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CAPITAL ESTATE LIMITED **冠中地產有限公司**

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 193)

CHANGE OF AUDITOR

This announcement is made by Capital Estate Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to Rule 13.51(4) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”).

RESIGNATION OF AUDITOR

The board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) announces that Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu (“**Deloitte**”) has resigned as the auditor of the Company (the “**Auditor**”) with effect from 10 May 2024 as the Board and Deloitte could not reach a consensus on the audit fee in respect of the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ending 31 July 2024.

The audit committee of the Company (the “**Audit Committee**”) has reviewed the audit fee proposal provided by Deloitte and other professional accounting firms. In view of the more competitive fee proposals provided by other professional accounting firms possessing the necessary capabilities and competence (including technical know-how, industry knowledge and track record, manpower and other resources) to perform its duties as the Auditor, the Board, with the recommendation of the Audit Committee, is satisfied that the change of auditor is in the interest of the Company and the shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholders**”) as a whole.

Deloitte has confirmed in its letter of resignation that there are no matters in connection with its resignation as the Auditor that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and creditors of the Company (the “**Creditors**”).

Save for the reason as disclosed above, the Board and the Audit Committee have confirmed that there are no disagreement or unresolved matters between the Company and Deloitte, and there are no other matters in connection with the resignation of Deloitte that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders, the Creditors and the Stock Exchange.

The Board confirms that Deloitte has not yet commenced any audit work for the Group for the financial year ending 31 July 2024. It is therefore expected that the change of auditor will not have any significant impact on the annual audit of the Group for the financial year ending 31 July 2024 (the “**2024 Audit**”).

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Deloitte for its professional and quality services rendered to the Group during the past years.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Board further announces that, with the recommendation of the Audit Committee, it has resolved to appoint Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited (“**Baker Tilly**”) as the new Auditor with effect from 10 May 2024 to fill the casual vacancy following the resignation of Deloitte and to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

The Audit Committee has considered a number of factors including but not limited to (i) the competence and calibre of Baker Tilly including its experience in handling audit work for companies listed on the Stock Exchange, its familiarity with the requirements under the Listing Rules and the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards; (ii) its audit proposal; (iii) its independence from the Group and objectivity; (iv) its market reputation and track record; (v) its resources and capability including but not limited to manpower and time; and (vi) the guidelines issued by the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council.

Based on the above, the Audit Committee has assessed and considered Baker Tilly is eligible and suitable to act as the Auditor for the 2024 Audit. The Board and the Audit Committee are of the view that the change of Auditor would enhance the cost-effectiveness of the Company’s annual audit and is in the interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Board would like to express its warm welcome to Baker Tilly on its appointment as the Auditor.

On behalf of the Board
CAPITAL ESTATE LIMITED
Sio Lai Na
Chairman

Hong Kong, 10 May 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Ms. Sio Lai Na, Mr. Chu Nin Yiu, Stephen as executive directors, Ms. Sio Lai Nga as non-executive director and Mr. Hung Ka Hai, Clement, Mr. Yeung Chi Wai, Mr. Wong Kwong Fat and Mr. Chan Shu Yan, Stephen as independent non-executive directors.