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**SAU SAN TONG HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**修身堂控股有限公司\***

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 8200)**

## **QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of Sau San Tong Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the first quarterly results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the three months ended 30 June 2023. This announcement, containing the full text of the 2023 first quarterly report of the Company, complies with the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) (the “**GEM Listing Rules**”) in relation to information to accompany preliminary announcement of first quarterly results.

On Behalf of the Board  
**Sau San Tong Holdings Limited**  
**Mui Wai Sum**  
*Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 11 August 2023

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises executive Directors namely Mr. Mui Wai Sum and Mr. Lei Nelson; non-executive Director namely Mr. Takashi Togo; independent non-executive Directors namely Ms. Tsang Tsz Nok Aleen, Mr. Lau Wai Leung, Alfred and Mr. Au Siu Lun.*

*This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.*

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## QUARTERLY RESULTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The Board of Directors of the Company announces the unaudited consolidated financial results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the three months ended 30 June 2023 together with comparative figures of the corresponding period ended in 2022 as follows:

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS (UNAUDITED)

	Notes	For the three months ended 30 June	
		2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Revenue	2		
Distribution sale of cosmetic and skin care products		<b>256,962</b>	164,129
Provision of beauty and slimming services		<b>13,489</b>	12,472
Provision of franchise services		<b>45</b>	1
Sale of health, beauty and related products		<b>2,136</b>	318
Results from investments in securities		<b>(803)</b>	2,913
Interest income from money lending		<b>3,517</b>	3,040
		<b>275,346</b>	182,873
Cost of sales		<b>(248,778)</b>	(158,524)
Gross profit		<b>26,568</b>	24,349
Other gains/(losses)	2	<b>1,668</b>	(4,844)
Selling and distribution costs		<b>(14,121)</b>	(10,805)
General and administrative expenses		<b>(14,690)</b>	(13,641)
Loss from operations		<b>(575)</b>	(4,941)
Finance costs		<b>(161)</b>	(75)
Loss before taxation		<b>(736)</b>	(5,016)
Income tax expense	3	<b>(893)</b>	-
Loss for the period		<b>(1,629)</b>	(5,016)

		<b>For the three months ended 30 June</b>	
		<b>2023</b>	2022
<i>Notes</i>		<b><i>HK\$'000</i></b>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Attributable to:			
	Owners of the Company	<b>(2,838)</b>	(4,516)
	Non-controlling interests	<b>1,209</b>	(500)
		<b>(1,629)</b>	(5,016)
		<b><i>HK cents</i></b>	<i>HK cents</i>
Loss per share			
	Basic	<b>(3.6)</b>	(6.02)
	Diluted	<b>(3.6)</b>	(6.02)

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

	<b>For the three months ended 30 June</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	HK\$'000
Loss for the period	<b>(1,629)</b>	(5,016)
Other comprehensive loss for the period:		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
– Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of foreign operations	<b>(956)</b>	(254)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>	<b>(2,585)</b>	(5,270)
Attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	<b>(3,024)</b>	(2,775)
Non-controlling interests	<b>439</b>	(2,495)
	<b>(2,585)</b>	(5,270)

Notes:

### 1. Basis of preparation and significant accounting policies

The results have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, which collective term include all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange. They have been prepared under historical cost basis, except that the financial instruments classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and investment property are stated at their fair values. The principal accounting policies used in the preparation of the results are consistent with those adopted in the preparation of the annual report of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023.

## 2. Revenue and other revenue

Revenue represents the invoiced value of goods supplied to customers, net of discounts, returns, value added tax or other sales taxes; service income from provision of beauty and slimming services, net of discounts; franchise fees income; net gains or losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and interest income earned from money lending. The amount of each significant category of revenue recognised during the period is as follows:

	<b>For the three months ended 30 June</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	HK\$'000
Revenue		
Distribution sale of cosmetic and skin care products	<b>256,962</b>	164,129
Provision of beauty and slimming services	<b>13,489</b>	12,472
Provision of franchise services	<b>45</b>	1
Sale of health, beauty and related products	<b>2,136</b>	318
Results from investments in securities	<b>(803)</b>	2,913
Interest income from money lending	<b>3,517</b>	3,040
	<b>275,346</b>	182,873
Other gains/(losses)		
Bank interest income	<b>1,171</b>	404
Dividend income	<b>-</b>	-
Others	<b>497</b>	(5,248)
	<b>1,668</b>	(4,844)

### 3. Income tax expense

On 21 March 2018, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed the Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No.7) Bill 2017 (the "Bill") which introduces the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The Bill was signed into law on 28 March 2018 and was gazetted on the following day. Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2 million of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. The profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

Accordingly, the Hong Kong profits tax is calculated at 8.25% on the first HK\$2 million of the estimated assessable profits and at 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits above HK\$2 million.

Under the Law of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the PRC subsidiaries is 25% for both periods.

Taxation in the consolidated statement of profit or loss (unaudited) represents:

	For the three months ended 30 June	
	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Hong Kong profits tax	126	-
PRC enterprise income tax	767	-
	<b>893</b>	-

#### 4. Loss per share

	<b>2023</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	2022 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Loss		
Loss attributable to owners of the Company, used in the basic loss per share and diluted loss per share calculation	<b>(2,838)</b>	(4,516)
	<b>2023</b>	2022
Shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic loss per share	<b>78,842,031</b>	75,049,354
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:		
Options	-	-
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	<b>78,842,031</b>	75,049,354

The assumed exercise of the outstanding share options for the periods ended 30 June 2023 and the periods ended 30 June 2022 have anti-dilutive effect and have therefore been excluded from the above calculation.

## 5. Consolidated statement of changes in equity

	Attributable to owners of the Company											
	Share capital	Share premium	Merger reserve	Exchange reserve	Share-based payment reserve	The PRC statutory surplus reserve	Other reserve	Revaluation reserve	Accumulated	Non-controlling interests	Total	Total equity
									losses/ profits			
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
At 1 April 2023	788	791,928	(3,637)	(2,738)	2,224	24,725	28,055	3,574	(55,272)	789,647	(13,941)	775,706
Changes in equity for the period												
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,838)	(2,838)	1,209	(1,629)
Other comprehensive (loss)	-	-	-	(167)	-	-	-	-	-	(167)	(769)	(956)
At 30 June 2023	788	791,928	(3,637)	(2,905)	2,224	24,725	28,055	3,574	(58,110)	786,622	(13,501)	773,121
At 1 April 2022	750	787,794	(3,637)	5,296	2,224	24,725	28,055	3,574	(41,338)	807,443	12,569	820,012
Changes in equity for the period												
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,516)	(4,516)	(500)	(5,016)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	-	1,741	-	-	-	-	-	1,741	(1,995)	(254)
At 30 June 2022	750	787,794	(3,637)	7,037	2,224	24,725	28,055	3,574	(45,854)	804,668	10,074	814,742

## INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the three months ended 30 June 2023 (2022: Nil).

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### Business Review

For the three months ended 30 June 2023 (the “Period Under Review”), the Group’s revenue amounted to approximately HK\$275,346,000, representing an increase of approximately 51% from approximately HK\$182,873,000 in the corresponding period in last year. This is mainly attributable to the increase in the distribution sales of our Shanghai Dong Fang Ri Hua Sales Co. Ltd. (“Dong Fang”) to approximately HK\$256,962,000 (2022: approximately HK\$164,129,000).

During the Period Under Review, the revenue generated from the provision of beauty and slimming services was approximately HK\$13,489,000 (2022: approximately HK\$12,472,000), representing an increase of approximately 8% as compared to that of the corresponding period in last year. During the Period Under Review, the sale of health, beauty and related products contributed approximately HK\$2,136,000 to the revenue of the Group (2022: approximately HK\$318,000). During the Period Under Review, the money lending business generated revenue of approximately HK\$3,517,000 (2022: approximately HK\$3,040,000).

During the Period Under Review, the Group has recorded net losses of approximately HK\$803,000 (2022: net gains of approximately HK\$2,913,000) from its investments in the Hong Kong stock market and unlisted equity fund outside Hong Kong.

During the Period Under Review, the gross profit is approximately HK\$26,568,000, representing an increase of approximately 9% from approximately HK\$24,349,000 in the corresponding period in last year. The increase is mainly attributed by the increase of revenue contributed by the increase of revenue contributed by the distribution sales of Dong Fang, and revenue generated from the provision of beauty and slimming services. However, the Group recorded the loss attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$2,838,000, compared with the loss attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$4,516,000 in the corresponding period in last year.

## Beauty, Slimming and Spa Centres

During the Period Under Review, along with the COVID-19 managed as a type of upper respiratory tract infections, Hong Kong government had cancelled the issuing isolation and anti-epidemic measures for COVID-19. To stimulus the local consumption and economy, the government resumed the normal traveller clearance and launched the consumption voucher scheme 2023. The operation of beauty and slimming industry is resuming and the consumer sentiments become more positive. Additionally, the new brand beauty and slimming centre – MIZU have commenced its services. The revenue from provision of beauty and slimming services increased by approximately 8% from approximately HK\$12,472,000 in the corresponding period in last year to approximately HK\$13,489,000 during the Period Under Review.

The Group has a long history in the operation of beauty, slimming and spa centres in Hong Kong. With extensive experience in the industry and committed efforts for innovations, the Group has continuously introduced sophisticated services and products of the highest quality for its customers, winning the long-term favour of its customers for its beauty and slimming products and services while successfully establishing brand advantages and customer loyalty. To further fortify its leading position in the industry, the Group has introduced a number of new beauty, slimming and anti-ageing treatments and machineries from time to time.

As the first listed beauty and slimming company in Hong Kong, the Group has consistently uphold the principles of quality products, professional services and honest operation. Backed by the strengths of the brand, the Group has won numerous awards over the years and enjoys sound reputation in Hong Kong. It was strongly trusted by its customers. With increasingly intensive market competition, some industry players have resorted to all possible means including dishonest sales methods to secure their market shares. Coupled with various beauty and slimming incidents during recent years and seriously weak and outdated government supervision, customer confidence has been impaired. This, however, has at the same time encouraged the customer demand for quality beauty and slimming services. Maintaining the strategy of winning with quality, the Group will continue to leverage on its professional and outstanding beauty and slimming technologies, bring its brand visibility to the full play, and operate with honest and honour, in order to win over the consumers' trust, secure a wider business coverage in the high-end market and thereby realise sustainable growth and return.

## **Distribution Business in the PRC**

Product distribution in the PRC is another core business of the Group and is carried out by the Group's subsidiary, Dong Fang. Dong Fang is one of the top three distributors of P&G in the greater China in terms of average sales in the PRC, and is the top distributor in the East China area. It is responsible for the overall distribution coverage in the Shanghai region and provides supply and sales services to its customers via various channels, including online platforms, electrical appliances merchants, department stores channel, local modernised retail malls, supermarkets, small-sized supermarkets, convenient stores, maternity stores and cosmetic stores headquartered or regionally headquartered in Shanghai. Products involved include OLAY skincare, Head & Shoulders, Vidal Sassoon, Pantene, Rejoice, Pampers, Crest, Safeguard, Whisper, Ariel, Oral-B and Gillette. Moreover, the Company is responsible for the SK-II business in East and West China areas, covering Shanghai city, Zhejiang Province, Jiangsu Province, Anhui Province, Henan Province, Shanxi Province, Sichuan Province and Chongqing city (8 provinces and cities in total). In the Period Under Review, the business of distribution sales of cosmetic and skin care products of Dong Fang recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$256,962,000, representing an increase of approximately 57% from approximately HK\$164,129,000. The significant increase is mainly attributable to all strict lockdown measures in China were released at the beginning of 2023.

## **Health, Beauty and Related Products**

The Group spares no efforts in keeping itself abreast of time and marching at the forefront of the market. Through heavily investing in the development and introduction of products embedding advanced technologies and safe ingredients to enrich its portfolio of health and beauty products, the Group targets to bring to its customers a wider array of sophisticated product choices. This in turn enhances the attraction of the brand name Sau San Tong and a stable customer base has been well developed.

During the Year under Review, the Group launched a new product called iPRO NMN Deluxe 3 in 1 (the "NMN Deluxe"), an anti-aging product that could activate the body's defenses against aging. The NMN Deluxe was marketed successfully. Going forward, the Group will maintain the quality of the product and continue to serve the different needs of its customers that help them to achieve beauty in a healthy way. Though, the segment of distribution of health and beauty products is not a significant contribution to the Group's revenue, we believe this segment remains stable to the Group's results in the time ahead.

## **Franchise Co-Operation Business in the PRC**

Building on its successful business in Hong Kong and a strong brand visibility, the Group started venturing into the enormous market in the PRC back in early 2004. The Group established the uniqueness of the brand and identified ourselves as a leader in the slimming and beauty industry. The existing number of franchise co-operation shops also put our brand on the top position in the beauty and slimming industry in China.

## **Securities Investments Business**

As a move to expand its diversified business, the Group commenced the new segment of securities investments business in March 2015 to put the idle funds of the Company into long and short-term investments in listed securities in Hong Kong and other recognised securities markets in the overseas as well as wealth management products purchased from banks and other financial institutions, with a view to generate additional income outside its retail business, to widen its revenue base and minimise the risks of the Group on the overall, in order to enhance the capital use of the Company as well as the interests of the Company and its shareholders on the overall. During the Period under Review, the Group recorded net losses of HK\$803,000 compared to net gains of HK\$2,913,000 in the corresponding period in last year representing approximately 128% of decrease.

## **Money Lending Business**

In 2016, the Group commenced new business of money lending in order to better utilise the idle funds to generate additional returns to the Company. The Group provided both secured and unsecured loans with terms ranging from several months to 2 years. During the Period Under Review, the Group recorded interest income of approximately HK\$3,517,000 from money leading business, representing an increase of approximately 16% for approximately HK\$3,040,000 in the corresponding period in last year.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

The Group completed the Rights Issue on 3 March 2017 resulting in net proceeds of approximately HK\$352,000,000. Details of the use of proceeds is as follows:

Use of net proceeds	The total allocation of the net proceeds <i>HK\$' million</i>	Actual amount utilised as at 31 March 2023 <i>HK\$' million</i>	Actual amount utilised during	Actual amount utilised as at 30 June 2023 <i>HK\$' million</i>	Unutilised balance as at 30 June 2023 <i>HK\$' million</i>	Expected timeline for unutilised proceeds as at 30 June 2023 <i>(Note)</i>
			the period ended 30 June 2023 <i>HK\$' million</i>			
Acquisition of commercial, industrial and residential properties situated in the PRC and Hong Kong ("Properties Acquisition")	116	20.4	-	20.4	95.6	By 31 December 2024
Repayment of the outstanding amount due to Dr. Cheung Yuk Shan, Shirley under the Convertible Note	20	20	-	20	-	-
Development of the Group's money lending business	78	78	-	78	-	-
Renovation of offices and shops in the PRC and Hong Kong	60	16.9	2.8	19.7	40.3	By 31 December 2024
Development of securities investment business	30	30	-	30	-	-
General working capital of the Group and/or investment opportunities	48	48	-	48	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>213.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>216.1</b>	<b>135.9</b>	

In light of uncertain market conditions currently, the Board considers that it will be essential for the Group to cautiously control the pace, scale and scope of the Properties Acquisition given the uncertainties casted by the global economic and financial markets.

*Note:* The expected timelines for utilising the remaining net proceeds is based on the best estimation of the present and future business market situations made by the Group. It may be subject to further change based on the future development of the market conditions.

## DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES

As at 30 June 2023, the interests or short positions of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company or their respective associates in shares and underlying shares (the "Shares") of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) which are required to be notified to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO, including interests and/or short positions which they are deemed or taken to have under such provisions of the SFO, or which will be required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules were as follows:

Name of director/ chief executive	Date of grant	Exercisable period	Subscription price per share	Aggregate long position in underlying shares of the Company	Approximate percentage interest in the Company's issued share capital
Mr. Mui Wai Sum	10 February 2021	10 February 2021 – 9 February 2026	HK\$0.87	750,494	1%
Mr. Chan Ka Kin ( <i>Note 2</i> )	10 February 2021	10 February 2021 – 9 February 2026	HK\$0.87	750,494	1%
Mr. Takashi Togo	10 February 2021	10 February 2021 – 9 February 2026	HK\$0.87	750,494	1%
Ms. Kwan Fei Ying	10 February 2021	10 February 2021 – 9 February 2026	HK\$0.87	750,494	1%

*Note 1:* The above interest constitutes a long position of the Director and the chief executive in a physically settled equity derivative for the purpose of the SFO.

*Note 2:* Mr. Chan Ka Kin resigned as the Director of the Company with effect from 3 July 2023.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2023, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company or their respective associates has any personal, family, corporate or other interests or short positions in the shares of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of SFO) as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to the minimum standard of dealings by Directors of the Company as referred to in Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, are required to be notified to the Company and the Exchange.

## SHARE OPTION SCHEME

	Date of grant	Exercisable period	Subscription price per share HK\$	At 1 April 2023	Granted during the period	At 30 June 2023
Directors	10 February 2021	10 February 2021 - 9 February 2026	0.87	2,251,482	-	2,251,482
Chief Executive Officer	10 February 2021	10 February 2021 - 9 February 2026	0.87	750,494	-	750,494
Employees	10 February 2021	10 February 2021 - 9 February 2026	0.87	1,500,988	-	1,500,988
Other participant	10 February 2021	10 February 2021 - 9 February 2026	0.87	750,494	-	750,494
				5,253,458	-	5,253,458
Weighted average exercise price				HK\$0.87		HK\$0.87
Weighted average of remaining contractual life				2.87 years		2.62 years

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES

As at 30 June 2023, so far as known to any Directors or chief executive of the Company, the following interests of which would fall to be disclosed under Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or who were deemed to be directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the issued capital of the Company, or which were recorded in the register of interests required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO or have notified to the Company were as follows:

### Long position in shares

Substantial shareholder	Capacity	Number of shareholding	
		Share	Percentage
Yau Chung Chung	Beneficial owner	11,707,000	14.85%

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2023, no person, other than the Directors of the Company and the chief executive of the Group whose interests are set out in the section "Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests and Short Positions in Shares" above, had registered an interest or short position in the share capital, underlying shares and debentures of the Company that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

## DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Save as disclosed under the heading "Directors and Chief Executive's Interests and Short Positions in Shares" above, at no time during the Period under Review were rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company granted to any Director or their respective spouse or children under 18 years of age, or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company, its holding company, or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

## COMPETING INTERESTS

None of the Directors or substantial shareholders of the Company or their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) has any interest in a business which competes or might compete with the business of the Group.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The Company has established a formal and transparent procedure to protect the interests of the shareholders of the Company. The Company applied the principles and complied with all the code provisions as set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices contained in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules throughout the Period Under Review, except that:

Code provision D.1.2 stipulates that the management shall provide all members of the board with monthly updates. Management considers that quarterly updates and periodic instant updates when developments arising out of the ordinary business instead of monthly updates are sufficient for the Board to discharge its duties. Besides, during the Period Under Review, the Executive Directors have provided, and will continue to provide, to all Independent Non-executive Directors updates on any material changes to the position and prospects of the Company, which are considered to be sufficient to provide general updates of the Company's performance, position and prospects to the Board and allow them to give a balanced and understandable assessment of the same to serve the purpose required by the code provision D.1.2.

Code provision C.2 stipulates the role of the chairman of the Board. The Company does not have the chairman of the Board and hence does not comply with code provision C.2. The Company has two executive directors who have performed part of the function of the chairman of the Board.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Group has established an audit committee with written terms of reference in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules. The audit committee comprises three Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Lau Wai Leung, Alfred, Mr. Au Siu Lun and Ms. Tsang Tsz Nok, Aleen. The audit committee has reviewed the unaudited financial results of the Group for the three months ended 30 June 2023.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS**

The Company has adopted the required standard of dealings set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, the Company confirmed that all Directors have complied with the required standard of dealings set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules.

## **PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY**

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the three months ended 30 June 2023.

On behalf of the Board  
**Sau San Tong Holdings Limited**  
**Mui Wai Sum**  
*Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 11 August 2023

*As at the date of this report, the Board comprises Executive Directors namely Mr. Mui Wai Sum and Mr. Lei Nelson; Non-executive Director namely Mr. Takashi Togo; Independent Non-executive Directors namely Mr. Lau Wai Leung, Alfred, Mr. Au Siu Lun and Ms. Tsang Tsz Nok, Aleen.*