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China Industrial Securities International Financial Group Limited

興證國際金融集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 6058)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

The board of directors (the "Board") of China Industrial Securities International Financial Group Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2021 together with the comparative figures as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		For the six months ended 30 June		
	Note	2021 HK\$ Unaudited	2020 HK\$ Unaudited	
Commission and fee income from customers Interest revenue Net investment income and gains or losses	3 3 3	151,048,768 73,719,676 200,981,728	177,879,148 99,064,775 128,977,720	
Total revenue Other income Share of result of a joint venture Finance costs Commission and fee expenses Staff costs Other operating expenses Impairment losses on financial assets Other gains or losses	3 3 5 5 5	$\begin{array}{r} 425,750,172\\ 10,635,200\\ (7,418,150)\\ (113,837,802)\\ (45,066,273)\\ (92,955,332)\\ (80,314,006)\\ (48,710,991)\\ 14,322,874 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 405,921,643\\79,062,057\\8,078,154\\(317,055,110)\\(24,246,961)\\(79,198,981)\\(81,879,601)\\(293,124,787)\\(22,057,759)\end{array}$	
Profit/(loss) before taxation Taxation	5 6	62,405,692 (8,574,432)	(324,501,345) 38,660,100	
Profit/(loss) for the period		53,831,260	(285,841,245)	
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to owners of the Company		53,831,260	(285,841,245)	
Earnings/(loss) per share Basic (expressed in HK\$)	8	0.0135	(0.0715)	

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	As at 30 June 2021 <i>HK\$</i> Unaudited	As at 31 December 2020 <i>HK\$</i> Audited
Non-current assets Property and equipment Intangible assets Interest in a joint venture Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Reverse repurchase agreements Statutory deposits Deferred tax assets Deposits, other receivables, prepayments and other assets		78,259,859 9,595,261 28,768,055 	97,076,576 11,724,831 36,186,205 51,235,662 90,799,345 26,919,725 124,540,847 16,820,086 455,303,277
Current assets Accounts receivable Reverse repurchase agreements Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Statutory deposits Deposits, other receivables, prepayments and other assets Tax receivable Bank balances – trust accounts Bank balances – general accounts and cash	9	6,347,443,645 161,697,853 6,463,483,331 31,007,936 137,047,529 7,618,062 5,333,030,803 4,154,195,135 22,635,524,294	3,481,413,395 398,139,045 7,965,083,925 24,096,174 332,617,739 6,160,483 3,314,652,509 2,286,224,348 17,808,387,618
Current liabilities Accounts payable Accruals and other payables Amount due to a fellow subsidiary Contract liabilities Tax payable Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss Repurchase agreements Bank borrowings Other borrowings Notes Lease liabilities Other liabilities	10	6,783,596,657 115,117,335 1,947,897 1,663,970 2,407,952 102,359,401 2,544,761,601 3,920,233,891 168,320,174 - 37,325,638 255,365,163 13,933,099,679	$\begin{array}{r} 4,012,906,529\\ 172,261,819\\ 1,351,510\\ 426,924\\ 5,949,647\\ 151,539,955\\ 3,235,028,200\\ 3,823,475,258\\ 766,958,032\\ 69,769,800\\ 35,251,162\\ 301,753,853\\ \hline\end{array}$
Net current assets		8,702,424,615	5,231,714,929

		As at	As at
		30 June	31 December
		2021	2020
	Note	HK\$	HK\$
	τ	J naudited	Audited
Non-current liabilities			
Bonds	2,34	1,150,134	_
Deferred tax liabilities	,	20,843	22,429
Amount due to the immediate holding company	2,29	0,734,000	2,286,899,000
Lease liabilities	3	3,468,343	52,992,444
	4,66	5,373,320	2,339,913,873
Net assets	4,40	0,935,593	3,347,104,333
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	40	0,000,000	400,000,000
Share premium	3,37	9,895,424	3,379,895,424
Accumulated loss	(83	2,979,496)	(886,810,756)
Other reserve	1	1,577,844	11,577,844
Capital reserve	44	2,441,821	442,441,821
Other equity instrument	1,00	0,000,000	
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	4,40	0,935,593	3,347,104,333

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 June 2021

1. GENERAL

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 21 July 2015 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands and its shares have been listed on the GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") since 20 October 2016. On 3 January 2019, the Company has successfully transferred the shares listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange to the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. The address of the Company's registered office is PO Box 1350, Windward 3, Regatta Office Park, Grand Cayman KY1-1108, Cayman Islands. The address of the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong is 32/F, Infinitus Plaza, 199 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group is principally engaged in the provision of brokerage services, loans and financing services, corporate finance services, asset management services and financial products and investments. Its immediate holding company is Industrial Securities (Hong Kong) Financial Holdings Limited ("Industrial Securities (Hong Kong)"). China Industrial Securities Co., Ltd. ("Industrial Securities"), a company incorporated in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), is the ultimate holding company of the Company. The shares of Industrial Securities are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange in the PRC.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) **Basis of preparation**

This interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, including compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, Interim financial reporting, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). It was authorised for issue on 20 August 2021.

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2020 annual financial statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2021 annual financial statements. Details of any changes in accounting policies are set out in note 2(b).

The preparation of an interim financial report in conformity with HKAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

This interim financial report contains condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2020 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for a full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs").

(b) Changes in accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, except for the adoption of new standards effective as of 1 January 2021. The Group has not early adopted any standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

Several amendments apply for the first time in 2021, but do not have an impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group.

Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2: Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16

The amendments provide temporary reliefs which address the financial reporting effects when an interbank offered rate ("IBOR") is replaced with an alternative nearly risk-free interest rate ("RFR"). The amendments include the following practical expedients:

- A practical expedient to require contractual changes, or changes to cash flows that are directly required by the reform, to be treated as changes to a floating interest rate, equivalent to a movement in a market rate of interest
- Permit changes required by IBOR reform to be made to hedge designations and hedge documentation without the hedging relationship being discontinued
- Provide temporary relief to entities from having to meet the separately identifiable requirement when an RFR instrument is designated as a hedge of a risk component

These amendments had no impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group. The Group intends to use the practical expedients in future periods if they become applicable.

3. **REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME**

An analysis of revenue and other income is as follows:

Revenue

	For the six months ended 30 June		
	2021	2020	
	HK\$	HK\$	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	
Commission and fee income from customers			
Brokerage:			
Commission and fee income from securities brokerage	109,457,746	72,565,014	
Commission and fee income from futures and options brokerage	10,915,267	10,385,147	
Insurance brokerage commission income	1,030,034	1,014,503	
	121,403,047	83,964,664	
Corporate finance:			
Commission on placing, underwriting and sub-underwriting			
– Debt securities	10,815,154	20,821,576	
– Equity securities	1,893,919	5,767,303	
Corporate advisory fee income	1,324,560	1,765,962	
Sponsor fee income	1,027,258	6,500,000	
Arrangement fee income	1,008,559	49,064,104	
	16,069,450	83,918,945	
Asset management:			
Asset management fee income	11,164,825	7,536,139	
Investment advisory fee income	2,411,446	2,459,400	
	13,576,271	9,995,539	
	151,048,768	177,879,148	
Interest revenue			
Loans and financing:			
Interest income from margin financing	65,418,803	78,896,657	
	65,418,803	78,896,657	
Financial products and investments:			
Interest income from reverse repurchase agreements	8,300,873	20,168,118	
	73,719,676	99,064,775	

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2021	2020
	HK\$	HK\$
	Unaudited	Unaudited
Net investment income and gains or losses		
Financial products and investments:		
Interest income from financial assets		
at fair value through profit or loss	144,896,933	242,108,219
Dividend income from financial assets		
at fair value through profit or loss	3,769,655	11,403,920
Net realised gain/(loss) on financial assets		
at fair value through profit or loss	60,497,432	(29,316,433)
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets		
at fair value through profit or loss	52,852,225	(49,628,133)
Interest income from derivatives	4,874,117	3,207,193
Net realised gain/(loss) on derivatives	360,638	(40,898,571)
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on derivatives	5,045,392	(935,074)
Net realised loss on financial liabilities		
at fair value through profit or loss	(27,146,814)	_
Net unrealised loss on financial liabilities		
at fair value through profit or loss	(44,167,850)	(6,963,401)
	200,981,728	128,977,720
	425,750,172	405,921,643

Timing of revenue recognition for commission and fee income from customers

	For the six months			
	ended 30	ended 30 June		
	2021	2020		
	HK\$	HK\$		
	Unaudited	Unaudited		
A point in time	134,779,358	157,156,595		
Over time	16,269,410	20,722,553		
	151,048,768	177,879,148		

Other income

	For the six months ended 30 June		
	2021		
	HK\$	HK\$	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	
Interest income from financial institutions Sundry income	8,533,151 2,102,049	70,798,982 8,263,075	
	10,635,200	79,062,057	

4. SEGMENT REPORTING

Information reported to the Board of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of services provided. The CODM considers the Group's operations are located in Hong Kong.

The Group's reportable and operating segments under HKFRS 8 are as follows:

Brokerage – provision of securities, futures and options and insurance brokerage services;

Loans and financing - provision of margin financing and secured or unsecured loans to customers;

Corporate finance — provision of corporate advisory, sponsor, placing and underwriting services of debt and equity securities and structured products arrangement services;

Asset management — provision of fund management, discretionary account management and investment advisory services; and

Financial products and investments — proprietary trading and investment of funds, debt and equity securities, fixed income, derivatives and other financial products.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. Intersegment revenues are charged among segments at an agreed rate with reference to the rate normally charged to third party customers, the nature of services or the costs incurred.

For the six months ended 30 June 2021 (unaudited)

	Brokerage <i>HK\$</i>	Loans and financing <i>HK\$</i>	Corporate finance <i>HK\$</i>	Asset management <i>HK\$</i>	Financial products and investments <i>HK\$</i>	Eliminations <i>HK\$</i>	Consolidated <i>HK\$</i>
Segment revenue and result Revenue from external customers Net gains on financial products and investments Inter-segment revenue	121,403,047 	65,418,803 	16,069,450 	13,576,271 	8,300,873 200,981,728	(10,437,752)	224,768,444 200,981,728
Segment revenue and net gains on financial products and investments	121,543,353	65,418,803	16,069,450	23,873,717	209,282,601	(10,437,752)	425,750,172
Revenue presented in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income							425,750,172
Segment results	62,843,137	(44,330,148)	(9,014,216)	7,468,602	86,078,266	-	103,045,641
Unallocated expenses							(40,639,949)
Profit before taxation presented in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income							62,405,692

For the six months ended 30 June 2020 (unaudited)

	Brokerage <i>HK\$</i>	Loans and financing <i>HK\$</i>	Corporate finance <i>HK\$</i>	Asset management <i>HK\$</i>	Financial products and investments <i>HK\$</i>	Eliminations <i>HK\$</i>	Consolidated <i>HK\$</i>
Segment revenue and result							
Revenue from external customers	83,964,664	78,896,657	83,918,945	9,995,539	20,168,118	-	276,943,923
Net gains on financial products and investments	-	-	-	-	128,977,720	-	128,977,720
Inter-segment revenue	809,484			10,039,795		(10,849,279)	
Segment revenue and net gains on financial products and investments	84,774,148	78,896,657	83,918,945	20,035,334	149,145,838	(10,849,279)	405,921,643
Revenue presented in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income							405,921,643
Segment results	34,016,213	(273,640,828)	59,511,794	4,580,914	(95,133,290)	_	(270,665,197)
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Unallocated expenses							(53,836,148)
Loss before taxation presented in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and							
other comprehensive income							(324,501,345)

5. PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION

	For the six months ended 30 June		
	2021	2020	
	HK\$	HK\$	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	
Profit/(loss) before taxation has been arrived			
at after charging/(crediting):			
Staff costs (including directors' remuneration)	92,955,332	79,198,981	
Salaries and bonuses	91,195,281	77,165,019	
Contribution to the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme	1,556,820	1,745,062	
Other staff costs	203,231	288,900	
Legal and professional fee	3,056,951	9,229,884	
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,612,059	1,402,923	
Depreciation			
Owned property and equipment	2,147,325	5,940,474	
Right-of-use assets	17,773,416	16,151,146	
Maintenance fee	14,818,337	13,336,341	
Impairment losses on financial assets			
Secured margin loans	48,710,991	293,124,787	
Other gains or losses	(14,322,874)	22,057,759	
Exchange (gain)/loss	(27,612,904)	25,006,735	
Other loss/(gain)	13,290,030	(2,948,976)	

6. TAXATION

	For the six months		
	ended 30 June		
	2021		
	HK\$	HK\$	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	
Hong Kong Profits Tax:			
Current period	957,225	401,044	
Under provision in prior year	7,011,437		
	7,968,662	401,044	
Deferred tax:			
Current period	605,770	(39,061,144)	
	8,574,432	(38,660,100)	

The provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated by applying the annual effective tax rate of 16.5% (2020: 16.5%) to the estimated assessable profit for the six months ended 30 June 2021, except for one subsidiary of the Group which is a qualifying corporation under the two-tiered Profits Tax rate regime.

For this subsidiary, the first HK\$2,000,000 of assessable profits are taxed at 8.25% and the remaining assessable profits are taxed at 16.5%. The provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax for this subsidiary was calculated at the same basis in 2020.

7. DIVIDENDS

No dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2020 and 2019 respectively were declared and paid to the owners of the Company.

The Board did not declare the payment of interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2021 and 2020.

8. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings/(loss) per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	For the six months		
	ended 30 June		
	2021	2020	
	HK\$	HK\$	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	
Earnings/(loss) (HK\$) Earnings/(loss) for the purpose of basic earnings/(loss) per share: Profit/(loss) for the period attributable to owners of the Company	53,831,260	(285,841,245)	
Number of shares Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings/(loss) per share	4,000,000,000	4,000,000,000	

For each of the six months ended 30 June 2021 (unaudited) and 30 June 2020 (unaudited), there were no potential ordinary shares in issue, thus no diluted earnings/(loss) per share is presented.

9. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	As at 30 June 2021 <i>HK\$</i> Unaudited	As at 31 December 2020 <i>HK\$</i> Audited
Accounts receivable arising from the business of dealing in securities:		
Secured margin loans	2,235,797,509	2,765,621,831
Less: impairment allowance	(789,510,708)	(740,912,592)
	1,446,286,801	2,024,709,239
Clearing houses	148,548,222	609,551,677
Cash clients	132,899,710	117,777,671
Brokers	101,392,863	42,646,443
Clients for subscription of new shares in initial public offering	3,528,125,001	274,018,530
Less: impairment allowance	(329,249)	(329,249)
	3,910,636,547	1,043,665,072
	5,356,923,348	3,068,374,311
Accounts receivable arising from the business of dealing in futures and options contracts:		
Clearing houses	56,748,494	18,610,148
Brokers	218,142,176	281,876,004
Less: impairment allowance	(88,000)	(88,000)
	274,802,670	300,398,152
Accounts receivable arising from the business of corporate finance	4,495,693	4,424,533
Accounts receivable arising from the business of asset management	13,060,155	5,961,061
Less: impairment allowance	(1,938,178)	(1,938,178)
	11,121,977	4,022,883
Accounts receivable arising from the business of financial products and investments:		
	700,099,957	104,193,516
Brokers	100,077,757	10.,190,010

Secured margin loans

As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, the secured margin loans are repayable on demand subsequent to settlement date.

Accounts receivable (except for secured margin loans)

Except for secured margin loans, the normal settlement terms of accounts receivable arising from the business of dealing in securities are two days after trade date. The normal settlement terms of accounts receivable arising from the business of dealing in futures and options contracts are one day after trade date.

In respect of accounts receivable arising from the business of dealing in future and options contracts, under the settlement arrangement with HKFE Clearing Corporation Limited ("HKCC"), all open positions held at HKCC are treated as if they were closed out and reopened at the relevant closing quotation as determined by HKCC. Profits or losses arising from this "mark-to-market" settlement arrangement are included in accounts receivable with HKCC. In accordance with the agreement with the brokers, mark-to-market profits or losses are treated as if they were settled and are included in accounts receivable with brokers.

Normal settlement terms of accounts receivable arising from the business of corporate finance and asset management are determined in accordance with the agreed terms, usually within one year after the service was provided.

Normal settlement terms of accounts receivable arising from brokers arising from the business of financial products and investments are determined in accordance with the agreed terms which are normally two to five days after the trade date.

In view of the nature of business of dealing in securities, futures and options contracts and financial products and investments, no aging analysis on those accounts receivable is disclosed, as in the opinion of the directors of the Company, the aging analysis does not give additional value in view of the nature of the business.

The following is an aging analysis of gross accounts receivable arising from the business of corporate finance and asset management based on date of invoice at the reporting date:

Corporate finance clients

	As at	As at
	30 June	31 December
	2021	2020
	HK\$	HK\$
	Unaudited	Audited
Less than 31 days	2,349,694	422,502
31-60 days	1,025,395	1,124,069
61-90 days	194	1,627,962
91-180 days	33,282	1,250,000
Over 180 days	1,087,128	
	4,495,693	4,424,533

Asset management clients

	As at	As at
	30 June	31 December
	2021	2020
	HK\$	HK\$
	Unaudited	Audited
Less than 31 days	1,621,833	1,941,120
31-60 days	3,221,820	671,293
61-90 days	2,745,250	544,145
91-180 days	2,618,951	953,008
Over 180 days	2,852,301	1,851,495
	13,060,155	5,961,061

During the six months ended 30 June 2021 and the year ended 31 December 2020, no margin loans were granted to the directors of the Company and directors of the subsidiaries.

The Group offsets certain accounts receivable and accounts payable when the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the balances; and intends to settle on a net basis or to realise the balances simultaneously.

10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	As at	As at
	30 June	31 December
	2021	2020
	HK\$	HK\$
	Unaudited	Audited
Accounts payable arising from the business of dealing in securities:		
Clearing house	119,234,273	33,721,689
Brokers	163,527,511	7,282,756
Clients	5,049,095,574	3,437,314,808
Accounts payable arising from the business of dealing in futures and options contracts: Clients	<u>5,331,857,358</u> 524,440,917	3,478,319,253
Accounts payable arising from the business of financial products and investments:		10.040
Brokers	927,298,382	13,242
	6,783,596,657	4,012,906,529

In respect of accounts payable arising from the business of dealing in securities, accounts payable to clearing house represent trades pending settlement arising from business of dealing in securities transactions which are normally two trading days after the trade date or at specific terms agreed with clearing house. The majority of the accounts payable to cash clients and margin clients are repayable on demand except where certain balances represent trades pending settlement or margin deposits and cash collateral received from clients for their trading activities under the normal course of business. Only the amounts in excess of the required margin deposits and cash collateral stipulated are repayable on demand.

Accounts payable to brokerage clients (except certain balances arising from trades pending settlement) mainly include money held on behalf of clients at banks and at clearing houses by the Group, and are interest-bearing at the prevailing market interest rate.

In respect of accounts payable arising from the business of dealing in futures and options contracts, settlement arrangements with clients follow the same settlement mechanism with HKCC or brokers and profits or losses arising from mark-to-market settlement arrangement are included in accounts payables with clients. Accounts payable to clients arising from the business of dealing in futures and option contract are non-interest bearing.

The normal settlement terms of accounts payable arising from the business of dealing in securities for cash clients are two days after trade date and accounts payable arising from the business of dealing in futures contracts are one day after trade date. No aging analysis is disclosed as in the opinion of the directors of the Company, the aging analysis does not give additional value in view of the nature of the business.

In respect of accounts payable arising from the business of financial products and investments, accounts payable to brokers represent trades pending settlement which are normally determined in accordance with the agreed terms and which are normally two to five days after the trade date.

For secured margin loans from brokers, the loans are repayable on demand (except certain balances arising from trades pending settlement or margin deposits) and are interest-bearing at the prevailing market interest rate. Only the amounts in excess of the required margin deposits are repayable on demand.

The Group has accounts payable arising from the business of dealing in securities of HK\$78,718,717 due to the immediate holding company as at 30 June 2021 (31 December 2020: HK\$78,718,717).

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

HONG KONG CAPITAL MARKET REVIEW

As of the end of June 2021, the Hang Seng Index closed at 28,828, edging up by 5.86% from the end of 2020. In the primary market, the total amount of proceeds raised in the first half of 2021 reached HK\$482.5 billion, an increase of 107.69% from the corresponding period in 2020, of which HK\$210.4 billion was raised from IPOs, representing an increase of 126.64% from the same period of 2020. A total of 46 companies went public in the first half of 2021, a year-on-year decrease of 28.13%. In the secondary market, the average daily turnover of securities in the first half of 2021 was HK\$188.2 billion, a year-on-year increase of 60.08%. As of the end of June 2021, capitalization of the Hong Kong securities market totaled HK\$52.84 trillion, an increase of 11.19% from the end of 2020.

During the first half of 2021, amid recovering consumer sentiment following China's effective control over COVID-19 pandemic, and ample liquidity thanks to quantitative easing measures adopted in Hong Kong and surrounding markets, coupled with new regulatory updates in the domestic market, including enhanced efforts to crack down on misconducts in the A share market, the Hong Kong capital market appealed to more Chinese enterprises and funds, and witnessed a drastic rebound from the depression recorded in 2020. In terms of overseas business presence, Chinese brokers continue to draw upon their advantages to further strengthen competitiveness in the Hong Kong market.

RESULTS AND OVERVIEW OF THE COMPANY

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Group recorded operating revenue of HK\$425.75 million (2020: HK\$405.92 million), and net profit of HK\$53.83 million, representing a turnaround from loss to profit of HK\$339.67 million. For the six months ended 30 June 2021, average return on equity of the Group amounted to 1.39%, a year-on-year increase of 9.12 percentage points. The Group achieved profitability primarily attributable to the increase in revenue from proprietary business and brokerage business and the decrease in provision for expected credit losses of accounts receivable arising from margin loans.

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Group's operating revenue from brokerage services, corporate finance services, asset management services, loans and financing services, financial products and investments saw an increase of 44.59%, a decrease of 80.85%, an increase of 35.82%, a decrease of 17.08% and an increase of 40.32% year-on-year, respectively.

BUSINESS REVIEW OF THE COMPANY

The Group's operating revenue derives from (i) brokerage; (ii) corporate finance; (iii) asset management; (iv) loans and financing; and (v) financial products and investments.

Brokerage

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Group recorded commission and fee income from brokerage services of HK\$121.40 million (2020: HK\$83.96 million), representing a year-on-year increase of 44.59%. We continued to cement the foundation and market competitiveness of the brokerage business, and achieved progress in the transformation and innovation of the wealth management business. As at the end of June 2021, the number of securities brokerage customers was 42,334, an increase of 16.62% from the beginning of the year. For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the overall turnover was HK\$104,768 million, a year-on-year increase of 22.40%. In particular, the trading volume of Hong Kong stocks recorded a year-on-year increase of 65%, which was above the market average of 60%. According to the Stock Exchange (second quarter of 2021), the Group ranked 67th among 604 active exchange participants, moving up 1 place from 2020.

Corporate finance

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Group recorded income from corporate finance business of HK\$16.07 million (2020: HK\$83.92 million), representing a year-on-year decrease of 80.85%.

Specifically, commission income on placing, underwriting and sub-underwriting of debt securities amounted to HK\$10.82 million (2020: HK\$20.82 million), representing a year-on-year decrease of 48.06%; and arrangement fee amounted to HK\$1.01 million (2020: HK\$49.06 million), representing a year-on-year decrease of 97.94%. The decrease in income was due to the decline in underwriting fee as a result of intensified industry competition and efforts made by the Group to adjust and optimize business structure by raising the barrier for undertaking new projects and take the initiative to reduce high-yielding property projects. Nevertheless, market competitiveness of the Company's bond undertaking business was boosted and its project quality and mix was further improved. According to Bloomberg data, for the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Group underwrote US\$554.59 million of USD bonds in total in the capacity above JBR, ranking eighth among Chinese brokers, two places up from the previous year.

Commission income on placing, underwriting and sub-underwriting of equity securities amounted to HK\$1.89 million (2020: HK\$5.77 million), representing a year-on-year decrease of 67.16%, primarily due to the fact that certain listing sponsoring business suffered a delay as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in a corresponding delay in revenue recognition during the period. However, the overall market awareness of equity investment banking business was enhanced. For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the total equity financing amount of the Group (including share underwriting) was US\$247.69 million, ranking seventh among Chinese brokers, up by eight places from the previous year.

Asset management

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Group recorded income from asset management business of HK\$13.58 million (2020: HK\$10.00 million), representing a year-on-year increase of 35.82%. As at the end of June 2021, the Group's assets under management (AUM) amounted to HK\$9,334 million, representing an increase of 27.73% from the beginning of the year. Among them, China Core Asset Fund, the Group's first public fund, had an AUM of HK\$445 million as at the end of June 2021, an increase of 20.51% from the beginning of the year, and had been approved for Mainland-Hong Kong Mutual Recognition of Funds on 30 April 2021.

Loans and financing

In the first half of 2021, the Group continued to optimise its customer structure and scaled down margin financing, resulting in a further decline in the amount of secured margin loans. For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Group's revenue from loans and financing business was HK\$65.42 million (2020: HK\$78.90 million), representing a year-on-year decrease of 17.08%.

Financial products and investments

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Group's recorded revenue from financial products and investments increased by 40.32% year-on-year to HK\$209.28 million (2020: HK\$149.15 million). Given the turbulent global market at a high level and volatile pandemic in the first half of 2021, the Group adopted conservative and prudent investment strategies to proactively reduce risky positions and maintain short-term exposure, took the initiative to make dynamic adjustments based on market changes, and kept close track of credit standing of each business segment to strictly control default risk. Benefited from such policies, the Group secured sound investment gains from financial products and investment business in the first half of 2021.

FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2021, the total assets of the Group increased by 25.93% to HK\$22,999.41 million (31 December 2020: HK\$18,263.69 million).

As at 30 June 2021, the total liabilities of the Group increased by 24.68% to HK\$18,598.47 million (31 December 2020: HK\$14,916.59 million).

LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL STRUCTURES

As at 30 June 2021, the net current assets of the Group increased by 66.34% to HK\$8,702.42 million (31 December 2020: HK\$5,231.71 million). As at 30 June 2021, the current ratio of the Group (defined as current assets divided by current liabilities as at the end of the respective financial year/period) was 1.62 times (31 December 2020: 1.42 times).

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the net cash inflow of the Group was HK\$1,867.97 million (31 December 2020: outflow of HK\$3,073.73 million). As at 30 June 2021, the bank balance of the Group was HK\$4,154.20 million (31 December 2020: HK\$2,286.22 million).

As at 30 June 2021, the Group's bank and other borrowings in aggregate decreased by 10.93% to HK\$4,088.55 million (31 December 2020: HK\$4,590.43 million).

In February 2021, the Group issued US\$300,000,000 three-year guaranteed bonds and the net proceeds raised were used to repay short-term revolving bank loans. In addition, in June 2021, the Group issued HK\$1,000,000,000 subordinated perpetual securities and the net proceeds raised were used to repay bank loans. As at 30 June 2021, the Group did not have any outstanding notes (31 December 2020: HK\$69.77 million). As at 30 June 2021, the Group had outstanding bonds of HK\$2,341.15 million (31 December 2020: nil) and shareholder loans of HK\$2,290.73 million (31 December 2020: HK\$6.90 million). As at 30 June 2021, the gearing ratio of the Group (defined as the sum of bank borrowings, other borrowings, outstanding notes and bonds, and shareholder loan divided by total equity) decreased by 0.10 to 1.98 (31 December 2020: 2.08).

The capital of the Group comprises only ordinary shares. Total equity attributable to owners of the Company amounted to HK\$4,400.94 million as at 30 June 2021 (31 December 2020: HK\$3,347.10 million). Such increase was due to profit accumulation and the recognition of HK\$1,000,000,000 subordinated perpetual securities issued by the Group in the first half of 2021 as equity.

FUTURE PLAN

Looking into the second half of 2021, global economic outlook is still subject to uncertainties. Although ongoing popularity of COVID-19 vaccination stimulated people's sentiment, mutant strain aroused concerns. Facing multiple challenges and opportunities in the differentiation of the current economy recovery process, the contest between the two major powers of the United States and China, and more-than-expected inflation in the United States, the Group will continue to make every effort to promote business development on the basis of strictly maintaining a neutral and prudent risk appetite and conducting standardized internal control. We will optimize business structure, consolidate the foundation of fee-based services and prudently develop capital-consuming business; strengthen liquidity management, forge a strong and well-established financial base, keep improving compliance risk control system, establish internal control long-term effective mechanism; and meanwhile continue to upgrade and optimize the talent team and bolster cultural construction to build a good culture for the win-win development of employees and the Company.

In the future, we will continue to unite as one to work hard, fulfil our responsibilities and dedicate ourselves to creating and boosting value for the shareholders and society, upholding the mission of the times, and pursuing excellence, with a view to bringing satisfactory returns to all shareholders.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS AND MATERIAL ACQUISITION OR DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

There were no significant investments nor material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries and associated companies by the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2021.

CHARGES ON GROUP ASSETS

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Group's assets pledged were mainly debt securities pledged as collaterals for repurchase agreements and other borrowings.

EMPLOYEE AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30 June 2021, the Group had 204 full-time employees (30 June 2020: 219 full-time employees), including the Directors. Total remuneration for the six months ended 30 June 2021 was HK\$92.96 million (30 June 2020: HK\$79.20 million). The Group will review its remuneration policy from time to time in accordance with market practice. While the bonus will be distributed with reference to individual performance appraisal, prevailing market condition, and the Group's financial performance. Other employee benefits include contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme, medical care insurance etc.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group did not have any material contingent liabilities for the six months ended 30 June 2021 and as of the date of this announcement.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Up to the date of this announcement, the Board was not aware of any significant events related to the business or financial performance of the Group after the reporting period.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk management framework and mechanism

The Group has established a comprehensive risk management organizational structure consisting of the Board, management members, the risk management committee, risk management department, each functional department and subsidiaries, and identified three lines of defense for risk management, namely, effective self-control by each functional department and subsidiaries serves as the first line of defense, professional risk management by the risk management department before and during business operations serves as the second line of defense, and post-supervision and evaluation by the audit department serves as the third line of defense. The design of the "three lines of defense" risk management governance structure effectively guarantees the efficiency and effectiveness of risk management.

The Group implemented the risk appetite and quota management system, upheld the business philosophy of "stable operation for sustainability" based on the neutral and prudent risk appetite determined by the Board, and focused on the development concept of advancing amid stability to identify and evaluate potential risks related to credit, liquidity, market and operation in a timely manner, and ensure that various risks exposed to the Group were controlled within a reasonable range that is measurable, controllable and acceptable. The Group endeavored to build a sound organizational structure, operable management system, reliable information system and professional talent team, so as to realize the detectability, measurability, analysis and risk-response in risk management.

Credit risk

The credit risk of the Group refers to the potential losses resulting from the failure of a debtor or counterparty to perform its obligations under a contract.

The Group has established a Risk Management Committee to review and monitor the implementation of risk management policies for credit business, and update relevant risk management policies to cope with changes. The Group has also in place an Investment and Financing Business Review Committee, which is responsible for reviewing and re-examining the policies, transaction limits and credit limits related to credit approval.

The Group has formulated policies on, among other things, credit risk management, credit facilities approval, collateral management and concentration management, and continuously reviewed and revised relevant policies according to regulatory and market changes. The Group implemented the hierarchical authorization and approval mechanism regarding credit business, prudently set the credit limit for each customer, regularly re-examined the unrecovered margin loans to assess the credit risk exposure, and took appropriate measures to mitigate risks. The Group closely monitors the credit business risk limit indicators, adopts measures such as daily mark-to-market and timely warning, conducts regular stress tests, and takes appropriate measures to make up for or minimize losses and properly resolve risks when it foresees that customers may fail to fulfill their obligations.

Liquidity risk

The liquidity risk of the Group refers to the risk of failure to obtain sufficient capital at reasonable cost in time to repay debts which are falling due, fulfill other payment obligations and meet the capital demand for routine business operation.

The Group has established liquidity risk management system and process to identify, address, monitor and mitigate potential liquidity risks, and maintain liquidity and financial resource requirements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (such as the Hong Kong Securities and Futures (Financial Resources) Rules (Chapter 571N of the Laws of Hong Kong)).

The Group has set up a multi-level authorization mechanism and internal policies for managing and approving the use and allocation of capital. It sets authorization restrictions on all of the commitments or capital outflows (such as procurement, investment and loans), and evaluates the impact of such transactions on capital adequacy.

The Group meets its financing needs primarily through obtaining bank loans from a number of banks and issuing bonds, and constantly explores and expands financing channels and methods. The Group also adopts strict liquidity management measures, including but not limited to daily monitoring reports, future cash flow forecasts and liquidity stress tests, to ensure that liquidity planning and management is prepared in advance and that the Group meets the capital requirements stipulated by applicable laws.

Market risk

The market risk of the Group refers to the risk of potential losses incurred to the Group due to adverse changes in market variables, including but not limited to interest rates, exchange rates, equity prices and commodity prices.

The Group has formulated policies and procedures to monitor and control market risks arising from business development. Prior to engaging in any new transaction or launching any new business, each business segment of the Group will arrange staff with professional qualifications and industry experience to discuss and evaluate the relevant market risks, and formulate management and mitigation measures for such risks.

The Group will formulate and review market risk limit indicators, and regularly check and adjust market strategies to cope with changes in operating results, risk tolerance and market conditions. In terms of financial products and investment business, the Group formulates selection criteria for different bonds and other fixed-income products, restricts investment in industries and enterprises with overcapacity and negative reports, and tracks and monitors macro-economic trends and investment concentration to optimize investment strategies. The Group diversifies its fixed-income investment portfolio, limits the investment scale of a single product, customer or investment type, and keeps abreast with the changes in the issuer's operation, credit rating and solvency.

Meanwhile, the Group also evaluates the spread level, relative investment value, relative income, yield curve, major risks, liquidity and profitability of different types of bonds, and controls the investment period of bonds. It timely monitors investment, including trading positions, unrealized gains and losses, risk exposure and trading activities, and sets a stop loss mechanism. In response to market or customer changes, the Group regularly or irregularly conducts risk assessment and verification, and disposes of potential risky businesses in a timely manner.

Operation risk

The operation risk of the Group refers to the risk of losses arising from imperfect or defective internal procedures, employees, information systems or external events.

The Group's management of operation risks covers all departments and personnel, and penetrates into various business activities, processes and operation stages. The Group has in place an operation risk policy and reporting mechanism, as well as an operation risk quota. The Risk Management Department regularly analyzes and evaluates operation risks, continuously monitors the status and changes of the Group's operation risks, regularly reports the implementation of indicators, and follows up operational risks to improve monitoring and management of operation risks.

Compliance and legal risks

The Group proactively promotes the establishment of a stable and sound compliance and legal risk management framework, formulates relevant policies, processes and models, keeps a close eye on the prevailing laws and regulations relating to business operations, and makes timely adjustments and improvements to the internal compliance and legal risk management policies and processes based on the changes of external laws and regulations to ensure that the Company's business and operations comply with the laws and regulations amended from time to time.

The Group has set up a compliance management structure and established three lines of defense for compliance management. In particular, the Compliance Management Department takes the lead in formulating the Group's compliance management policies and procedures, providing compliance advice for various business plans and affairs, closely monitoring the compliance operation of the Group's licensed businesses, and supervising all business segments to strictly implement relevant regulatory requirements. Meanwhile, in order to foster a sound compliance culture atmosphere and strengthen compliance awareness, the Compliance Management Department will take the lead in organizing legal and compliance trainings for employees from time to time and providing internal guidance for the latest regulatory updates.

The Compliance Management Department of the Group is assisted by full-time legal personnel. Meanwhile, the Group has engaged three legal consultants who have cooperated with the Group throughout the years and maintains close relations with other external law firms. Maintaining close ties with full-time legal personnel and external legal consultants or law firms to ensure that the Group is able to prevent and address various legal risks in a timely manner.

Reputation risk

The reputation risk of the Group refers to the risk of public negative views on the Group from shareholders, employees, customers, third-party cooperation institutions and regulatory agencies due to the Groups' operations, management and other behaviors or external events.

The Group proactively promoted the construction of reputation risk management mechanism, effectively prevented and addressed reputation risks, and conducted all-round and whole-process management over classification, identification, assessment, reporting, handling and evaluation of reputation risks arising from the operation and management process, so as to minimize losses and negative impacts on the reputation and brand image of the Group. During the reporting period, the Group further improved its reputation risk management system, maintained an overall stable public views, and did not experience major reputation risks.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 June 2021.

COMPETING INTERESTS

Save for the continuing connected transactions as disclosed in the section headed "Relationship with the controlling shareholders" and "Connected transactions" in the prospectus of the Company dated 30 September 2016, none of the Directors or the controlling shareholders of the Company nor their respective close associates as defined in the Listing Rules had any interest in business that competes or might compete with business of the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2021.

DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code"). Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, all Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code and the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors adopted by the Company during the six months ended 30 June 2021.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules during the six months ended 30 June 2021 except for the following deviation:

Mr. Cho Ka Wai resigned as the company secretary of the Company on 24 October 2020. The Company has identified and a suitable candidate, Ms. Tsang Wing Man, to fill the vacancy of company secretary on 10 March 2021.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") has been established with written terms of reference in compliance with the Listing Rules and code provisions under the CG Code. The Audit Committee currently comprises a non-executive Director and two independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Huang Yilin, Ms. Hong Ying and Mr. Tian Li. The chairlady of the Audit Committee is Ms. Hong Ying.

The Group's unaudited condensed consolidated results for the six months ended 30 June 2021 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee, which was of the opinion that such results have complied with the applicable accounting standards, the requirements under the Listing Rules and other applicable legal requirements and that adequate disclosures have been made.

By Order of the Board China Industrial Securities International Financial Group Limited Huang Yilin Chairman

Hong Kong, 20 August 2021

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises one non-executive Director, namely Mr. Huang Yilin (Chairman), four executive Directors, namely Mr. Li Baochen, Mr. Wang Xiang, Ms. Zeng Yanxia and Ms. Zhang Chunjuan, and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Ms. Hong Ying, Mr. Tian Li and Mr. Qin Shuo.