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Link Holdings Limited
華星控股有限公司*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8237)

**THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of Link Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, collectively the “**Group**”) is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 (the “**Review Period**”) together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2020 as set out below. This quarterly results announcement has been reviewed by the audit committee of the Board (the “**Audit Committee**”).

For the Review Period, the Group’s operating results were as follows:

- revenue of the Group from hotel operation amounted to approximately HK\$33.8 million (2020: approximately HK\$41.4 million), representing a decrease of approximately 18.4% as compared to the corresponding period in 2020.
- loss attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$28.3 million (2020: loss of approximately HK\$39.2 million).
- basic losses per share was approximately HK cents 0.810 (2020: basic losses per share of approximately HK cents 1.122).

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2021

		(Unaudited) For nine months ended 30 September		(Unaudited) For three months ended 30 September	
	<i>Notes</i>	2021 <i>HK\$</i>	2020 <i>HK\$</i> (Restated)	2021 <i>HK\$</i>	2020 <i>HK\$</i> (Restated)
Revenue	3	33,751,678	41,364,049	11,383,431	17,045,783
Cost of sales		<u>(16,683,330)</u>	<u>(19,689,691)</u>	<u>(5,334,085)</u>	<u>(7,557,295)</u>
Gross profit		17,068,348	21,674,358	6,049,346	9,488,488
Loss from distressed debt assets at amortised cost		(4,647,298)	(13,688,636)	(759,527)	(4,082,358)
Other income, other gains and losses		4,397,865	2,321,456	1,633,376	1,597,751
Selling expenses		(837,109)	(1,256,824)	(256,383)	(269,773)
Administrative expenses		(25,758,506)	(27,892,500)	(8,482,836)	(9,427,251)
Finance costs		(17,454,632)	(11,045,576)	(5,599,401)	(4,000,088)
(Loss)/Gain on changes in fair value of investment properties		-	(206,743)	-	552
Share of results of an associate		-	(12,529,652)	-	(6,617,574)
Loss before income tax	4	<u>(27,231,332)</u>	<u>(42,624,117)</u>	<u>(7,415,425)</u>	<u>(13,310,253)</u>
Income tax (expense)/credit	5	<u>(1,134,022)</u>	<u>3,366,251</u>	<u>(403,427)</u>	<u>1,019,890</u>
Loss for the period		<u>(28,365,354)</u>	<u>(39,257,866)</u>	<u>(7,818,852)</u>	<u>(12,290,363)</u>
Other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:					
Gain on revaluation of properties		1,639,699	1,294,754	541,981	25,266
Tax expense related to gain on revaluation of properties		(278,749)	(220,108)	(92,137)	(4,295)
Other comprehensive income that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:					
Exchange difference on translating foreign operations		(9,953,005)	(17,526,313)	5,800,206	(6,416,086)
Gain/(Loss) on cash flow hedges		138,912	(2,772,915)	691,892	(14,484)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		<u>(8,543,143)</u>	<u>(19,224,582)</u>	<u>6,941,942</u>	<u>(6,409,599)</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period		<u>(36,818,497)</u>	<u>(58,482,448)</u>	<u>(876,910)</u>	<u>(18,699,962)</u>

	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
	For nine months ended		For three months ended	
	30 September		30 September	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
<i>Notes</i>	<i>HK\$</i>	<i>HK\$</i>	<i>HK\$</i>	<i>HK\$</i>
		(Restated)		(Restated)
Loss for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	(28,285,122)	(39,171,354)	(7,785,409)	(12,229,630)
Non-controlling interest	<u>(80,232)</u>	<u>(86,512)</u>	<u>(33,443)</u>	<u>(60,733)</u>
	<u>(28,365,354)</u>	<u>(39,257,866)</u>	<u>(7,818,852)</u>	<u>(12,290,363)</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	(36,612,497)	(57,975,768)	(940,308)	(18,458,404)
Non-controlling interest	<u>(206,000)</u>	<u>(506,680)</u>	<u>63,398</u>	<u>(241,558)</u>
	<u>(36,818,497)</u>	<u>(58,482,448)</u>	<u>(876,910)</u>	<u>(18,699,962)</u>
Losses per share				
Basic (HK cents per share)	<u>(0.810)</u>	<u>(1.122)</u>	<u>(0.223)</u>	<u>(0.350)</u>
Diluted (HK cents per share)	<u>(0.810)</u>	<u>(1.122)</u>	<u>(0.223)</u>	<u>(0.350)</u>

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the nine months ended 30 September 2021

	Attributable to owners of the Company										
	Share capital <i>HK\$</i>	Share premium <i>HK\$</i> <i>(note a)</i>	Hotel properties revaluation reserve <i>HK\$</i> <i>(note b)</i>	Other reserve <i>HK\$</i> <i>(note c)</i>	Translation reserve <i>HK\$</i> <i>(note d)</i>	Convertible bonds reserve <i>HK\$</i> <i>(note e)</i>	Hedging reserve <i>HK\$</i> <i>(note f)</i>	Retained earnings/ Accumulated losses <i>HK\$</i>	Total <i>HK\$</i>	Non- controlling interests <i>HK\$</i>	Total equity <i>HK\$</i>
At 1 January 2020 (as previously reported)	3,490,000	333,122,249	69,358,928	2,014,251	(29,944,068)	10,698,249	(4,394,641)	12,993,519	397,338,487	5,625,527	402,964,014
Prior year adjustments <i>(note g)</i>	-	-	(261,930)	-	178,641	-	-	(11,909,188)	(11,992,477)	-	(11,992,477)
As restated	3,490,000	333,122,249	69,096,998	2,014,251	(29,765,427)	10,698,249	(4,394,641)	1,084,331	385,346,010	5,625,527	390,971,537
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(39,171,354)	(39,171,354)	(86,512)	(39,257,866)
Other comprehensive income											
– Gain on revaluation of properties	-	-	1,294,754	-	-	-	-	-	1,294,754	-	1,294,754
– Tax expense related to gain on revaluation of properties	-	-	(220,108)	-	-	-	-	-	(220,108)	-	(220,108)
– Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	(17,526,313)	-	-	-	(17,526,313)	(420,168)	(17,946,481)
– Loss on cash flow hedges	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,772,915)	-	(2,772,915)	-	(2,772,915)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	1,074,646	-	(17,526,313)	-	(2,772,915)	(39,171,354)	(58,395,936)	(506,680)	(58,902,616)
Issue of convertible bonds	-	-	-	-	-	14,342,489	-	-	14,342,489	-	14,342,489
At 30 September 2020 (Unaudited)	<u>3,490,000</u>	<u>333,122,249</u>	<u>70,171,644</u>	<u>2,014,251</u>	<u>(47,291,740)</u>	<u>25,040,738</u>	<u>(7,167,556)</u>	<u>(38,087,023)</u>	<u>341,292,563</u>	<u>5,118,847</u>	<u>346,411,410</u>

Attributable to owners of the Company

	Share capital <i>HK\$</i>	Share premium <i>HK\$</i> <i>(note a)</i>	Hotel properties revaluation reserve <i>HK\$</i> <i>(note b)</i>	Other reserve <i>HK\$</i> <i>(note c)</i>	Translation reserve <i>HK\$</i> <i>(note d)</i>	Convertible bonds reserve <i>HK\$</i> <i>(note e)</i>	Hedging reserve <i>HK\$</i> <i>(note f)</i>	Retained earnings <i>HK\$</i>	Total <i>HK\$</i>	Non- controlling interests <i>HK\$</i>	Total equity <i>HK\$</i>
At 1 January 2021	3,490,000	333,122,249	49,688,766	2,014,251	(26,176,550)	25,040,738	(4,203,822)	(45,814,823)	337,160,809	5,475,041	342,635,850
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(28,285,122)	(28,285,122)	(80,232)	(28,365,354)
Other comprehensive income											
- Gain on revaluation of properties	-	-	1,639,699	-	-	-	-	-	1,639,699	-	1,639,699
- Tax expense related to gain on revaluation of properties	-	-	(278,749)	-	-	-	-	-	(278,749)	-	(278,749)
- Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	(9,879,826)	-	52,589	-	(9,827,237)	(125,768)	(9,953,005)
- Gain on cash flow hedges	-	-	-	-	-	-	138,912	-	138,912	-	138,912
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	1,360,950	-	(9,879,826)	-	191,501	(28,285,122)	(36,612,497)	(206,000)	(36,818,497)
At 30 September 2021 (Unaudited)	<u>3,490,000</u>	<u>333,122,249</u>	<u>51,049,716</u>	<u>2,014,251</u>	<u>(36,056,376)</u>	<u>25,040,738</u>	<u>(4,012,321)</u>	<u>(74,099,945)</u>	<u>300,548,312</u>	<u>5,269,041</u>	<u>305,817,353</u>

Notes:

- a. The share premium account of the Group represents the premium arising from the issuance of shares at premium.
- b. The hotel properties revaluation reserve represents the gains arising from the revaluation of hotel buildings of the Group and the associate (other than investment property).
- c. The other reserve of the Group represents the difference between the nominal value of shares issued by the Company and the aggregate nominal value of the issued share capital of the subsidiaries acquired pursuant to a group reorganisation which became effective on 20 June 2014. The other reserve also resulted from the acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary which represents the difference between the fair value of the consideration and the carrying amount of the net assets attributable to the additional interest in a subsidiary acquired.
- d. The translation reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations whose functional currencies are different from that of the Group's presentation currency.
- e. The convertible bonds reserve represents the amount of proceeds on issue of convertible bonds, net of issue expenses, relating to the equity component (i.e. option to convert the debt into share capital).
- f. The hedging reserve included the cash flow hedge reserve. The cash flow hedge reserve is used to recognise the effective portion of gains or losses on derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedge. Amounts are subsequently reclassified to profit or loss as appropriate.
- g. Please refer to the Company's 2020 annual report – note 47 to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 for details of the prior year adjustments.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1 CORPORATE INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability in the Cayman Islands on 15 May 2012 under the Companies Law, Cap 22 of the Cayman Islands. The Company's registered office is located at Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, PO Box 2681, Grand Cayman, KY1-1111, Cayman Islands.

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in hotel ownership, operation of hotel services, distressed debt assets management business and property investment.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial information for the Review Period has been prepared in accordance with the International Accounting Standard issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and the applicable disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules.

The basis of preparation and the accounting policies applied are consistent with those adopted in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 included in the Company's 2020 annual report, except for those that relate to new standards or interpretations effective for the first time for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021.

The Group has adopted all of the new and revised standards, amendments and interpretations which are relevant to its operations and effective for the accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021.

The adoption of these new and revised standards, amendments and interpretation does not have significant impact on the accounting policies of the Group, and the amounts reported for the current period and prior periods.

The Group has not early adopted the new and revised standards that have been issued but are not yet effective. The Directors anticipate that the application of the new and revised standards will have no material impact on the results and financial position of the Group.

3 REVENUE AND LOSS FROM DISTRESSED DEBT ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST

- (a) An analysis of the Group's revenue representing the aggregate amount of income from hotel operations and distressed debt assets is as follows:

	(Unaudited) For nine months ended 30 September		(Unaudited) For three months ended 30 September	
	2021 HK\$	2020 HK\$	2021 HK\$	2020 HK\$
<i>Hotel operations:</i>				
Hotel room	26,391,153	30,065,401	8,906,724	13,273,900
Food and beverage	6,709,885	6,847,214	2,277,689	2,631,999
Rental income from hotel properties	–	2,324,562	–	551,020
Others (<i>Note 1</i>)	650,640	2,126,872	199,018	588,864
	<u>33,751,678</u>	<u>41,364,049</u>	<u>11,383,431</u>	<u>17,045,783</u>
Income from distressed debt assets classified as receivables	–	9,264,637	–	3,254,617
Less: modification loss (<i>Note 2</i>)	<u>(4,647,298)</u>	<u>(22,953,273)</u>	<u>(759,527)</u>	<u>(7,336,975)</u>
	<u>(4,647,298)</u>	<u>(13,688,636)</u>	<u>(759,527)</u>	<u>(4,082,358)</u>

Notes:

- The amount mainly represents laundry and car park services.
 - The amount arises from adjusting the gross amount of distressed debt assets to reflect the renegotiated or modified estimated cash flow.
- (b) Disaggregation of revenue:

For the nine months ended 30 September (Unaudited)

	Hotel business		Distressed debt asset management	
	2021 HK\$	2020 HK\$	2021 HK\$	2020 HK\$
Primary geographical markets				
Singapore	30,542,592	34,574,571	–	–
Japan	3,209,086	6,789,478	–	–
The People's Republic of China (the "PRC")	–	–	(4,647,298)	(13,688,636)
Total	<u>33,751,678</u>	<u>41,364,049</u>	<u>(4,647,298)</u>	<u>(13,688,636)</u>

4 LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX

The Group's loss before income tax is arrived at after charging:

	(Unaudited) For nine months ended 30 September		(Unaudited) For three months ended 30 September	
	2021 HK\$	2020 HK\$	2021 HK\$	2020 HK\$
Staff costs (<i>Note</i>)	14,814,569	14,811,503	4,390,423	4,351,361
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	9,867,526	10,352,806	3,239,073	3,391,310
Depreciation of right-of-use	2,182,151	2,030,266	676,620	680,668
Singapore property tax expense	2,690,162	1,126,690	889,180	359,470

Note: Staff costs include wages and salaries, short-term non-monetary benefits, and contributions to defined contribution plans.

5 INCOME TAX (EXPENSE)/CREDIT

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Group did not generate any assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the nine months ended 30 September 2021 (2020: Nil). Singapore corporate income tax has been provided on the estimated assessable profits arising in Singapore at the rate of 17% during the nine months ended 30 September 2021 (2020: 17%).

The subsidiaries in Indonesia are subject to 25% on their assessable profits for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 as determined in accordance with the relevant Indonesia income tax rules and regulations (2020: 25%).

Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the prevailing tax rates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

The major components of the income tax (expense)/credit for the periods are as follows:

	(Unaudited) For nine months ended 30 September		(Unaudited) For three months ended 30 September	
	2021 HK\$	2020 HK\$	2021 HK\$	2020 HK\$
Current tax (expense)/over provision				
– Singapore Corporate Income Tax	(1,134,022)	(107,594)	(403,427)	(562)
Deferred tax credit	–	3,473,845	–	1,020,452
Total income tax (expense)/credit for the period	<u>(1,134,022)</u>	<u>3,366,251</u>	<u>(403,427)</u>	<u>1,019,890</u>

6 LOSSES PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted losses per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	(Unaudited) For nine months ended 30 September		(Unaudited) For three months ended 30 September	
	2021 HK\$	2020 HK\$	2021 HK\$	2020 HK\$
Losses				
Losses for the purpose of basic losses per share	(28,285,122)	(39,171,354)	(7,785,409)	(12,229,630)
Interest expenses on convertible bonds	<u>1,573,708</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>581,995</u>	<u>–</u>
Losses for the purpose of diluted losses per share	<u><u>(26,711,414)</u></u>	<u><u>(39,171,354)</u></u>	<u><u>(7,203,414)</u></u>	<u><u>(12,229,630)</u></u>
	For nine months ended 30 September		For three months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	<i>Shares</i>	<i>Shares</i>	<i>Shares</i>	<i>Shares</i>
Number of shares:				
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic losses per share	3,490,000,000	3,490,000,000	3,490,000,000	3,490,000,000
Effect of potential dilutive ordinary shares on convertible bonds	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted losses per share	<u><u>3,490,000,000</u></u>	<u><u>3,490,000,000</u></u>	<u><u>3,490,000,000</u></u>	<u><u>3,490,000,000</u></u>

Ordinary shares are derived from 3,490,000,000 ordinary shares, being the number of shares in issue during the nine months ended 30 September 2021 (2020: 3,490,000,000 ordinary shares).

For the nine months ended 30 September 2021 and 2020, diluted losses per share is the same as basic losses per share as the impact of the potential dilutive ordinary shares outstanding has an anti-dilutive effect on the basic losses per share.

7 DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 (2020: Nil).

8 COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current period's presentation.

9 EFFECT OF COVID-19

The outbreak of COVID-19 had affected almost all countries of the world, and resulted in border closures, production stoppages, workplace closures, movement controls and other measures imposed by the various governments and brought unprecedented challenges and added uncertainties to the economy. COVID-19 affected the financial performance and position of the hotel business including the room rate and occupancy rate of hotels, construction progress of the Bintan resort business, and the fair value of hotel buildings and investment properties. The Directors are continuing to assess the implications of COVID-19 pandemic to the business in which the Group operates. Depending on the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and its continued negative impact on economic activity, the Group might experience further negative results, and liquidity restraints and incur additional impairments on its assets in 2021.

As the global COVID-19 situation remains very fluid as at the date these condensed financial statements were authorized for issuance, the Group cannot reasonably ascertain the full extent of the probable impact of the COVID-19 disruptions on its operating and financial performance for the financial year ending 31 December 2021. If the situation persists beyond management's current expectations, the Group's assets may be subject to further write-downs in the subsequent financial periods.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Business Review

The Group commenced its hotel business in Singapore with the opening of Link Hotel in 2007, and commenced its distressed debt assets management business in 2017. The Group also opened a spa hotel, namely Hanatsubaki Spa Hotel in Japan in September 2019.

For the Review Period, the Group continued to stay focused on the operation of its hotel business, and the development of its resort hotel situated in Bintan, Indonesia pursuant to the master plan of the development of the Bintan Assets (as defined in the prospectus of the Company dated 30 June 2014 (the “Prospectus”). Save as disclosed in this quarterly results announcement, there is no material change in the Group’s businesses during the Review Period. The operation of Link Hotel in Singapore continued to generate the main source of income for the Group during the Review Period.

Financial review

For the Review Period, the Group recorded a total revenue from hotel operation of approximately HK\$33.8 million (2020: HK\$41.4 million), representing a decrease of approximately 18.4% as compared to the corresponding period in the last year, which was mainly due to the adverse effect on the Group’s hotel business in Japan caused by the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic since early 2020 and the snowstorm in Japan in early 2021 which resulted in the substantial decline of revenue of the Group’s spa hotel in Japan. Nevertheless, the income from the Group’s Link Hotel in Singapore arising from government contracts for using the hotel as quarantine accommodation provided stable revenue for the Group during the Review Period.

For the Review Period, loss attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$28.3 million (2020: loss of approximately HK\$39.2 million). Such loss situation was mainly due to (i) the recognition of loss from the Group’s distressed debt assets (i.e. income from distressed debt assets at amortised cost less modification loss) of approximately HK\$4.6 million for the Review Period (2020: loss of approximately HK\$13.7 million); (ii) the incurring of operating loss of approximately HK\$7.2 million (2020: operating loss of approximately HK\$6.3 million) for the Group’s spa hotel in Japan amid the subsisting COVID-19 pandemic and further affected by the snowstorm which happened in early 2021; and (iii) the incurring of penalty interest of approximately HK\$7.5 million due to the default on redemption of convertible bonds which matured in November 2020.

Basic losses per share for the Review Period was approximately HK cents 0.810 (2020: basic losses per share of approximately HK cents 1.122).

Hotel operation

For the Review Period, room revenue amounted to approximately HK\$26.4 million (2020: approximately HK\$30.1 million), accounting for approximately 78.2% (2020: approximately 72.7%) of the Group's total revenue from hotel operation. Room revenue mainly represents revenue generated from hotel accommodation in Link Hotel, which accounted for approximately 93.6% of total room revenue for the Review Period (2020: approximately 84.2%), and depends in part on the achieved average room rate and occupancy rate. Room revenue for the Review Period also included a minor contribution from the Group's spa hotel in Japan which commenced operation in September 2019.

During the Review Period, although the normal business of Link Hotel in Singapore was adversely affected by worldwide travel restrictions and lockdown measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the hotel has been used as quarantine accommodation for local residents since the second quarter of 2020. As such, the adverse effect was mitigated and the hotel was able to sustain its operation. Nevertheless, the use of Link Hotel as quarantine accommodation is subject to periodic renewal of the relevant contracts with the Singapore government. Should Link Hotel be unable to renew such contracts or the contracts are renewed with less favourable terms due to competition with other local hotel players, while the lockdown measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic subsist and restrict the normal business of the hotel, the income of Link Hotel will be adversely affected going forward.

The following table sets out the total available room nights, occupancy rate, average room rate and Revenue per Available Room ("RevPAR") of the Group's principal hotel, i.e. Link Hotel for the periods indicated:

	Nine months ended	
	30 September	
	2021	2020
Total available room nights	74,802	75,076
Occupancy rate	97%	68%
Average room rate (HK\$)	308.1	451.5
RevPAR (HK\$)	300.2	306.5

For the Review Period, food and beverage ("F&B") revenue was approximately HK\$6.7 million (2020: approximately HK\$6.8 million), representing approximately 19.9% (2020: approximately 16.6%) of the total revenue from hotel operation. F&B revenue represents the sale of F&B in the restaurants, bars, room services and meeting spaces of the Group's hotels.

The Group leases shop units in its hotels and receives rental income from hotel tenants. For the Review Period, there was no rental income from hotel tenants (2020: approximately HK\$2.3 million, representing approximately 5.6% of the total revenue from hotel business) since the shop units of Link Hotel cannot be leased out when it was used as COVID-19 quarantine accommodation during the Review Period.

Bintan Assets

The construction contract for the first stage of the first phase of the Bintan Development Plan (as defined in the Prospectus) was signed in September 2016 (details were disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 29 September 2016). During 2020 and the Review Period, due to the tight financial resources and the COVID-19 pandemic, the construction progress was substantially suspended. Based on the assessment of the Group's financial resources available, the Group made certain design changes in order to accommodate for a reduced budget of the overall construction cost. However, the progress of the construction was delayed as the subsisting COVID-19 pandemic has affected the supply chains of various sectors worldwide, including the supply of construction materials. At the same time, as the tourism industry worldwide shall take time to recover and normalise, aiming at providing a newly furnished resort for tourists' enjoyment shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company expected that, on the basis of having adequate funding, the completion of the construction of the resort project shall be postponed to the end of 2022.

Distressed debt assets management business

During the Review Period, the Group recorded loss from distressed debts assets (net of modification loss) of approximately HK\$4.6 million (2020: loss of approximately HK\$13.7 million). Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent economic downturn and decrease in investment sentiments in the PRC, the execution plan on recovering the distressed debts was adversely affected during the Review Period.

Measures to address the going concern issue

During the Review Period and up to the date of this quarterly results announcement, in order to address the uncertainties which may cast doubt regarding the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, and with a view to removing the audit qualification on going concern (as disclosed in the independent auditor's report for the year ended 31 December 2020) in the financial year ending 31 December 2021, the Company had taken and intends to continue to implement the following measures to mitigate the liquidity pressure and to improve its cash flows, including but not limited to:

- (1) the Group cooperated with the review by its principal lending bank (the "Lending Bank") on its loans, and passed the annual credit assessment conducted by the Lending Bank in March 2021, and the next credit assessment will be conducted in March 2022;
- (2) the Group arranged smooth rollover/renewal of its revolving loans during the Review Period, and made the interest payment for the revolving loans as requested by the Lending Bank on time;
- (3) the Group successfully negotiated with the Lending Bank to partially defer the principal repayments of its instalment loans for the period from February to June 2021;

- (4) the Group has been communicating with the contractor for further extension of the repayment of the construction payable and an amicable repayment schedule so as to reduce the liquidity pressure to the Group. Subject to the relief of travel restrictions of Indonesia to allow the PRC construction team of the contractor to travel there to conduct on-site surveying works and ascertain the bills of quantities (which is a pre-requisite for further negotiation), it is expected that further details will be discussed with the contractor in the second half of 2021;
- (5) the Group's Link Hotel in Singapore obtained government contracts for using the hotel as COVID-19 quarantine accommodation since the second quarter of 2020 and has successfully renewed such contracts upon periodic review by the Singapore government authority. The latest government contract for such usage has been extended to February 2022. The Group will continue to apply for renewal of the contracts with the government should the COVID-19 pandemic subsist, so as to allow the hotel to earn a stable income to sustain its operation;
- (6) the Group will continue to apply for COVID-19 related government subsidies applicable to its hotels in Singapore and Japan, including salary subsidies, levy fee for foreign workers and costs of hotel sterilization, which will reduce the operation costs of the Group to a certain extent;
- (7) the Group will negotiate with potential purchaser(s) regarding the disposal of its distressed debt assets in order to generate working capital and strengthen the Group's liquidity position; and
- (8) the Company will continue its negotiation with the convertible bond holder for an amicable repayment schedule in respect of the convertible bonds which matured in November 2020.

Breach of convertible bonds by the Company

Pursuant to the convertible bonds (the "2020 Convertible Bonds") issued by the Company on 30 November 2015 in favour of the convertible bond holder (the "CB Holder"), the Company was required to redeem the 2020 Convertible Bonds in the principal amount of approximately HK\$25.3 million on the maturity date, i.e. 30 November 2020. Given that the Group has failed to redeem the 2020 Convertible Bonds, which constituted an event of default, the CB Holder has issued two letters in December 2020 to the Company demanding for the immediate repayment of the principal sum and default penalty under the 2020 Convertible Bonds together with all default interest. As at the date of this announcement, the Company was still in the course of negotiating with the CB Holder for an amicable repayment schedule.

OUTLOOK

The Group adopts an optimistic attitude in the future growth of its businesses. Apart from attracting new valuable guests to Link Hotel in Singapore and Hanatsubaki Spa Hotel in Japan, the Group will continue to focus on the development of the Bintan Land (as defined in the Prospectus) to contribute income to the Group and increase return of the assets and enterprise value, with an aim to be a successful player of the vacation and resort industry in Asia with international competitiveness. To broaden the Group's income stream, the Group will take the opportunity of the "One Belt, One Road" development strategy and continuously seek potential acquisition opportunities in the PRC.

Although the Group is facing challenges arising from the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic since January 2020 which has led to the travel restrictions of tourists from Hong Kong, China and certain countries, and affected the Group's hotel business in Asia, the Directors consider such unfavourable market conditions could be progressively relieved upon the effective implementation of vaccination programmes worldwide, and will not affect the Group's hotel business in the medium to long run. The Group will continue to explore potential projects for expanding its business horizon to the Greater China region and other Asian countries in order to capture the opportunities arising from the growth in the tourism industry in the PRC and other areas in Asia. Nevertheless, the Group will take a cautious approach when seeking potential acquisition opportunities to maximise shareholders' value.

OTHER INFORMATION

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible for, among others, reviewing and providing supervision over the Group's financial reporting process, risk management and internal control system, and providing advice to the Board. The Audit Committee comprised three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Chan So Kuen, Mr. Thng Bock Cheng John and Mr. Lai Yang Chau, Eugene (deceased on 21 October 2021). Mr. Chan So Kuen is the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The condensed consolidated financial statements for the Review Period have not been audited by the auditors of the Company. The Audit Committee has reviewed the basis of preparation, the accounting principles and policies adopted by the Group and the unaudited financial results for the Review Period.

Competing Interest

None of the Directors is or was interested in any business apart from the Group's business, that competes or competed or is or was likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the Group's business at any time during the Review Period.

Purchase, sale or redemption of the company's listed securities

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the Review Period.

By Order of the Board
Link Holdings Limited
Ngan Iek
Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 11 November 2021

In this announcement, translated English names of Chinese entities for which no official English translation exist are unofficial translations for identification purposes only, and in the event of any inconsistency between the Chinese names and their English translation, the Chinese names shall prevail.

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Ngan Iek and Datuk Siew Pek Tho; the non-executive Directors are Mr. Lin Jianguo, Mr. Zhao Guoming and Ms. Zhang Shuo; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Thng Bock Cheng John and Mr. Chan So Kuen.

This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM 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 announcement 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 announcement misleading.

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