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# Design Capital Limited 設計都會有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 1545)

# PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATES TO BUY BACK SHARES AND TO ISSUE SHARES AND DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice convening the Annual General Meeting of Design Capital Limited to be held at 130 Joo Seng Road #07-05 Singapore 368357 on Tuesday, 28 June 2022 at 10:00 a.m. is set out in this circular.

Whether or not you are able to attend the Annual General Meeting, please complete and sign the enclosed form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Annual General Meeting (i.e. not later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 26 June 2022) or the adjourned meeting (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude shareholders from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting if they so wish.

This circular together with the form of proxy are also published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.designcapital.sg).

Considering the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), certain measures will be implemented at the Annual General Meeting with a view to addressing the risk to attendees of infection, including the following:

- a) all attendees will be required to undergo body temperature check;
- b) all attendees will be required to complete a health declaration form, which may be used for contact tracing, if required;
- any attendees who are subject to health quarantine prescribed by the Government of Singapore will not be admitted to the venue of the Annual General Meeting;
- d) all attendees will be required to wear surgical face masks throughout the Annual General Meeting;
- e) each attendee will be assigned a designated seat at the time of registration to ensure social distancing;
- f) any person who does not comply with the measures above may be denied entry into, or be required to leave, the venue of the Annual General Meeting;
- g) no refreshments or beverages will be provided, and there will be no corporate gifts.

The Company reminds Shareholders that they should carefully consider the risks of attending the Annual General Meeting, taking into account their own personal circumstances. The Company would like to remind Shareholders that **physical attendance in person at the Annual General Meeting is not necessary** for the purpose of exercising their voting rights and strongly recommends Shareholders to appoint the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting as their proxy and submit their form of proxy as early as possible. In light of the risks posed by the COVID-19, the Company strongly encourages Shareholders **NOT** to attend the Annual General Meeting in person. The Company will keep the evolving COVID-19 situation under review and may implement additional measures (which it will announce closer to the date of the Annual General Meeting).

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## **DEFINITIONS**

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

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"Annual General Meeting"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 130 Joo Seng Road #07–05 Singapore 368357 on Tuesday, 28 June 2022 at 10:00 a.m., to consider and, if appropriate, to approve the resolutions contained in the notice of the meeting which is set out on pages 19 to 23 of this circular, or any adjournment thereof
"Articles of Association"	the articles of association of the Company currently in force
"Board"	the board of Directors
"close associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Company"	Design Capital 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
"controlling shareholder(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"core connected person(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Final Dividend"	has the meaning ascribed to it under "Letter from the Board — 5. Declaration of Final Dividend" of this circular
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries from time to time
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
"Issuance Mandate"	a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to allot, issue or deal with additional Shares of not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed ordinary resolution contained in item 6 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting
"Latest Practicable Date"	18 May 2022, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information in this circular

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Listing Date" 25 April 2019, being the date of listing of Shares on the

Main Board of the Stock Exchange

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

Exchange as amended from time to time

"Nomination Committee" the nomination committee of the Company

"S\$" Singapore dollars, the lawful currency in Singapore

"SFO" The Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the

Laws of Hong Kong) as amended from time to time

"Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the issued capital of

the Company or if there has been a subsequent subdivision, consolidation, reclassification or reconstruction of the share capital of the Company, shares forming part of

the ordinary equity share capital of the Company

"Share Buy-back Mandate" a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors

to buy back Shares on the Stock Exchange of not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed ordinary resolution contained in item 5 of the notice of the Annual

General Meeting

"Share Premium Account" the share premium account of the Company, the amount

standing to the credit of which was approximately S\$14.8 million as at 31 December 2021 based on the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group as at such

date

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

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"substantial shareholder(s)" has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"Takeovers Code" The Code on Takeovers and Mergers and Share

Repurchases issued by the Securities and Futures Commission as amended, supplemented or otherwise from

time to time

"%" per cent.

## **Design Capital Limited**

## 設計都會有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

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Executive Directors:

Mr. Goon Eu Jin Terence

Ms. Wee Ai Quey Ms. Ong Ciu Hwa

Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Kho Chuan Thye Patrick

Mr. Lim Sooi Kheng Patrick

Independent non-executive Directors:

Mr. Lim Boon Cheng

Mr. Ng Chee Kwong, Colin

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24 May 2022

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
AND
PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATES
TO BUY BACK SHARES AND TO ISSUE SHARES
AND
DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND
AND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide the Shareholders with information in respect of certain resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 28 June 2022 relating to (i) re-election of the Directors; (ii) the granting to the Directors the Share Buy-back Mandate; (iii) the granting to the Directors the Issuance Mandate; and (iv) the payment of the Final Dividend.

#### 2. PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with Article 83(3) and 84(1) of the Articles of Association, Mr. Goon Eu Jin Terence will retire as an executive Director, Mr. Kho Chuan Thye Patrick will retire as a non-executive Director and Mr. Lim Boon Cheng will retire as an independent non-executive Director at the Annual General Meeting. All the retiring Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The Nomination Committee has reviewed the structure and composition of the Board, the confirmations and disclosures given by the Directors, the qualifications, skills and experience, time commitment and contribution of the retiring Directors with reference to the nomination principles and criteria set out in the Company's board diversity policy and director nomination policy and the Company's corporate strategy, and the independence of the independent non-executive Director. The Nomination Committee has recommended to the Board on re-election of all the retiring Directors including the aforesaid independent non-executive Director. The Company considers that the retiring independent non-executive Director to be re-elected is independent in accordance with the independence guidelines set out in the Listing Rules and will continue to bring valuable business experience, knowledge and professionalism to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning and diversity.

Details of the Directors proposed for re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out in Appendix I to this circular.

#### 3. PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATE TO BUY BACK SHARES

Under the Shareholders' resolutions of the Company passed at the last annual general meeting of the Company on 28 June 2021, a general unconditional mandate was granted to the Directors to buy back Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. In order to give the Company the flexibility to buy back Shares if and when appropriate, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to approve the granting of the Share Buy-back Mandate to the Directors to buy back Shares on the Stock Exchange of not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed ordinary resolution contained in item 5 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. a total of 200,000,000 Shares on the basis that the issued share capital of the Company remains unchanged during the period from the Latest Practicable Date to the date of the Annual General Meeting).

An explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to provide the Shareholders with requisite information reasonably necessary for them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the granting of the Share Buy-back Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### 4. PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

Under the Shareholders' resolutions of the Company passed at the last annual general meeting of the Company on 28 June 2021, a general unconditional mandate was granted to the Directors to issue Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. In order to give the Company the flexibility to issue Shares if and when appropriate, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to approve the granting of the Issuance Mandate to the Directors to allot, issue or deal with additional Shares of not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed ordinary resolution contained in item 6 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. a total of 400,000,000 Shares on the basis that the issued share capital of the Company remains unchanged during the period from the Latest Practicable Date to the date of the Annual General Meeting). An ordinary resolution to extend the Issuance Mandate by adding the number of Shares bought back by the Company pursuant to the Share Buy-back Mandate will also be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 5. DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND

As announced by the Company in its announcement dated 24 March 2022 regarding the audited annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021, the Board recommended the payment of a final dividend of HK1.00 cent per Share (the "Final Dividend") for the year ended 31 December 2021, subject to the approval of the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting by way of an ordinary resolution.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there are 2,000,000,000 Shares in issue. For illustrative purposes, assuming no further Shares are issued or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the record date for the Final Dividend, the Final Dividend, if declared and paid, will amount to an aggregate amount of HK\$20,000,000.

The Final Dividend is intended to be paid entirely out of the Share Premium Account pursuant to the Articles of Association and in accordance with the Companies Act of the Cayman Islands. As at 31 December 2021, based on the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group, the amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account amounted to approximately S\$14.8 million. The Board proposed to use an amount of HK\$20,000,000 standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account for the payment of the Final Dividend. Following the payment of the Final Dividend on the basis of 2,000,000,000 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date, there will be a remaining balance of approximately S\$11.3 million standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account.

The Final Dividend will be paid to all persons registered as holders of Shares on Thursday, 7 July 2022. Subject to the approval of the Shareholders of the Company at the Annual General Meeting, the Final Dividend will be paid on or about Friday, 29 July 2022.

#### Conditions of the payment of the Final Dividend

The declaration and payment of the Final Dividend out of the Share Premium Account is conditional upon the satisfaction of the following conditions:

- (a) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting approving the declaration and payment of the Final Dividend out of the Share Premium Account; and
- (b) the Directors being satisfied that there are no reasonable grounds for believing that the Company is, immediately following the payment of the Final Dividend, unable to pay its liabilities as they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

The conditions set out above cannot be waived. If such conditions are not satisfied, the Final Dividend will not be paid.

#### Reasons for payment of the Final Dividend out of the Share Premium Account

The Board considers it unnecessary to maintain the Share Premium Account at its current level. In order to offer better return to Shareholders, the Directors consider that the declaration and payment of the Final Dividend out of the Share Premium Account is in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

#### Effect of the payment of the Final Dividend out of the Share Premium Account

The implementation of the payment of the Final Dividend out of the Share Premium Account does not involve any reduction in the authorised or issued share capital of the Company nor does it involve any reduction in the nominal value of the Shares or the trading arrangements concerning the Shares. Save for the immaterial expenses incurred as a result of the payment of the Final Dividend, the Directors consider that the payment of the Final Dividend out of the Share Premium Account will not have any material adverse effect on the financial position of the Group.

#### 6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PROXY ARRANGEMENT

The notice of the Annual General Meeting is set out on pages 19 to 23 of this circular.

Pursuant to the Listing Rules and the Articles of Association, any vote of Shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman decides to allow a resolution relating to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. An announcement on the poll results will be published by the Company after the Annual General Meeting in the manner prescribed under the Listing Rules.

A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is enclosed with this circular and such form of proxy is also published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.designcapital.sg). To be valid, the form

of proxy must be completed and signed in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and deposited, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power of attorney or authority at the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Annual General Meeting (i.e. not later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 26 June 2022) or the adjourned meeting (as the case may be). Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting if you so wish.

#### 7. RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the proposed re-election of retiring Directors, granting of the Share Buy-back Mandate and the Issuance Mandate and the payment of the Final Dividend are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 8. CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed for the following periods:

- (a) For the purpose of determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 23 June 2022 to Tuesday, 28 June 2022, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of its shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 June 2022;
- (b) For the purpose of determining shareholders of the Company who qualify for the Final Dividend, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 5 July 2022 to Thursday, 7 July 2022, both days inclusive. In order to qualify for the Final Dividend, all transfer documents should be lodged for registration with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 4 July 2022.

#### 9. 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 and 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.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Board
Goon Eu Jin Terence
Chairman and Executive Director

The following are details of the Directors who will retire and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

#### (1) GOON EU JIN TERENCE, AGED 57, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### **Position and Experience**

Mr. Goon Eu Jin Terence ("Mr. Goon") is an executive Director, chairman and chief executive officer, the chairman of the Nomination Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company. He is also the director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Goon is primarily in charge of the Group's overall corporate strategy, business development and operation of the Group, including our operation in the U.S.. Mr. Goon has over 20 years of experience in the interior design and furniture industry. Mr. Goon joined the Group on 1 September 1994 as a general manager (directorate level) and became a director in May 1995. He assumed the role of Group's chief executive officer and managing director of Nobel Design Holdings Pte Ltd (the former holding company of the operating subsidiaries of the Group) from March 2010 to August 2017.

Mr. Goon was awarded the degree of bachelor of accountancy from the National University of Singapore in June 1989.

Mr. Goon was also an executive director of Nobel Design Holdings Pte Ltd (then SGX: 547), a lifestyle furnishing company, from its listing on the Stock Exchange Dealing and Automation Quotation System ("SESDAQ") (now known as Catalist) of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST") on 25 November 1996 until its delisting from the Main Board of SGX-ST on 29 August 2017. Mr. Goon remains as a director of Nobel Design Holdings Pte Ltd after its delisting from the SGX-ST.

Saved as disclosed above, Mr. Goon did not hold any other directorship in companies listed in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years.

#### Length of Service

Mr. Goon was appointed as the Director, chairman and chief executive officer of the Company on 29 March 2018 and re-designated as an executive Director on 13 April 2018. There is a service contract between Mr. Goon and the Company for a term of three years commencing from the Listing Date, renewable for a further period of three years upon expiry of the initial term of three years. Mr. Goon is subject to retirement by rotation and is eligible for re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association.

#### Relationships

Nobel Design International Limited, a controlling shareholder of the Company, is held as to 67% by Mr. Goon and 33% by Ms. Wee Ai Quey (executive Director and controlling Shareholder). Save as disclosed above, Mr. Goon does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

#### **Interests in Shares**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Goon was interested or deemed to be interested in 900,000,000 Shares or underlying Shares pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

#### **Director's emoluments**

The salary, allowances, benefits in kind, other costs and performance bonus of Mr. Goon for the year ended 31 December 2021 was approximately \$\$814,000.00.

# Information that needs to be disclosed and matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders

Mr. Goon was previously a director or owner of the following companies at the point of their respective dissolution or striking off.

Name of company	Place of incorporation/ establishment	Principal business activities immediately before dissolution/struck off	Position	Status	Date of Dissolution/ struck off
Belno Design & Contracts Pte Ltd	Singapore	Manufacture of furniture and wood fixtures	Director from August 1996	Struck off	6 June 2007
Nobel Design & Contracts (China) Pte Ltd	Singapore	Manufacture of furniture and wood fixtures, renovation contractors	Director from January 1999	Struck off	3 November 2007
Home Improvement and Renovations Pte Ltd	Singapore	Renovation contractors, interior design	Director from March 1997	Struck off	11 August 2010
Surrey Homes Pte Ltd	Singapore	Real estate development	Director from November 2010	Struck off	16 April 2014
LVND Management Services Pte Ltd	Singapore	Hotel management consultancy services	Director from March 2015	Struck off	5 September 2016
Nobel Projects Pte Ltd	Singapore	Manufacture of furniture and wood fixtures, renovation contractors	Director from January 1999	Struck off	8 May 2017
Alliance Land Pte Ltd	Singapore	Real estate development	Director from July 2011	Struck off	4 December 2017
Alliance Holland V Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	Real estate development and other holding companies	Director from October 2018	Struck off	1 March 2019
Covent Garden  Development Pte  Ltd	Singapore	Real estate development	Director from February 2014	Struck off	4 September 2019

To the best knowledge of Mr. Goon after making reasonable enquiries, it is confirmed that the above companies were solvent when they were struck off, that their striking off were not initiated by external creditor(s) and that there was no wrongful act on Mr. Goon's part leading to the above dissolution. Mr. Goon is not aware of any actual or potential claim that has been or will be made against him as a result of such dissolution by way of striking off.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information which is discloseable nor is Mr. Goon involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Mr. Goon that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### (2) KHO CHUAN THYE PATRICK, AGED 54, NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### **Position and Experience**

Mr. Kho Chuan Thye Patrick ("Mr. Kho") is a non-executive Director, a member of each of the Audit Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company. Mr. Kho is responsible for supervising the corporate development and strategic planning of the Group. Mr. Kho has over 25 years of experience in the property and hospitality industries.

Mr. Kho joined Lian Keng Enterprises Pte. Ltd as a director since March 1996. Lian Keng Enterprises Pte. Ltd and its group of companies principally engage in property development and investment. Before then, he served in the Air Force of the Republic of Singapore from September 1984 to April 1996, where the highest rank he attained was that of a Major.

Mr. Kho was admitted as a chartered financial analyst in April 1999. He obtained the degree of bachelor of arts and master of arts from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom in June 1988 and March 1992, respectively.

Mr. Kho was a director of Nobel Design Holdings Pte Ltd (the former holding company of the operating subsidiaries of the Group, then SGX: 547), a lifestyle furnishing company, from 1 April 2012 to 21 June 2012. He was again appointed as a director of Nobel Design Holdings Pte Ltd on 31 August 2017 after its delisting from the Main Board of the SGX-ST on 29 August 2017.

Mr. Kho had been a non-executive director of Lionhub Group Limited (formerly listed on the Australian Stock Exchange, then ASX: LHB), a real estate development and investment company from September 2014 to March 2019. Besides, he has acted as a non-executive director of Land & Homes Group Limited (listed on the Australian Stock Exchange, ASX: LHM), an Australian focused property investment and development company from January 2016 to 1 April 2022.

Saved as disclosed above, Mr. Kho did not hold any other directorship in companies listed in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years.

#### Length of service

Mr. Kho was appointed as the Director on 29 March 2018 and re-designated as a non-executive Director on 13 April 2018. Mr. Kho has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 25 April 2022. Mr. Kho is subject to retirement by rotation and is eligible for re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association.

#### Relationships

Southern Cross Holdings Pte Ltd is a substantial shareholder of the Company and is 100% held by Lian Huat Group Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lian Keng Enterprises Pte. Ltd., which is held as to 49% by Mr. Kho and 49% by Mr. Kho Choon Keng. Apart from the relationship with the Company's substantial shareholders namely Southern Cross Holdings Pte Ltd, Lian Huat Group Pte. Ltd, Lian Keng Enterprises Pte. Ltd. and Mr. Kho Choon Keng as disclosed above, Mr. Kho does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

#### **Interests in Shares**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Kho was interested or deemed to be interested in 600,000,000 Shares or underlying Shares pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

#### **Director's emoluments**

Pursuant to the letter of appointment, Mr. Kho is entitled to an annual remuneration of \$\$30,000.00.

# Information that needs to be disclosed and matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders

Mr. Kho was previously a director of the following companies at the point of their respective dissolution or striking off.

Name of company	Place of incorporation/ establishment	Principal business activities immediately before dissolution/struck off	Position	Status	Date of Dissolution/ struck off
SSI Education Group Pte Ltd	Singapore	Student recruitment agencies, corporate training services and motivational course providers	Director from November 2001	Struck off	9 February 2006
Kengfu Assets Pte Ltd	Singapore	Real estate activities with own or leased property, security dealings and commodity contracts brokerage activities	Director from January 2003	Struck off	8 March 2006
Kengfu Realty Pte Ltd	Singapore	Real estate activities with own or leased property, advertising activities	Director from January 2003	Struck off	23 March 2006
Lian Keng Construction Pte Ltd	Singapore	Building construction	Director from March 1996	Struck off	9 June 2011
Surrey Homes Pte Ltd	Singapore	Real estate development	Director from November 2010	Struck off	16 April 2014
LVND Management Services Pte Ltd	Singapore	Hotel management consultancy services	Director from March 2015	Struck off	5 September 2016
Kengfu (Xuancheng) Pte Ltd	Singapore	Other holding companies	Director from September 2013	Struck off	6 November 2017
Lion Huat Pte Ltd	Singapore	Other holding companies	Director from November 2013	Struck off	8 January 2018
Covent Garden Development Pte Ltd	Singapore	Real estate development	Director from February 2014	Struck off	4 September 2019
Kengfu Logistics Pte Ltd	Singapore	Provision of warehousing, logistics and trucking services	Director from October 1996	Struck off	7 February 2022

To the best knowledge of Mr. Kho after making reasonable enquiries, it is confirmed that the above companies were solvent when they were struck off, that their striking off were not initiated by external creditor(s) and that there was no wrongful act on Mr. Kho's part leading to the above dissolution. Mr. Kho is not aware of any actual or potential claim that has been or will be made against him as a result of such dissolution by way of striking off.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information which is discloseable nor is Mr. Kho involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Mr. Kho that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### (3) LIM BOON CHENG, AGED 66, INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### Position and Experience

Mr. Lim Boon Cheng ("Mr. BC Lim") is an independent non-executive Director, the chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company.

Mr. BC Lim is the independent non-executive chairman of Advanced Holdings Ltd (SGX: BLZ), an engineering company listed on the Catalist Board of the SGX-ST and he is also an independent non-executive director of BBR Holdings (S) Ltd (SGX: KJ5), a construction and specialised engineering company listed on the Main Board of the SGX-ST. He was the managing partner of the accounting practice, LTC LLP, in Singapore before his retirement in 2012.

Mr. BC Lim is a panel member of the Strata Titles Boards of Singapore and he is also a lay member of the Inquiry Panel of the Law Society of Singapore.

Mr. BC Lim is a fellow member of Chartered Accountants Ireland and the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants. He also holds a master of business administration degree from the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland, United Kingdom.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. BC Lim did not hold any other directorship in companies listed in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years.

#### Length of Service

Mr. BC Lim was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 28 March 2019. Mr. BC Lim has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 25 April 2022. Mr. BC Lim is subject to retirement by rotation and is eligible for re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association.

#### Relationships

Mr. BC Lim does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders of the Company.

#### **Interests in Shares**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. BC Lim does not have any interest or deemed to have interests in Shares or underlying Shares pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

#### **Director's emoluments**

Pursuant to the letter of appointment, Mr. BC Lim is entitled to an annual remuneration of \$\$30,000.00.

# Information that needs to be disclosed and matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders

Mr. BC Lim was previously a director of the following companies at the point of their respective dissolution or striking off.

	Place of incorporation/	Principal business activities immediately			Date of dissolution/
Name of company	establishment	before dissolution/struck off	Position	Status	struck off
Shamid Sathya Surya Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	Wholesale of crude petroleum	Director from April 2003	Struck off	11 February 2004
SWP Consulting Pte Ltd	Singapore	Business and management consultancy services	Director from December 1998	Struck off	8 October 2009

To the best knowledge of Mr. BC Lim after making reasonable enquiries, it is confirmed that the above companies were solvent when they were struck off, that their striking off were not initiated by external creditor(s) and that there was no wrongful act on Mr. BC Lim's part leading to the above dissolution. Mr. BC Lim is not aware of any actual or potential claim that has been or will be made against him as a result of such dissolution by way of striking off.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information which is discloseable nor is Mr. BC Lim involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Mr. BC Lim that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE SHARE BUY-BACK MANDATE

The following is an explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to provide the Shareholders with requisite information reasonably necessary for them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolution to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting in relation to the granting of the Share Buy-back Mandate.

#### 1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 2,000,000,000 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution set out in item 5 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting in respect of the granting of the Share Buy-back Mandate and on the basis that the issued share capital of the Company remains unchanged during the period from the Latest Practicable Date to the date of the Annual General Meeting, i.e. being 2,000,000,000 Shares, the Directors would be authorised under the Share Buy-back Mandate to buy back, during the period in which the Share Buy-back Mandate remains in force, a total of 200,000,000 Shares, representing 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of the Annual General Meeting.

#### 2. REASONS FOR SHARE BUY-BACK

The Directors believe that the granting of the Share Buy-back Mandate is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders.

Shares buy-back may, depending on the market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a buy-back will benefit the Company and the Shareholders.

#### 3. FUNDING OF SHARE BUY-BACK

The Company may only apply funds legally available for share buy-back in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and/or any other applicable laws, as the case may be.

Any buy-back of Shares will be made out of the profits of the Company or the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purpose of the buy-back or, if authorised by the Articles and subject to the Companies Law, out of capital and, in the case of any premium payable on the buy-back, out of the profits of the Company or from sums standing to the credit of the share premium account of the Company or, if authorised by the Articles and subject to the Companies Law, out of capital. In accordance with the laws of the Cayman Islands, the shares so bought back would be treated as cancelled.

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE SHARE **BUY-BACK MANDATE**

#### 4. IMPACT OF SHARE BUY-BACK

There might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited accounts contained in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021) in the event that the Share Buy-back Mandate was to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed buyback period. However, the Directors do not intend to exercise the Share Buy-back Mandate to such extent as it would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### 5. MARKET PRICES OF SHARES

The highest and lowest prices per Share at which Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous 12 months up to and including the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

Month	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Highest} \\ HK\$ \end{array}$	Lowest HK\$
2021		
May	0.172	0.148
June	0.183	0.156
July	0.158	0.134
August	0.160	0.139
September	0.150	0.137
October	0.148	0.141
November	0.150	0.121
December	0.135	0.121
2022		
January	0.137	0.127
February	0.131	0.113
March	0.113	0.090
April	0.110	0.103
May (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.112	0.105

#### **GENERAL 6.**

To the best of their knowledge and having made all reasonable enquiries, none of the Directors nor any of their respective close associates have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company in the event that the granting of the Share Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE SHARE BUY-BACK MANDATE

The Company has not been notified by any core connected persons of the Company that they have a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or that they have undertaken not to sell any Shares held by them to the Company in the event that the granting of the Share Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange to exercise the power of the Company to buy back Shares pursuant to the Share Buy-back Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

#### 7. TAKEOVERS CODE

If as a result of a buy-back of Shares pursuant to the Share Buy-back Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (within the meaning under the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase in the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and thereby become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

To the best knowledge of the Company, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Goon Eu Jin Terence and Ms. Wee Ai Quey, executive Directors and controlling Shareholders, were together control the exercise of voting rights of 900,000,000 Shares representing approximately 45.00% of the total issued share capital of the Company. Mr. Kho Chuan Thye Patrick, a non-executive Director and a controlling Shareholder, controlled the exercise of voting rights of 600,000,000 Shares representing approximately 30.00% of the total issued share capital of the Company. In the event that the Directors exercise the proposed Share Buyback Mandate in full, the aggregate shareholding of Mr. Goon Eu Jin Terence and Ms. Wee Ai Quey would be increased to approximately 50.00% of the issued share capital of the Company. The shareholding of Mr. Kho Chuan Thye Patrick would be increased to approximately 33.33% of the issued share capital of the Company.

The Directors consider that such increase in shareholding would give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code and may result in the public shareholding in the Company to be less than 25% (or such other prescribed minimum percentage as determined by the Stock Exchange).

The Directors do not propose to exercise the Share Buy-back Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code and/or result in the aggregate number of Shares held by the public Shareholders falling below the prescribed minimum percentage required by the Stock Exchange.

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

During the 6 months prior to the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had not bought back any of the Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

## **Design Capital Limited**

## 設計都會有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 1545)

**Notice is hereby given** that the annual general meeting (the "Annual General Meeting") of Design Capital Limited (the "Company") will be held at 130 Joo Seng Road #07–05 Singapore 368357 on Tuesday, 28 June 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and the reports of the directors and auditors for the year ended 31 December 2021.
- 2. To declare a final dividend of HK1.00 cent per ordinary share for the year ended 31 December 2021 from the share premium account of the Company.
- 3(a). To re-elect Mr. Goon Eu Jin Terence as executive director of the Company.
- 3(b). To re-elect Mr. Kho Chuan Thye Patrick as non-executive director of the Company.
- 3(c). To re-elect Mr. Lim Boon Cheng as independent non-executive director of the Company.
- 3(d). To authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix the respective directors' remuneration.
- 4. To re-appoint Ernst & Young LLP, Singapore as auditors and to authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.
- 5. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to compliance with the prevailing requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and paragraph (b) below, a general mandate be and is hereby generally and unconditionally given to the directors of the Company to exercise during the Relevant Period (as defined below) all the powers of the Company to buy-back its shares in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- (b) the total number of shares of the Company to be bought back pursuant to the mandate in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution (subject to adjustment in the case of any consolidation or subdivision of shares of the Company after the date of passing of this resolution); and

- (c) for the purposes of this resolution:
  - "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
  - (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting."
- 6. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to compliance with the prevailing requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and paragraph (b) below, a general mandate be and is hereby generally and unconditionally given to the directors of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers during or after the end of the Relevant Period (as defined below) in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- (b) the aggregate number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors pursuant to the mandate in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below);
  - (ii) the exercise of options under a share option scheme of the Company; and
  - (iii) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company,

shall not exceed 20% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution (subject to adjustment in the case of any consolidation or subdivision of shares of the Company after the date of passing of this resolution); and

- (c) for the purposes of this resolution:
  - "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
  - (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting.
  - "Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the directors to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange)."
- 7. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:
  - "THAT conditional upon the passing of the resolutions set out in items 5 and 6 of the notice convening this meeting (the "Notice"), the general mandate referred to in the resolution set out in item 6 of the Notice be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate number of shares which may be allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued by the directors pursuant to such general mandate of the number of shares bought back by the Company pursuant to the mandate referred to in resolution set out in item 5 of the Notice, provided that such number of shares shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution (subject to adjustment in the case of any consolidation or subdivision of shares of the Company after the date of passing of this resolution)."

On Behalf of the Board

Goon Eu Jin Terence

Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 24 May 2022

#### Notes:

- 1. All resolutions at the meeting will be taken by poll (except where the chairman decides to allow a resolution relating to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands) pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). The results of the poll will be published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules.
- 2. Any shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. If more than one proxy is appointed, the number of shares in respect of which each such proxy so appointed must be specified in the relevant form of proxy. Every shareholder present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each share held by him.
- 3. 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 certified copy of that power of attorney or authority, must be deposited at the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the meeting (i.e. not later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 26 June 2022) or the adjourned meeting (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude a shareholder of the Company from attending and voting in person at the meeting and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 4. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting, the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 23 June 2022 to Tuesday, 28 June 2022, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, unregistered holders of shares of the Company shall ensure that all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 June 2022.
- 5. For determining the entitlement to the proposed Final Dividend (subject to approval by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting), the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 5 July 2022 to Thursday, 7 July 2022, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed Final Dividend, unregistered holders of shares of the Company shall ensure that all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 4 July 2022.

- 6. Considering the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), certain measures will be implemented at the Annual General Meeting with a view to addressing the risk to attendees of infection, including the following:
  - a) all attendees will be required to undergo body temperature check;
  - b) all attendees will be required to complete a health declaration form, which may be used for contact tracing, if required;
  - c) any attendees who are subject to health quarantine prescribed by the Government of Singapore will not be admitted to the venue of the Annual General Meeting;
  - d) all attendees will be required to wear surgical face masks throughout the Annual General Meeting;
  - e) each attendee will be assigned a designated seat at the time of registration to ensure social distancing;
  - f) any person who does not comply with the measures above may be denied entry into, or be required to leave, the venue of the Annual General Meeting;
  - g) no refreshments or beverages will be provided, and there will be no corporate gifts.
- 7. The Company reminds Shareholders that they should carefully consider the risks of attending the Annual General Meeting, taking into account their own personal circumstances. The Company would like to remind Shareholders that physical attendance in person at the Annual General Meeting is not necessary for the purpose of exercising their voting rights and strongly recommends Shareholders to appoint the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting as their proxy and submit their form of proxy as early as possible. In light of the risks posed by the COVID-19, the Company strongly encourages Shareholders NOT to attend the Annual General Meeting in person.
- 8. The Company will keep the evolving COVID-19 situation under review and may implement additional measures (which it will announce closer to the date of the Annual General Meeting).