexibility to make such buy-backs when appropriate and beneficial to the Company. Such buy-backs, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, may lead to enhancement of the net asset value of the Company and/or the earnings per share. As compared with the position disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as at October 31, 2020, the Directors consider that there could be a material adverse impact on the working capital and on the gearing position of the Company in the event that the proposed buy-backs were to be carried out in full during the proposed purchases period. However, no buy-backs would be made in circumstances that would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing ratio of the Company.

#### 4. DIRECTORS, THEIR ASSOCIATES AND CONNECTED PERSONS

None of the Directors or, to the best of their knowledge and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their associates has any present intention, in the event that the proposal is approved by Shareholders, to sell their Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries under the Buy-back Mandate. No connected person of the Company (as defined in the Listing Rules) has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell his/her/its Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries nor has he/she/it undertaken not to sell any of his/her/its Shares held by him/her/it to the Company or its subsidiaries in the event that the Company is authorised to make it purchases of the Shares.

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#### 5. UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange to exercise the power of the Company to make buy-backs pursuant to the proposed resolution in accordance with the Listing Rules and all applicable laws of Cayman Islands, and in accordance with the regulations set out in the Memorandum and Articles.

#### 6. EFFECT OF THE CODE

A buy-back of Shares by the Company may result in an increase in the proportionate interests of substantial shareholders of the Company in the voting rights of the Company, which could give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors, the Shareholders who were interested in 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company, according to the register of interests required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), were as follows:

	Percentage	
	interest in the	
	issued share	
Current	capital of the	
percentage	Company in the	
interest in the	event of the	Number of
issued share	<b>Buy-back</b>	shares
capital of the	Mandate is	beneficially
Company	exercised in full	held
37.33%	41.48%	462,167,186
10.00%	11.11%	123,789,010
5.99%	6.65%	74,132,000
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Note: These shares are held by Stichting Depositary APG Strategic Real Estate Pool, acting as the depositary of APG Strategic Real Estate Pool ("Pool"). The shares are controlled by APG Asset Management N.V. ("APG AM"), as the manager of the Pool, and by APG Investments Asia Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of APG AM and a sub-manager of the Pool. APG Groep N.V. is the wholly owned parent of APG AM. It is majority owned by Stichting Pensioenfonds ABP, which is also a participating investor in the Pool.

On the basis of the current shareholding of the Company, an exercise of the Buy-back Mandate in full will result in Pine Asset Management Limited becoming obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Code. The Directors also have no intention to exercise the Buy-back Mandate to such extent that would give rise to an obligation to them to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Code or result in the amount of Shares held by the public being reduced to less than 25%.

### 7. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest traded prices for the Shares on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous 12 months preceding the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Sh	Shares	
	Highest	Lowest	
	HK\$	HK\$	
2020			
February	2.190	1.950	
March	1.940	1.230	
April	1.360	1.090	
May	1.140	0.980	
June	1.360	1.010	
July	1.310	1.010	
August	1.130	0.960	
September	1.000	0.860	
October	1.190	0.920	
November	1.480	1.110	
December	1.460	1.270	
2021			
January	1.390	1.230	
February (up to Latest Practicable Date)	1.260	1.230	

## 8. SHARE BUY-BACK MADE BY THE COMPANY

During the previous six months preceding this document, the Company had not purchased any Shares whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise.

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

Set out below are details of the Directors who will retire at the conclusion of the AGM and will be proposed to be re-elected at the AGM.

Mr. Lawrence Chia Song Huat, aged 60, has worked in the event industry for more than 37 years and has been Chairman of the Group since 1994. He is a graduate of The University of Tennessee, having majored in Finance, and received The University of Tennessee Outstanding International Alumni Award in 2016. In 2006, he received the International Executive in Sport and Entertainment Award from the University of South Carolina in the US. He is currently chairman of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce (Hong Kong).

Mr. Chia is also a director of A.E. Smith Brand Management (Shanghai) Co., Limited, Dongguan Pico Exhibition Engineering Co., Limited, Expoman Limited, Infinity Marketing Team, LLC, Inter Expo Holdings Limited, MTM Choice Holdings LLC, Pico Development (Holdings) Limited, Pico Global Services Limited, Pico IES Group Limited, Pico IES Group (China) Co., Limited, Pico International Exhibition Services Limited, Pico International, Inc., Pico International Limited, Pico International Taiwan Limited, Pico International (HK) Limited, Pico International (Macao) Limited, Pico Investments BVI Limited, Pico Investment (HK) Limited, Pico North Asia Limited, Pico North Asia (Holdings) Limited, Pico Pro International Limited, Pico Sourcing Services Company Limited, Pico USA Inc., Pico World Limited, Shanghai Pico Exhibition Services Co., Limited, World Gain Limited, World Image Holdings Limited and World Image Plus Pte Ltd., all of which are subsidiaries of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chia personally holds interest in 10,926,000 shares and interest in 1,400,000 underlying shares in respect of the share options granted by the Company which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws Hong Kong). Save as disclosed, Mr. Chia does not hold any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries and did not hold any directorships in the last three years in any other public company, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

Mr. Chia is an uncle of Ms. Jean Chia Yuan Jiun, a Director of the Company. He is also the younger brother of Mr. Chia Siong Lim and Mr. James Chia Song Heng, and an uncle of Mr. Jack Chia Chay Shiun, all members of the Group's senior management. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chia is not connected with any other directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

The Company has entered into a letter of appointment with Mr. Chia for a term of two years commencing May 8, 2020 and either he or the Company may terminate such appointment at any time by giving at least three months' notice in writing to the other. Save as disclosed, there is no other service contract entered into between Mr. Chia and the Company. He is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the AGM of the Company in accordance with the Articles. Mr. Chia is entitled to a Director fee of HK\$441,000 and other projected emoluments of approximately HK\$7 million. The remuneration of all Directors is determined by the Board having regard to the recommendation of the remuneration committee of the Company and with reference to Director's contributions, experience and relevant duties and responsibilities within the Company.

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

Save as disclosed, there are no other matters related to the appointment that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders of the Company in connection with Mr. Chia's re-election and there is no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to paragraph 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Gregory Robert Scott Crichton, aged 69, has been an independent non-executive director of the Company since 1998. He has held numerous directorships in various entities and countries including American International Assurance Co., Ltd. (AIA) and continues to work in the insurance industry. He served as President Commissioner of an Indonesian life insurance company and was an advisor to a successful Singapore reinsurance start-up, as well as serving on the Inland Revenue Board of Review and other bodies. He is currently a non-executive director and advisor to a major international insurer and sits on a number of related committees; he is also the managing director of a Hong Kong-based trust and corporate service provider company. He is a graduate in Law from the University of Sydney and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New South Wales. He is admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong and is also a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales.

Save as above, Mr. Crichton does not hold any positions in the Company or any of its subsidiaries. He is not connected with any directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company, nor does he have any interests in the Shares of the Company which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Save as disclosed, Mr. Crichton did not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

The Company has entered into a letter of appointment with Mr. Crichton for a term of two years commencing from May 8, 2020 and either he or the Company may terminate such appointment at any time by giving at least three months' notice in writing to the other. Save as disclosed, there is no other service contract entered into between Mr. Crichton and the Company. He is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the AGM of the Company in accordance with the Articles. Mr. Crichton is entitled to a Director fee of HK\$213,000. The remuneration of all Directors is determined by the Board having regard to the recommendation of the remuneration committee of the Company and with reference to the Director's contributions, experience and relevant duties and responsibilities within the Company.

The Board considered Mr. Crichton as an independent non-executive director. During his years of service with the Company, Mr. Crichton has contributed by providing an independent viewpoint, enquiry and advice to the Company in relation to its businesses, operations, future development and strategy. The Board considers that Mr. Crichton has the character, integrity, ability and experience to continue to fulfill his role as required effectively. There is no evidence that his over nine years of service with the Company would have any impact on his independence which, on the contrary, is an asset to the Company. The Board thus recommends Mr. Crichton for re-election as an independent non-executive director at the AGM.

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

Save as disclosed, there are no other matters related to the appointment that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders of the Company in connection with Mr. Crichton's re-election and there is no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to paragraph 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Charlie Yucheng Shi, aged 58, has been an independent non-executive director of the Company since 2002. Mr. Shi has over two decades of investment experience, and previously served as managing director of Omaha Capital China, which focused on growth and venture capital investments in the Greater China region. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Fudan University in Shanghai, an MBA from the California Lutheran University, and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.

Save as above, Mr. Shi does not hold any positions in the Company or any of its subsidiaries. He is not connected with any directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company, nor does he have any interests in the Shares of the Company which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Mr. Shi is currently an independent non-executive director of Mobius Investment Trust PLC (a company listed on the London Stock Exchange) since September 2018. Save as disclosed, Mr. Shi did not hold any other directorships in the last three years in any other public company, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

The Company has entered into a letter of appointment with Mr. Shi for a term of two years commencing from May 8, 2020 and either he or the Company may terminate such appointment at any time by giving at least three months' notice in writing to the other. Save as disclosed, there is no other service contract entered into between Mr. Shi and the Company. He is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the AGM of the Company in accordance with the Articles. Mr. Shi is entitled to a Director fee of HK\$243,000. The remuneration of all Directors is determined by the Board having regard to the recommendation of the remuneration committee of the Company and with reference to the Director's contributions, experience and relevant duties and responsibilities within the Company.

The Board considered Mr. Shi as an independent non-executive director. During his years of service with the Company, Mr. Shi has contributed by providing an independent viewpoint, enquiry and advice to the Company in relation to its businesses, operations, future development and strategy. The Board considers that Mr. Shi has the character, integrity, ability and experience to continue to fulfil his role as required effectively. There is no evidence that his over nine years of service with the Company would have any impact on his independence which, on the contrary, is an asset to the Company. The Board thus recommends Mr. Shi for re-election as an independent non-executive director at the AGM.

Save as disclosed, there are no other matters related to the appointment that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders of the Company in connection with Mr. Shi's re-election and there is no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to paragraph 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.



# PICO FAR EAST HOLDINGS LIMITED

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Pico Far East Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 19/F, Pico Tower, 64-66 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for the purpose of transacting the following business:

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

- 1. To receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements and the directors' report and the independent auditor's report for the year ended October 31, 2020.
- 2. To re-elect Mr. Lawrence Chia Song Huat as director of the Company.
- 3. To re-elect Mr. Gregory Robert Scott Crichton as director of the Company.
- 4. To re-elect Mr. Charlie Yucheng Shi as director of the Company.
- 5. To re-appoint RSM Hong Kong as the auditor and authorise the board of directors (the "Board") to fix the auditor's remuneration.
- 6. To authorise the Board to fix the directors' remuneration.
- 7. To declare a final dividend of HK2.5 cents per share for the year ended October 31, 2020.

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS

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

#### 8. "THAT:

(a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to issue, allot and deal with additional shares, to issue warrants to subscribe for shares and to make offers or agreements or grant options which would or might require shares to be issued and allotted, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

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- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the directors of the Company to make offers or agreements or grant options or warrants during the Relevant Period (as defined below) which would or might require shares to be issued and allotted either during or after the end of the Relevant Period (as defined below);
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraphs (a) and (b) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a rights issue; (ii) the exercise of the subscription rights under warrants issued otherwise than pursuant to this resolution; (iii) the exercise of the subscription rights under the share option scheme of the Company; and (iv) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on the shares of the Company; shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the existing issued share capital of the Company 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 earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company following the passing of this resolution; or
- (ii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by shareholders in a general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the directors of the Company by this resolution."

#### 9. **"THAT**:

- (a) the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to buy back its own shares subject to paragraph (b) below and in accordance with all applicable laws, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company which may be bought back by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above during the Relevant Period (as defined below) shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the existing issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

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(c) for the purpose of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company following the passing of this resolution; or
- (ii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by shareholders in a general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the directors of the Company by this resolution."
- 10. "THAT conditional upon resolutions 8 and 9 above being passed (with or without amendments), the general mandate referred to in resolution 8 above be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company which may be allotted or agreed to be allotted by the directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of shares bought back by the Company pursuant to the general mandate referred to in resolution 9 above provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the existing issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution."

By order of the Board **Leung Hoi Yan** *Company Secretary* 

Hong Kong, February 10, 2021

Notes:

1. Precautionary measures for the AGM

Please refer to page 1 of this circular of the Company for the measures being taken to prevent and control the spread of the COVID-19 at the AGM, including but not limited to:

- (1) Compulsory body temperature check
- (2) Compulsory wearing of surgical face mask
- (3) The number of attendees will be limited to ensure appropriate social distancing and will be admitted into the AGM venue on a first-come-first-served basis
- (4) No provision of refreshments or beverages
- (5) No distribution of gifts or coupons for subsequent consumption

Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures or is subject to any Hong Kong Government prescribed quarantine will be denied entry into or be required to leave the AGM venue.

In light of the continuing risks posed by COVID-19 and as part of the Company's control measures to safeguard the health and safety of shareholders of the Company ("Shareholders"), the Company strongly recommends Shareholders to exercise their right to vote at the AGM by appointing the chairman of the AGM as their proxy, and to return their proxy forms by the time specified in note 3 below, instead of attending the AGM in person.

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- 2. A member of the Company who is a holder of two or more shares of the Company, and who is entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a member of the Company from attending the AGM and vote in person. In such event, his form of proxy will be deemed to have been revoked.
- 3. A form of proxy for the AGM is enclosed. In order to be valid, the form of proxy together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority, must be deposited at the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong at Pico House, 4 Dai Fu Street, Tai Po Industrial Estate, New Territories, Hong Kong not later than 48 hours before the time for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof.
- 4. To ascertain shareholders' eligibility to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members will be closed from Tuesday, March 23, 2021 to Friday, March 26, 2021, both days inclusive, during which period no share transfers of the Company will be effected. In order to qualify to attend and vote at the AGM, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F., Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021.

To ascertain shareholders' entitlement to the proposed final dividend upon passing of resolution 7 set out in this notice, the register of members will be closed from Thursday, April 1, 2021 to Wednesday, April 7, 2021, both days inclusive, during which period no share transfers of the Company will be effected. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F., Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

- 5. With regard to resolutions 8 and 10 set out in this notice, the directors of the Company wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company pursuant to the general mandate granted under resolution 8 above.
- 6. As at the date of this notice, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Lawrence Chia Song Huat, Ms. Jean Chia Yuan Jiun and Mr. Mok Pui Keung; the independent non-executive directors are Mr. Gregory Robert Scott Crichton, Mr. James Patrick Cunningham, Mr. Frank Lee Kee Wai and Mr. Charlie Yucheng Shi.