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(Stock Code: 440)

**PROPOSALS FOR
GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND BUY BACK SHARES
RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
MANDATE TO GRANT OPTIONS AND
ALLOT AND ISSUE SHARES UPON EXERCISE OF OPTIONS
AND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

A notice convening the AGM of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited to be held at Meeting Room S221 (Harbour Road Entrance), Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai, Hong Kong on Friday, 2 June 2023 at 4:00 p.m. is set out on pages 16 to 21 of this circular.

Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy to the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the AGM or any adjournments thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof if you so wish.

No refreshments or drinks will be provided at the AGM. Shareholders or proxies who attend the AGM in person will each receive ONE souvenir as a token of the Company's appreciation. If a shareholder is also appointed as proxy/proxies of other shareholder(s), or a proxy represents multiple shareholders, the number of souvenir each of the aforesaid shareholder or proxy will receive is limited to ONE.

27 April 2023

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DEFINITIONS

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

“AGM”	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Meeting Room S221 (Harbour Road Entrance), Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai, Hong Kong on Friday, 2 June 2023 at 4:00 p.m. or any adjournment thereof, notice of which is set out on pages 16 to 21 of this circular
“Articles of Association”	the articles of association of the Company adopted from time to time
“Board”	the board of Directors of the Company
“Companies Ordinance”	the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended or supplemented from time to time
“Company”	Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance, the ordinary shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange (Stock code: 440)
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries from time to time
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“HKEX”	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
“Latest Practicable Date”	19 April 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained herein
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange in force for the time being
“SFO”	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended or supplemented from time to time

DEFINITIONS

“Share Option Scheme”	the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 27 May 2015
“Shareholder(s)”	holder(s) of the Share(s)
“Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) in the share capital of the Company
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Takeovers Code”	the Code on Takeovers and Mergers approved by the Securities and Futures Commission, as amended from time to time



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Executive Directors:

David Shou-Yeh Wong (*Chairman*)
Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong)
(Managing Director and Chief Executive)
Gary Pak-Ling Wang (*Deputy Chief Executive*)

Registered Office:

26th Floor
Dah Sing Financial Centre
248 Queen's Road East
Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Non-Executive Director:

Junji Mori (Yuichi Tashita as alternate)

Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Robert Tsai-To Sze
Andrew Kwan-Yuen Leung
Paul Michael Kennedy
Paul Franz Winkelmann
Mariana Suk-Fun Ngan

27 April 2023

To Shareholders

Dear Sir/Madam,

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide Shareholders with information reasonably necessary to enable them to make an informed decision in respect of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM relating to, inter alia, (i) the proposed general mandates to issue and buy back Shares; (ii) the re-election of Directors; and (iii) the proposed mandate to grant options and allot and issue Shares upon exercise of options.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD

2. GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

Approval is being sought from Shareholders at the AGM by way of an ordinary resolution for a general mandate to allot and issue Shares under section 141 of the Companies Ordinance and pursuant to the Listing Rules, in order to ensure flexibility and discretion to the Directors in the event it becomes desirable to issue any Shares, representing up to 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the passing of the resolution in relation to such general mandate, during the course of the period up to (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held; or (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company, whichever is the earliest. The Board wishes to state that it has no present intention to issue Shares pursuant to such mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the total number of issued Shares comprised 319,575,100 Shares. Assuming that there is no change in the total number of issued Shares between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the general mandate to issue Shares up to 63,915,020 Shares, representing 20% of the total number of issued Shares at the date of the AGM.

3. GENERAL MANDATE TO BUY BACK SHARES

The Board proposes to seek your approval at the AGM by way of an ordinary resolution for a general mandate to buy back, on the Stock Exchange, the issued and fully paid Shares. Under such mandate, the number of Shares that the Company may buy back shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the passing of the resolution and shall cover purchases, made during the course of the period up to (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held; or (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company, whichever is the earliest. An explanatory statement as required under the Listing Rules giving further information about such mandate is set out in **Appendix I** to this circular.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD

4. ADDITION TO GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

Conditional upon the resolutions in relation to the general mandate to issue Shares and the general mandate to buy back Shares being duly passed, approval is being sought from the Shareholders by way of a separate ordinary resolution to extend the general mandate to issue Shares by the addition to the number of Shares which may be allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the total number of Shares bought back by the Company under the Share Buy-back Mandate, provided that such number of shares shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the passing of the relevant resolution.

5. RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the AGM,

- (i) Messrs. Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong), Robert Tsai-To Sze and Paul Franz Winkelmann shall retire by rotation in accordance with Article 124 of the Articles of Association; and
- (ii) Mr. Junji Mori, who was appointed as a Non-Executive Director after the last annual general meeting of the Company held on 27 May 2022, shall retire at the AGM in accordance with Article 128 of the Articles of Association.

Mr. Robert Tsai-To Sze has served as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company for more than 9 years. Mr. Sze met the independence criteria set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and has provided an annual written confirmation of his independence to the Company. During his years of service, Mr. Sze has not been involved in any management role in the Company nor in any relationship or circumstances which would interfere with the exercise of his independent judgment. Notwithstanding that Mr. Sze has served the Board for more than 9 years, he continues to demonstrate his ability to provide an independent, balanced and objective view to the affairs of the Company and brings valuable experience to the Board in support of promoting the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee considers that the long service of Mr. Sze would not affect his exercise of independent judgment and is satisfied that Mr. Sze has the required character, integrity and experience to continue fulfilling the role of an independent non-executive director. The Board, on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, would recommend Mr. Sze for re-election at the AGM.

All of the above retiring Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM. Particulars of aforesaid retiring Directors offering for re-election at the AGM are set out in **Appendix II** to this circular.

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Any Shareholder who wishes to nominate a person to stand for election as a Director at the AGM must lodge with the Company at its registered office at 26th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre, 248 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong for the attention of the Company Secretary within the period commencing from the day after the despatch of the notice of the AGM and ending no later than 7 days prior to the date of the AGM, (i) his written nomination of the candidate, (ii) written confirmation from the nominated candidate of his willingness to be elected as a Director, and (iii) the details of such nominated candidate as required under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules for publication by the Company. You may further visit websites of HKEX (www.hkexnews.hk) and Dah Sing Bank (www.dahsing.com) respectively for more specific details.

6. MANDATE TO GRANT OPTIONS AND ALLOT AND ISSUE SHARES UPON EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

Under section 141 of the Companies Ordinance, directors of a company shall not, without shareholders' prior approval in general meeting, allot new shares or grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into shares in the company.

An ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to grant the Directors an unconditional mandate to authorize them, during the Relevant Period (as defined below), (a) to grant options under the Share Option Scheme and (b) to allot and issue Shares pursuant to the exercise of options which are granted under the Share Option Scheme (the "**Issue Mandate**"), and after the Relevant Period, the Directors will be authorized to allot and issue Shares pursuant to the exercise of options granted under the Issue Mandate during the Relevant Period. The Issue Mandate will commence from the date of passing such resolution and will end on (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by Companies Ordinance to be held; or (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company, whichever is the earliest (the "**Relevant Period**").

LETTER FROM THE BOARD

7. CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS

For determining Shareholders' right to attend and vote at the AGM:

Latest time to lodge transfers	4:30 p.m. on 29 May 2023 (Monday)
Closure of Register of Shareholders (both days inclusive)	30 May 2023 (Tuesday) to 2 June 2023 (Friday)
Record date	2 June 2023 (Friday)
AGM	2 June 2023 (Friday)

For determining Shareholders' entitlement to receive the proposed final dividend*:

Latest time to lodge transfers	4:30 p.m. on 8 June 2023 (Thursday)
Closure of Register of Shareholders (both days inclusive)	9 June 2023 (Friday) to 13 June 2023 (Tuesday)
Record date	13 June 2023 (Tuesday)
Expected final dividend payment date	21 June 2023 (Wednesday)

(*subject to Shareholders' approval at the AGM)

During the periods of the closure of Register of Shareholders, no share transfers will be registered. For registration, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong before the relevant latest time to lodge transfers.

Notice of the closure of Register of Shareholders has been given on Friday, 31 March 2023 when the Company's annual results in respect of the year ended 31 December 2022 were announced.

8. FORM OF PROXY

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022. Related form of proxy can also be downloaded from Dah Sing Bank's website (www.dahsing.com) or HKEX's website (www.hkexnews.hk). Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete and return the form of proxy to the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong in accordance with the instructions printed thereon not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM if you so wish. Should you attend and vote at the AGM in person, the form of proxy lodged with the Company is to be regarded as revoked.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD

9. VOTING BY POLL AT THE AGM

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, all resolutions set out in the notice convening the general meeting shall be decided by poll. The Chairman of the AGM will demand a poll on each of the resolutions set out in the notice of the AGM in accordance with Article 67 of the Articles of Association.

Article 74 of the Articles of Association provides that on a poll, every Shareholder present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every Share held by that Shareholder. An explanation of the detailed procedures of conducting a poll will be provided to the Shareholders at the AGM.

10. RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that proposals referred to above are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Board recommends the Shareholders to vote in favour of all resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the additional information set out in the following Appendices to this circular:

Appendix I : Explanatory Statement on Share Buy-back Mandate

Appendix II : Particulars of Directors subject to Re-election

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Board of
Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited
David Shou-Yeh Wong
Chairman

APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON SHARE BUY-BACK MANDATE

This is an explanatory statement and memorandum of the terms of the proposed Share buy-backs given to all the Shareholders relating to an ordinary resolution to approve the exercise by the Directors of the powers of the Company to buy back its own Shares (“**Share Buy-back Mandate**”) to be proposed at the AGM.

This explanatory statement contains the information required pursuant to Rule 10.06(1)(b) of the Listing Rules. Its purpose is to provide Shareholders with all the information reasonably necessary to enable them to make an informed decision as to whether or not to vote in favour of the resolution approving the Share Buy-back Mandate and it also forms the memorandum of the terms of the proposed Share buy-backs given under section 239(2) of the Companies Ordinance.

(i) Exercise of the Share Buy-back Mandate

Exercise in full of the Share Buy-back Mandate, on the basis of 319,575,100 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming no issue and/or buy-back of Shares before the AGM, could accordingly result in up to 31,957,510 Shares being bought back by the Company during the course of the period up to the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held or the revocation or variation of the authority by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company, whichever is the earliest.

(ii) Reasons for Share Buy-backs

The Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders to seek a general authority from Shareholders to enable the Directors to buy back Shares in the market. Share buy-backs will only be made when the Directors believe that such a buy-back will benefit the Company and the Shareholders. Such Share buy-backs may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the value of the net assets and/or earnings per Share.

(iii) Funding of Share Buy-backs

Share buy-backs must be funded out of funds legally available for the purpose in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong and the Articles of Association, being profits available for distribution and the proceeds of a new issue of Shares made for the purpose of the buy-back and it is envisaged that the funds required for any buy-back would be derived from such sources.

(iv) Impact on working capital or gearing position

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 financial statements as at 31 December 2022) in the event that the Share Buy-back Mandate is exercised in full. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Share Buy-back Mandate to such an extent as 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.

(v) Disclosure of Interests – Directors

None of the Directors and, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, their close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) has any present intention, if the Share Buy-back Mandate is exercised, to sell any Shares to the Company.

(vi) Undertaking of the Directors

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that they will exercise the power of the Company to make buy-backs pursuant to the Share Buy-back Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Hong Kong.

(vii) Effect of Takeovers Code

If as a result of a Share buy-back, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. Under this circumstance, a Shareholder, or group of Shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase of Shareholders' interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors are not aware of any Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert who will become obliged to make a mandatory offer under the Takeovers Code as a result of a Share buy-back pursuant to the Share Buy-back Mandate, except that Mr. David Shou-Yeh Wong may be required to make a general offer if as a result of Share buy-back the percentage interest of Mr. Wong in the Company over a 12-month period is increased by more than 2%. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wong is beneficially interested in 137,459,142 Shares, representing 43.01% of the total number of issued Shares. If the Share Buy-back Mandate is exercised in full, the percentage interest of Mr. Wong in the Company will be increased by 4.78% to 47.79%.

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The Directors confirmed that they have no present intention to buy back any Shares under the Share Buy-back Mandate to such an extent which will result in an obligation for a shareholder to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code, if the Share Buy-back Mandate is approved by Shareholders at the AGM.

(viii) Share Buy-back made by the Company

There have been no Share buy-backs by the Company in the previous 6 months immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

(ix) Disclosure of Interests – Connected Persons

No core connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Company is authorized to make Share buy-back.

(x) Share Prices

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

Month	Highest HK\$	Lowest HK\$
2022		
April	25.50	22.25
May	23.75	22.30
June	23.65	22.35
July	26.45	20.35
August	21.20	19.72
September	20.95	17.88
October	18.28	15.44
November	17.66	15.20
December	18.76	17.26
2023		
January	21.70	18.08
February	22.60	20.50
March	22.15	19.24
1 to 19 April (Latest Practicable Date)	20.70	19.66

APPENDIX II PARTICULARS OF DIRECTORS SUBJECT TO RE-ELECTION

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, the particulars of the Directors who will retire at the AGM according to the Articles of Association and who propose to be re-elected at the AGM are provided below.

1. **Mr. Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong)**

Managing Director and Chief Executive

Mr. Wong, aged 70, was appointed as a Director of the Company in 1993 and promoted as the Managing Director in January 2002. He joined Dah Sing Bank, Limited (“DSB”), a key operating subsidiary of the Company’s banking group, in 1977 and has served and managed various departments before appointed as a Director in 1989, promoted to Managing Director in 2000 and then appointed as Vice Chairman of DSB in April 2011. He is Vice Chairman, Managing Director and Chief Executive of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited, Chairman of Dah Sing Bank (China) Limited and a director of various major subsidiaries of the Group. He is also a Non-Executive Director and Vice Chairman of Bank of Chongqing Co., Ltd. (“BOCQ”) (listed in Hong Kong and Shanghai) in which the Group has a 13.2% equity interest. Mr. Wong is an Associate of The Institute of Bankers (U.K.) and a Founder Member of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers and The International Retail Banking Council of the U.K. He holds a Higher Diploma in Business Studies from the Hong Kong Polytechnic College (now known as Hong Kong Polytechnic University) and has over 45 years of experience in banking.

Mr. Wong has not entered into any service contract with the Company. His salary package is covered by a contract of employment which was determined with reference to the remuneration policy of the Group, the pay levels of comparable positions of peer institutions in banking and financial related businesses as well as the individual performance and contributions to the Group’s overall performance. Total emolument of Mr. Wong for the year ended 31 December 2022 was HK\$11,799,000 (all inclusive). Although Mr. Wong, being an Executive Director, has not been appointed for a specific term, he is subject to retirement by rotation and is eligible for re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Mr. Wong is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wong was interested in 39,771 shares of the Company and 4,600 A shares of BOCQ, an associated corporation of the Company, within the meaning under Part XV of the SFO.

2. Mr. Robert Tsai-To Sze*Independent Non-Executive Director*

Mr. Sze, aged 82, was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company in 1997. He is also an Independent Non-Executive Director of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited (“DSBG”), Dah Sing Bank, Limited (“DSB”) and Dah Sing Insurance Company (1976) Limited. He serves as the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Company, DSBG and DSB, the Chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (“NRC”) of the Company and a member of the NRC of DSBG and DSB. He was the Chairman of the NRC of DSBG from August 2005 to August 2017. Mr. Sze is an Independent Non-Executive Director of Nanyang Holdings Limited and Sunwah Kingsway Capital Holdings Limited. He was an Independent Non-Executive Director of Hop Hing Group Holdings Limited which was delisted in January 2022 and Mr. Sze resigned in February 2022. Mr. Sze is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He was a former partner of an international firm of accountants with which he practised for over 20 years.

Mr. Sze has not entered into any service contract with the Company nor is he appointed for a specific term, but he is subject to retirement by rotation and is eligible for re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. The director’s fee of Mr. Sze is HK\$950,000 per annum (including remuneration from a subsidiary). Such fee was determined with reference to the levels of director fees paid by peer institutions in banking and financial related businesses and the number of board committee(s) he serves as the Chairman or a member as well as the time involved in carrying out duties and responsibilities for the Group.

Mr. Sze is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Sze was not interested in any shares of the Company within the meaning under Part XV of the SFO.

3. Mr. Paul Franz Winkelmann

Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr. Winkelmann, aged 67, was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director and a member of the Audit Committee of the Company in May 2019. He is also an Independent Non-Executive Director, a member of the Audit Committee and a member of Risk Management and Compliance Committee of Dah Sing Bank, Limited. Mr. Winkelmann joined PricewaterhouseCoopers (“PwC”) in 1984 and was admitted to partnership in 1990 to become a member of the first group of partners to set up PwC’s financial services practice in Hong Kong. He specialized in the audits of financial institutions, both local and international. He was partner-in-charge of PwC’s risk and compliance matters for Greater China for 14 years up to June 2014. He was also the leader of PwC’s Greater China Risk and Quality function overseeing auditing and ethical standards within PwC. In 2001, he joined the governance Board of Partners of PwC in Hong Kong and subsequently was appointed to the Management Board of PwC China and Hong Kong. Following his retirement from PwC Hong Kong in June 2014, Mr. Winkelmann was engaged as a senior advisor of PwC in Hong Kong on risk and quality matters during the period from July 2014 to December 2015. Mr. Winkelmann is currently an Independent Non-Executive Director and a Non-Industry Member of the General Committee of the Insurance Complaints Bureau. He is also the Non-IA Eligible DP Member of Disciplinary Panel Pool of the Insurance Authority. He was the Chairman of the Financial Reporting Standards Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) from 2004 to 2009 and the President of HKICPA in 2009. In 2005, he was appointed to the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform and served for a period of 6 years. Mr. Winkelmann was the Chief Executive Officer of Financial Reporting Council of Hong Kong from April 2016 to March 2019. He is a fellow member of the HKICPA. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Business) Degree from Trinity College, Dublin.

Mr. Winkelmann has not entered into any service contract with the Company nor is he appointed for a specific term, but he is subject to retirement by rotation and is eligible for re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. The director’s fee of Mr. Winkelmann is HK\$580,000 per annum (including remuneration from a subsidiary). Such fee was determined with reference to the levels of director fees paid by peer institutions in banking and financial related businesses and the number of board committee(s) he serves as a member as well as the time involved in carrying out duties and responsibilities for the Group.

Mr. Winkelmann is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Winkelmann was not interested in any shares of the Company within the meaning under Part XV of the SFO.

4. Mr. Junji Mori

Non-Executive Director

Mr. Mori, aged 47, was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Company in July 2022. Mr. Mori started his career with The Norinchukin Bank after his graduation from International Christian University where he attained a Bachelor Degree of Arts in Liberal Arts in 1998. He also holds a Master Degree of Business Administration from Ross School of Business, University of Michigan and completed Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. Mr. Mori had assumed various senior positions in The Norinchukin Bank. He was a Senior Vice President of Singapore Branch and a Senior Manager of Corporate Planning Division. From 2017 to 2019, he was a Senior Manager of Food & Agri Planning Division and subsequently took up the role as Deputy General Manager in April 2019. Mr. Mori has been appointed as General Manager of Food & Agri Planning Division since April 2022. He has over 24 years of extensive experience in various areas in the banking industry.

Mr. Mori has not entered into any service contract with the Company nor is he appointed for a specific term, but he is subject to retirement by rotation and is eligible for re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. The director's fee of Mr. Mori is HK\$320,000 per annum. Such fee was determined with reference to the levels of director fees paid by peer institutions in banking and financial related businesses and the time involved in carrying out duties and responsibilities for the Group.

Mr. Mori is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Mori was not interested in any shares of the Company within the meaning under Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, none of the retiring Directors to be re-elected have any information which is required to be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor are there any other matters relating to the re-election of the retiring Directors that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



大新金融集團有限公司 DAH SING FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)

(Stock Code: 440)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an annual general meeting (“AGM”) of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited (the “Company”) will be held at Meeting Room S221 (Harbour Road Entrance), Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai, Hong Kong on Friday, 2 June 2023 at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing (with or without modifications) the following resolutions of the Company:

As ordinary businesses:

1. To receive and adopt the audited financial statements together with the Report of the Directors and Independent Auditor’s Report for the year ended 31 December 2022.
2. To declare a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2022.
3. To re-elect Directors
 - (a) Mr. Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong)
 - (b) Mr. Robert Tsai-To Sze
 - (c) Mr. Paul Franz Winkelmann
 - (d) Mr. Junji Mori
4. To fix the fees of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2022.
5. To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors of the Company and to authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration.

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As special businesses:

As special businesses, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modifications the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

6. “THAT:

- (a) subject to the following provisions of this resolution and pursuant to section 141 of the Companies Ordinance, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall authorize the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options, which might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the total number of shares allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or (ii) the exercise of options under any share option scheme or similar arrangement adopted by the Company for the grant or issue to the employees and directors of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries and/or other eligible participants specified thereunder of options to subscribe for or rights to acquire shares of the Company; or (iii) an issue of shares upon the exercise of the subscription rights attaching to any warrants which may be issued by the Company; or (iv) an issue of shares of the Company as scrip dividend or similar arrangement in accordance with the articles of association of the Company; or (v) pursuant to any existing specific authority, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purpose 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;

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- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to the holders of shares on the register of shareholders of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory outside Hong Kong).”

7. **“THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to buy back shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Stock Exchange”) or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognized by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (“Listing Rules”) or any other applicable stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the total number of the shares which the Company is authorized to buy back pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purpose 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 Companies Ordinance to be held; and

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- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.”
8. **“THAT** conditional upon resolutions numbered 6 and 7 set out in this notice of annual general meeting being duly passed, the general mandate granted to the Directors of the Company to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares pursuant to resolution numbered 6 set out in this notice of annual general meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the total number of shares which may be allotted, issued and dealt with by the Directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the total number of shares bought back by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution numbered 7 set out in this notice of annual general meeting, provided that such number of shares shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution.”
9. **“THAT:**
- (a) subject to the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong), the Listing Rules and the terms and conditions of the share option scheme of the Company adopted on 27 May 2015 (“Share Option Scheme”), a mandate be and is hereby unconditionally given to the Directors to exercise all the powers of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) (i) to grant options under the Share Option Scheme and (ii) to allot and issue shares of the Company pursuant to the exercise of options which are granted under the Share Option Scheme (the “Issue Mandate”), and after the Relevant Period, to allot and issue shares of the Company pursuant to the exercise of options granted under the Issue Mandate during the Relevant Period; and
- (b) for the purpose 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 Companies Ordinance to be held; and

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- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.”

By Order of the Board
Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited
Richard Tsung Yung Li
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 27 April 2023

Notes:

- (a) A shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint one or, under particular case, more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy needs not be a shareholder of the Company. **Shareholders or proxies who attend the AGM in person will each receive ONE souvenir as a token of the Company's appreciation. If a shareholder is also appointed as proxy/proxies of other shareholder(s), or a proxy represents multiple shareholders, the number of souvenir each of the aforesaid shareholder or proxy will receive is limited to ONE.**
- (b) Where there are joint registered holders of any share, any one of such persons may vote at the AGM, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such shares as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders are present at the AGM personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register of shareholders of the Company shall, in respect of such share, be entitled alone to vote in respect thereof.
- (c) The register of shareholders of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 30 May 2023 to Friday, 2 June 2023 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be effected. As such, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 29 May 2023 for the purpose of determining shareholders' eligibility to attend and vote at the AGM.
- (d) A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed.
- (e) In order to be valid, the instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed must be lodged at the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the AGM (or the adjourned meeting as the case may be).
- (f) Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a shareholder from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjourned meeting, if he/she so wishes. If such shareholder attends and votes at the AGM, his/her form of proxy is to be regarded as revoked.
- (g) If you are a non-registered shareholder of the Company, i.e., your shares are held through an intermediary (for example, a bank, a custodian or a securities broker) or registered in the name of your nominee, you will not receive a form of proxy directly from the Company, and you have to give instructions to your intermediary/nominee to vote on your behalf. If you wish to attend, speak and vote at the AGM, you shall seek an authorisation from your intermediary/nominee directly.

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- (h) An explanatory statement on share buy-back mandate is set out in Appendix I to this circular; particulars of the Directors to be re-elected or elected (as the case may be) at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular. All appendices form part of this notice.
- (i) The translation into Chinese language of this notice is for reference only. In case of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.
- (j) If Typhoon Signal no. 8 or above, or a “black” rainstorm warning is expected to be hoisted any time after 12 noon on the AGM date, the AGM will be postponed. The Company will publish an announcement on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“HKEX”) (www.hkexnews.hk) and Dah Sing Bank (www.dahsing.com) to notify shareholders of the date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting.
- (k) Shareholders who wish to attend the AGM are encouraged to take note that Hong Kong Government appealed to the public to wear a mask when having respiratory symptoms or weakened immunity and going to crowded places.
- (l) Subject to the public health requirements or guidelines of the Hong Kong Government and/or regulatory authorities, the Company may announce further updates on the AGM arrangement on the websites of HKEX (www.hkexnews.hk) and Dah Sing Bank (www.dahsing.com) as and when appropriate.