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# 建業地產股份有限公司 \*

### **Central China Real Estate Limited**

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 0832)

# PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO REPURCHASE SHARES AND ISSUE SHARES; DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND, THE SCRIP DIVIDEND SCHEME AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This circular is despatched together with the annual report of Central China Real Estate Limited which comprises, among other things, the directors' report, the auditor's report and the financial statements of Central China Real Estate Limited for the year ended 31 December 2021.

A letter from the board of directors of Central China Real Estate Limited is set out on pages 6 to 11 of this circular. A notice convening the annual general meeting of Central China Real Estate Limited for the year ended 31 December 2021 to be held at 7701B-7702A, Level 77, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 31 May 2022 at 3:00 p.m. is set out on pages 19 to 24 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the annual general meeting is enclosed with this circular and is also published on the websites of Central China Real Estate Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Whether or not you are able to attend the annual general meeting, please complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to Central China Real Estate Limited's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

As set out in the section headed "Special Arrangements for the AGM" of this circular, the AGM will be a hybrid meeting. The Company strongly encourages Shareholders to exercise their rights to attend and vote at the AGM by electronic facilities.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE AGM

Please see pages 1 of this circular for precautionary measures being taken to prevent and control the spread of the novel coronavirus at the AGM, including:

- compulsory body temperature checks and health declarations
- wearing of surgical face masks
- no refreshment will be served
- no souvenirs will be distributed

Any person who does not comply with the above precautionary measures may be denied entry into the AGM venue. The Company will require all attendees to wear surgical face masks before they are permitted to attend, and during their attendance of the AGM at all times, and reminds the Shareholders that they may appoint the chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the AGM or to attend and vote at the AGM electronically as an alternative to attending the AGM in person.

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#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE AGM

In view of the ongoing novel coronavirus epidemic and recent guidelines for prevention and control of its spread, the Company will implement the following precautionary measures at the AGM to protect the Shareholders, staff and other stakeholders who attend the AGM from the risk of infection:

- i. compulsory body temperature checks will be conducted on every Shareholder, proxy and other attendee at the entrance of the AGM venue. Any person with a body temperature of over 37.4 degrees Celsius may be denied entry into the AGM venue or be required to leave the AGM venue;
- ii. the Company will require all attendees to wear surgical face masks before they are permitted to attend, and during their attendance of the AGM at all times, and to maintain a safe distance between seats;
- iii. no refreshment will be served at the AGM; and
- iv. no souvenirs will be distributed at the AGM.

Any person who does not comply with above requirements may be denied entry into the AGM venue or be required to leave the AGM venue. To the extent permitted under law, the Company reserves the right to deny entry into the AGM venue or require any person to leave the AGM venue in order to ensure the safety of other attendees at the AGM. In our case, denied entry to the AGM venue also means that person will not be allowed to attend the AGM.

In the interest of all stakeholders' health and safety and in accordance with recent guidelines for prevention and control of the spread of novel coronavirus, the Company reminds all Shareholders that physical attendance in person at the AGM is not necessary for the purpose of exercising voting rights. As an alternative, the Shareholders may complete the proxy forms and appoint the chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the AGM or to attend and vote at the AGM electronically instead of attending the AGM in person.

The proxy forms were despatched to the Shareholders together with this circular, and can otherwise be downloaded from the websites of the Company at www.jianye.com.cn or the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk. If you are not a registered Shareholder (i.e. if your Shares are held via banks, brokers, custodians or Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited), you should consult directly with your banks, brokers or custodians (as the case may be) to assist you in the appointment of proxy.

#### SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AGM

The Company does not in any way wish to diminish the opportunity available to Shareholders to exercise their rights and to vote, but is conscious of the need to protect AGM attendees from possible exposure to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the health and safety of AGM attendees, the Company would be adapting the arrangements for the AGM to minimise attendance in person, while still enabling Shareholders to vote and ask questions. Details of the special arrangements for the AGM are set out below.

#### ATTENDING THE AGM BY MEANS OF ELECTRONIC FACILITIES

The AGM will be a hybrid meeting. The Company strongly encourages Shareholders to attend, participate and vote at the AGM through online access by visiting the website – http://meetings.computershare.com/CCRE2022AGM (the "Online Platform"). Shareholders participating in the AGM using the Online Platform will also be counted towards the quorum and they will be able to cast their vote and submit questions through the Online Platform.

The Online Platform permits a "split vote" on a resolution, in other words, a Shareholder casting his/her/its votes through the Online Platform does not have to vote all of his/her/its shares in the same way ("For" or "Against"). In the case of a proxy, he/she can vote such number of shares in respect of which he/she has been appointed as a proxy. Votes cast through the Online Platform are irrevocable once the voting session at the AGM ends.

The Online Platform will be open for registered Shareholders and non-registered Shareholders (see below for login details and arrangements) to log in approximately 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the AGM and can be accessed from any location with internet connection by a smart phone, tablet device or computer. Shareholders should allow ample time to check into the Online Platform to complete the related procedures. Please refer to the Online User Guide for the AGM at www.jianye.com.cn for assistance.

#### Login details for registered Shareholders

Details regarding the AGM arrangements including login details to access the Online Platform are included in the Company's notification letter to registered Shareholders sent together with this circular.

#### Login details for non-registered Shareholders

Non-registered Shareholders who wish to attend, participate and vote at the AGM using the Online Platform should:

(1) contact and instruct their banks, brokers, custodians, nominees or HKSCC Nominees Limited through which their shares are held (together, the "Intermediary") to appoint themselves as proxy or corporate representative to attend the AGM; and

#### SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AGM

(2) provide their email address to their Intermediary before the time limit required by the relevant Intermediary.

Details regarding the AGM arrangements including login details to access the Online Platform will be sent by the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, to the email address of the nonregistered Shareholders provided by the Intermediary. Any non-registered Shareholder who has provided an email address through the relevant Intermediary for this purpose but has not received the login details by email by 12:00 noon on Monday, 30 May 2022 should reach out to the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company for assistance. Without the login details, non-registered Shareholders will not be able to participate and vote using the Online Platform. Non-registered Shareholders should therefore give clear and specific instructions to their Intermediary in respect of both (1) and (2) above.

#### Login details for proxies or corporate representatives

Details regarding the AGM arrangements including login details to access the Online Platform will be sent by the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, to the email address of the proxies provided to it in the relevant proxy forms.

Registered and non-registered Shareholders should note that only one device is allowed in respect of each set of login details. Please also keep the login details in safe custody for use at the AGM and do not disclose them to anyone else. Neither the Company nor its agents assume any obligation or liability whatsoever in connection with the transmission of the login details or any use of the login details for voting or otherwise.

If you have any questions relating to the AGM, please contact the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, via the following:

Address : Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East,

Wanchai, Hong Kong

Website : www.computershare.com/hk/contact

Telephone : +852 2862 8555 Fax : +852 2865 0990

#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at

7701B-7702A, Level 77, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 31 May 2022 at 3:00 p.m., or any adjournment thereof to consider and, if thought fit, approve matters set forth in this

circular

"AGM Notice" the notice of the AGM which is set out on pages 19 to 24 of

this circular

"Board" The board of Directors

"Company" Central China Real Estate Limited(建業地產股份有限公

司\*), an exempted company incorporated on 15 November 2007 under the laws of the Cayman Islands with limited liability, whose Shares are listed on the Main Board of the

Stock Exchange

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

"Issue Mandate" a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors

to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares with a nominal amount not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the AGM, as described in the ordinary

resolution no. 4(A) in the AGM Notice

"Joy Bright" Joy Bright Investments Limited (恩輝投資有限公司), a

limited liability company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and wholly-owned by Mr. Wu Po Sum, the chairman

of the Board and an executive Director

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Latest Practicable Date" 20 April 2022, being the latest practicable date prior to the

printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information

contained herein

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

Exchange

"PRC" the People's Republic of China

"Remuneration Committee" the remuneration committee of the Company

"Repurchase Mandate" a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors

to empower the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase the Shares with a nominal amount not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the AGM, as described in the ordinary resolution no. 4(B) in

the AGM Notice

"Scrip Dividend Scheme" the scrip dividend scheme proposed by the Board and

announced in the results announcement of the Company on 28 March 2022 which will give an option to elect to receive the final dividend all in new Shares or partly in new Shares

and partly in cash or all in cash

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

Laws of Hong Kong)

"Shares" ordinary share(s) with a nominal value of HK\$0.10 each in

the share capital of the Company

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

"Stock Exchange" the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeover Code" the Codes on Takeovers and mergers, as amended,

supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time

"%" per cent



# 建業地產股份有限公司\*

## **Central China Real Estate Limited**

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 0832)

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Mr. Wang Jun

Non-executive Directors:

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Ms. Wu Wallis (alias Li Hua)

Ms. Chen Ying

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26 April, 2022

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES
TO REPURCHASE SHARES AND ISSUE SHARES;
PROPOSED DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND, THE SCRIP DIVIDEND
SCHEME AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS
PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;
PROPOSED RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR
AND

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide the Shareholders with information reasonably necessary to enable the Shareholders to consider, and if thought fit, approve, among other things, the following resolutions to be proposed at the AGM:

- (a) the granting of the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors for repurchase of the Shares of the Company;
- \* For identification purpose only

- (b) the granting of the Issue Mandate (and the extension thereof) to the Directors to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares;
- (c) the declaration of the final dividend and the proposed Scrip Dividend Scheme;
- (d) the re-election of the retiring Directors; and
- (e) the re-appointment of the Company's auditor.

#### REPURCHASE MANDATE

Pursuant to the resolutions passed by the Shareholders at the 2021 AGM, a general mandate was granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase the Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. Therefore, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM for the Shareholders to consider and, if thought fit, grant the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase the Shares not exceeding 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of such resolution at the AGM. Details of the Repurchase Mandate are set out in the ordinary resolution no. 4(B) in the AGM Notice.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 2,964,116,120 Shares. Assuming that there is no change in the issued share capital of the Company during the period between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of passing of the resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate at the AGM, the maximum number of Shares which may be repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate will be 296,411,612 Shares.

An explanatory statement, as required under the Listing Rules to provide the requisite information in connection with the Repurchase Mandate, is set out in Appendix I to this circular. The Repurchase Mandate will continue in force until the earlier of (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 to be convened under the Articles of Association or any applicable law(s); or (iii) the date on which the authority given under the ordinary resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders.

#### ISSUE MANDATE

Pursuant to the resolutions passed by all the Shareholders at the 2021 AGM, a general mandate was granted to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. Therefore, two ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the AGM for the Shareholders to consider and, if thought fit, grant the Issue Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of such resolution at the AGM, and an extension of the Issue Mandate by adding to it the number of Shares repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate. Details of the Issue Mandate and its extension are set out in the ordinary resolution nos. 4(A) and 4(C), respectively, in the AGM Notice.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 2,964,116,120 Shares. Assuming that there is no change in the issued share capital of the Company during the period between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of passing of the resolution approving the Issue Mandate at the AGM, the maximum number of Shares which may be issued pursuant to the Issue Mandate as at the date of passing of the resolution approving the Issue Mandate will be 592,823,224 Shares.

The Issue Mandate and its extension will continue in force until the earlier of (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 to be convened under the Articles of Association or any applicable law(s); or (iii) the date on which the authority given under the ordinary resolution approving the Issue Mandate and its extension is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders.

# DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND, SCRIP DIVIDEND SCHEME AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

In the results announcement of the Company dated 28 March 2022, the Board intended to recommend a final dividend of HK\$2.70 cents (equivalent to RMB2.21 cents) per share for the year ended 31 December 2021 to Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company as at the close of business on 7 June 2022, subject to the approval of the Shareholders at the AGM and compliance with the Companies Act.

Under the Scrip Dividend Scheme, the final dividend will be payable in cash and Shareholders will be given an option to elect to receive the final dividend all in new Shares or partly in new Shares and partly in cash or all in cash. The new Shares will, on issue, rank pari passu in all respects with the existing Shares in issue on the date of allotment and issue of the new Shares except that they shall not be entitled to the proposed final dividend. A circular giving full details of the Scrip Dividend Scheme together with the relevant form of election will be sent to eligible Shareholders on or around 20 June 2022. It is expected that the final dividend warrants and certificates for the new Shares will be despatched to eligible Shareholders at their own risk on or around 15 July 2022.

The Scrip Dividend Scheme is conditional upon the passing of the resolution relating to the payment of the Dividend at the AGM and the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting the listing of, and permission to deal in, the new Shares to be issued under the Scrip Dividend Scheme.

Under Section 34(2) of the Companies Act, the share premium account may be applied by the company paying dividends to shareholders provided that no dividend may be paid to members out of the share premium account unless, immediately following the date on which the dividend is proposed to be paid, the company shall be able to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business. Profit attributable to shareholders, before dividends, of RMB604,914,000 (2020: RMB1,801,508,000) have been transferred to reserves. The Board also confirms that the Company meets the solvency test as laid down under the Companies Act and shall be able to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business immediately following the date on which the Dividend is proposed to be paid.

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

- (1) from 26 May 2022 to 31 May 2022, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered for the purpose of ascertaining the Shareholders entitled to attend and vote at the AGM; and
- (2) from 8 June 2022 to 9 June 2022, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered for the purpose of ascertaining the Shareholders entitled to the Dividend to be approved at the AGM.

All completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on 25 May 2022 and 7 June 2022 respectively.

#### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to Article 87 of the Articles of Association, at every annual general meeting of the Company, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. Mr. Wu Po Sum, Mr. Lim Ming Yan and Dr. Sun Yuyang, therefore, will retire from their offices at the AGM, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Particulars of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### **AGM**

The AGM Notice is set out on page 19 to 24 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular and is also published on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange. Whether or not you intend to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting on the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company must be taken by way of poll. Accordingly, the resolutions to be considered and, if thought fit, approved at the AGM will be voted by way of a poll by the Shareholders.

#### 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 the 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.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the re-election of the retiring Directors, the grant of the Repurchase Mandate and the Issue Mandate (and the extension thereof) and the declaration of the final dividend with the scrip dividend option are all in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend all Shareholders to vote in favour of all the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

Yours faithfully,
By Order of the Board

Central China Real Estate Limited

Wu Po Sum

Chairman

#### APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON REPURCHASE MANDATE

This Appendix I serves as an explanatory statement, as required by Rule 10.06(1)(b) of the Listing Rules, to provide the requisite information to you to enable you to make an informed decision as to whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolution to be proposed at the AGM in relation to the proposed granting of the Repurchase Mandate.

#### PROVISIONS OF THE LISTING RULES

The Listing Rules permit companies whose primary listing is on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their securities on the Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions, the most important of which are summarised below.

#### EXERCISE OF THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company was HK\$296,411,612 comprising 2,964,116,120 Shares. Subject to the passing of the resolution approving the granting of the proposed Repurchase Mandate at the AGM and on the basis that no further Shares are issued and/or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of passing of the resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate, exercise in full of the Repurchase Mandate could result in up to 296,411,612 Shares, representing 10% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of such resolution, being repurchased by the Company during the period from the date of passing the resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate until the earlier 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 to be convened under the Articles of Association or any applicable laws; or (iii) the date on which the authority given under the ordinary resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders.

#### REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders to seek the Repurchase Mandate from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase its Shares on the Stock Exchange. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and the Shareholders. The timing of such repurchases, the number of Shares to be repurchased, the repurchase price and other terms upon which the Shares are repurchased will be decided by the Directors at the relevant time having regard to the prevailing circumstances.

#### **FUNDING OF REPURCHASES**

Repurchases of Shares will be financed out of funds legally available for the purpose and in accordance with the Articles of Association, the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and the Listing Rules. The Company may not repurchase the Shares for a consideration other than cash or for settlement otherwise than in accordance with the trading rules of the Stock Exchange from time to time. Subject to the foregoing, the Company may make repurchases with funds which would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or out of an issue of new Shares for the purpose of the repurchase.

The Directors have no present intention to repurchase any Shares and they would only exercise the power to repurchase in circumstances where they consider that the repurchase would be in the best interests of the Company. The Directors consider that if the Repurchase Mandate were to be exercised in full at the current prevailing market value, it might have a material adverse impact on the working capital and the gearing levels of the Company, as compared with the positions disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as at 31 December 2021, being the date to which the latest published audited consolidated financial statements of the Company were made up. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase Shares to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, result in 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.

#### UNDERTAKING

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the memorandum and the Articles of Association of the Company and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their associates currently intends to sell the Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

No core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) has notified the Company that he or she or it has a present intention to sell his or her or its Shares to the Company, nor has he or she or it undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Company is authorised to make purchases of the Shares.

#### EFFECTS OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE

If, as a result of a repurchase of Shares, 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. 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 interest of the Shareholder(s), could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become(s) obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had 2,964,116,120 Shares in issue. According to the register kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO, Mr. Wu Po Sum was interested in 2,078,036,867 Shares held via Joy Bright, representing approximately 70.04% of the issued share capital of the Company.

On the assumption that the issued share capital of the Company remains the same, in the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares under the Repurchase Mandate, the shareholding of Mr. Wu Po Sum in the Company would be increased from approximately 70.04% to approximately 80.11% of the issued share capital of the Company. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors, the increase in the shareholding of Mr. Wu Po Sum as a result of the exercise in full of the Repurchase Mandate would not give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors have no present intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent which would otherwise result in the number of Shares being held by the public falling below the minimum requirement as prescribed by the Stock Exchange, which is currently 25% of the entire issued share capital of the Company.

#### SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

During the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date, there was no repurchase of its Shares made by the Company (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

#### APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON REPURCHASE MANDATE

#### **SHARE PRICES**

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have been traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the previous twelve months prior to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	<b>Share Prices (per Share)</b>	
Month	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2021		
April	2.230	1.812
May	2.290	1.900
June	2.110	1.910
July	1.990	1.690
August	1.930	1.750
September	1.910	1.490
October	1.480	1.150
November	1.170	0.980
December	1.090	0.840
2022		
January	0.920	0.800
February	0.920	0.640
March	0.840	0.530
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.860	0.730

The following sets out the details of the Directors who will retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the AGM pursuant to the Articles of Association:

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Wu Po Sum (formerly known as Hua Jianming), aged 71, is an executive Director, the chairman of the Board and the founder of the Group. He is also a director of a number of subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Wu is responsible for formulating development strategies, making decisions on investment projects and determining development directions of the Group. He graduated from Zhengzhou University majoring in English in 1979 and completed the CEO Program in China Europe International Business School on 27 March 2005. Mr. Wu is the father of Ms. Wu Wallis (alias Li Hua), a non-executive Director.

Mr. Wu has over 29 years of experience in real estate development and investment. He started his career with China Textile Import and Export Corporation Henan Branch in 1979. From 1982 to 1985, Mr. Wu was sent by the Department of Foreign Trade of Henan Province to work in Hong Kong. From 1985 to 1986, he was the assistant general manager of Central China International Economic Trade Company Limited ("CCIET"). From 1986 to 1988, Mr. Wu worked as the president and the general manager in Guoguang Industrial Company Limited, a subsidiary of CCIET. From 1988 to 1991, Mr. Wu served as the assistant general manager and the general manager in Central China International (Group) Limited and Central China Overseas Development Company Limited, respectively. He then entered the PRC real estate market in May 1992, when he laid the foundation for the Group and established the "Jianye" ("建業") brand name.

In 2011, based on his recognition of the traditional Chinese cultural value of "enlightening the world with studies of humanism", he personally initiated the establishment of Benyuan Humanity Education Foundation (本源人文公益基金) in Henan to promote the humanities education of China. In addition to financing an amount of RMB23 million for building the Children's Library of Henan Province in 2013, the Foundation has also donated Benyuan Community College, Benyuan Village Library and Benyuan Youngster Cultivation in the daily operations as its core public welfare projects, aiming to popularizing and promoting liberal education in urban communities, rural areas and universities. The aforementioned projects have gained wide social recognition and reputation and become a model for the construction of modern academies, which has aroused widespread concern among public welfare, traditional culture and education circles. In late 2016, in order to give back to his Alma Mater and boost the development of higher education in Henan Province, Mr. Wu Po Sum offered a ten-year donation totaling RMB100 million to the Education Development Foundation of Zhengzhou University.

In 2017, Mr. Wu was invited to the selection of Golden Sunlight Public Welfare Awards of Henan Daily and was awarded the "Meritorious Person of the First (2017) Central China Social Responsibility" prize. Besides, the Benyuan Humanity Education Foundation in Henan sponsored by him was awarded the "Outstanding Nonprofit Organization of First (2017) Central China Social Responsibility".

Mr. Wu Po Sum received various awards in 2018. He was appointed as the "Deputy Director of the Advisory Committee of Industry and Commerce Association of Henan Province (河南省工商聯諮詢委員會副主席)", received the "Outstanding Contribution Entrepreneur of Henan (河南卓越貢獻企業家)" award at the "40 Years of Reform and Opening up of Henan (河南省紀念改革開放40年)" event organised by Henan Daily, and was awarded the highest accolade of a leading entrepreneur in the real estate industry in Henan at the "40 Years of Reform and Opening up, Development of Central China (改革開放四十年中原城市大發展)" by Henan Province Real Estate Business Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Wu Po Sum also received the "Golden Camel Award" granted by the SEE Foundation for his active contribution in promoting projects concerning environmental protection.

Mr. Wu has an interest in the shares of the Company, details of which are set out in the section headed "Appendix I Explanatory Statement on Repurchase Mandate – Effects of the Takeovers Code".in this circular.

Lim Ming Yan, aged 59, is a non-executive Director. Having been worked for 22 years in CapitaLand Limited (Singapore Stock Code: C31), he took the post of president of CapitaLand Limited and chief executive officer of the Group from 2013 to 2018, and served as the chief operating officer from 2011 to 2012. He was also the chief executive officer of The Ascott Limited from 2009 to 2012, and chief executive officer of CapitaLand China Holdings Pte Ltd from 2000 to 2009.

During his tenure, Mr. Lim built CapitaLand Group into "One CapitaLand" and spearheaded rapid adoption of new technology within CapitaLand Group. As the chief executive officer of CapitaLand China, he developed the company into the largest and most successful foreign real estate player in China. Under his leadership and guidance, Ascott Group expanded four times from an enterprise with property portfolio of about 25,000 serviced residence units to that with over 100,000 units.

Mr. Lim serves in various committees in Singapore. He is the chairman of Workforce Singapore and a member of Future Economy Council in Singapore. He is also a board director of Business China, Singapore Press Holdings Ltd. Co. (Singapore Stock Code: T39) as well as Enterprise Singapore.

Mr. Lim has obtained a first class honours degree in Mechanical Engineering and Economics from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, and has completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.

Sun Yuyang, aged 66, is an independent non-executive Director. Dr. Sun obtained a master degree in law from Wuhan University in 1996 and a doctorate degree in economics from Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in 2001. Dr. Sun has extensive experience in securities market and venture investment management. Dr. Sun worked as the division head of Guizhou Economic Reform Commission, the deputy head of the Policy Inspection Bureau of the Policy Research Office under the Communist Party in Shenzhen, the deputy general manager of Shenzhen Securities Clearing Company and the first chief executive officer of Shenzhen Stock Exchange. Dr. Sun also served as the assistant general manager of Shum Yip Holdings Company Limited, the deputy general manager of Shum Yip Investment Limited, the chairman and chief executive officer of China High-tech Investment Management Co., Ltd (中國高新技術產業投資管理有限公司), the president of Penghua Fund Management Co., Ltd as well as the vice president and consultant of Guoxin Securities Co., Ltd. Dr. Sun is one of the first batch of managers engaged in venture investment in China with a wealth of investment management experience and risk control ability.



# **Central China Real Estate Limited**

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 0832)

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the shareholders of Central China Real Estate Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at 7701B-7702A, Level 77, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 31 May 2022 at 3:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- To consider and approve the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports
  of the directors of the Company (the "Directors" and each a "Director") and the
  independent auditors for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.
- 2. (A) To re-elect Mr. Wu Po Sum as an executive Director.
  - (B) To re-elect Mr. Lim Ming Yan as a non-executive Director.
  - (C) To re-elect Dr. Sun Yuyang as an independent non-executive Director.
  - (D) To authorise the board (the "**Board**") of Directors to fix the remuneration of the respective Directors.
- 3. To re-appoint KPMG as the Company's auditor and authorise the Board to fix their remuneration for the year ending 31 December 2022.

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purpose only

4. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### A. "THAT:

- i. subject to paragraph (iii) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements, options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) and rights of exchange or conversion which might require the exercise of such powers, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") (as amended from time to time) (the "Listing Rules"), be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- ii. the approval in paragraph (i) above shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements, options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) and rights of exchange or conversion which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- iii. the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval granted in paragraph (i) above, otherwise than pursuant to (a) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined), or (b) 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, or (c) an issue of Shares upon the exercise of the subscription rights attaching to any warrants which may be issued by the Company; or (d) an issue of Shares as scrip dividend or similar arrangement in accordance with the memorandum and articles of association of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

iv. for the purpose of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the date of passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- a. the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- b. 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; or
- c. the date on which the authority sets out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of Shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to Shareholders on the register of members 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 may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any legal restrictions under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction, or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange, in any territory outside Hong Kong, applicable to the Company)."

#### B. "THAT:

- i. subject to paragraph (ii) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period of all powers of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire shares in the capital of the Company on the Stock Exchange or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognised by the Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC") for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of the SFC, the Stock Exchange or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time and all applicable laws in this regard, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- ii. the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company which are authorised to be purchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (i) above shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- iii. for the purpose of this resolution: "Relevant Period" means the period from the date of passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - a. the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - b. 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; or
  - c. the date on which the authority sets out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting."

#### C. "THAT:

conditional upon the passing of the resolutions set out in paragraphs 4(A) and 4(B) of the notice convening this meeting, the general mandate granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with shares of the Company pursuant to the resolution set out in paragraph 4(A) of the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto an amount of shares representing the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company pursuant to the authority granted to the directors of the Company under the resolution set out in paragraph 4(B) above, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution."

5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass (with or without modifications) the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

#### "THAT:

the payment of a final dividend, with an option for scrip dividend, of HK\$2.70 cents (equivalent to RMB2.21 cents) per share for the year ended 31 December 2021 to Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company as at the close of business on 9 June 2022 be and is hereby approved."

By Order of the Board

Central China Real Estate Limited

Wu Po Sum

Chairman

Hong Kong, 26 April 2022

Notes:

(a) The register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 26 May 2022 to Tuesday, 31 May 2022 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares in the Company can be registered. In order to qualify for attending the Meeting, all properly completed share transfer forms, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 25 May 2022.

- (b) Any shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote on his or her behalf. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. To be valid, a form of proxy in the prescribed form together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority, must be deposited with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the Meeting or any adjourned meeting.
- (c) Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a member of the Company from attending and voting at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof if he/she so desires and, in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to have been revoked.
- (d) Where there are joint registered holders of any share(s), any one of such persons may vote at the meeting, either through online platform or by proxy, in respect of such share(s) as if he/she is solely entitled to, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the meeting through online platform that only one device is allowed per login or by proxy.
- (e) The Board has recommended a final dividend of HK\$2.70 cents per Share for the year ended 31 December 2021. Subject to the Shareholders' approval on the payment of the final dividend at the Meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed for the purpose of determining the identity of members who are entitled to receive the said final dividend on Wednesday, 8 June 2022 to Thursday, 9 June 2022 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all properly completed share transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June 2022.
- (f) In relation to proposed resolutions numbered 2(A) to (C) above, Mr. Wu Bo Sum, Mr. Lim Ming Yan and Dr. Sun Yuyang will retire from their offices as Directors at the Meeting and, being eligible, they will offer themselves for re-election. Particulars of the retiring Directors to be offered for re-election are set out in Appendix II to the circular.
- (g) In relation to proposed resolutions numbered 4(A) and 4(C) above, approval is being sought from the shareholders for the granting to the Directors of a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of shares under the Listing Rules. The Board has no immediate plans to issue any new shares which may fall to be issued under the share option scheme of the Company or any scrip dividend scheme which may be approved by shareholders.
- (h) In relation to proposed resolution numbered 4(B) above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to repurchase shares of the Company in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the shareholders of the Company. An explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable the shareholders of the Company to make an informed decision to vote on the proposed resolution as required by the Listing Rules are set out in Appendix I to the circular.