

Registration No. 196801000439 (8024-W)

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Fifth Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad ("Company") will be held at Wau Bulan 2, Level 2, Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara, No. 6, Jalan Damanlela, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday, 29 October 2024 at 2.30 p.m. in order:

- To lay before the meeting the audited financial statements together with the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.
- To approve the payment of Director Fees of RM235,000 for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, to be divided amongst the Directors in such manner as the Directors may determine and Directors' Other Benefits of up to an amount of RM200,000 from the 55th AGM to the 56th AGM of the Company.

(Resolution 1)

- To re-elect the following Directors pursuant to the Company's Constitution:
  - (a) Mr Tan Kong Khoon
  - Mr Ho Heng Chuan To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers PLT as Auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration

(Resolution 2) (Resolution 3) (Resolution 4)

### SPECIAL BUSINESS

As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following motions as resolutions:

- **Ordinary Resolution** 
  - Authority to Directors to Allot Shares
  - Waiver of Pre-emptive Rights over New Ordinary Shares ("Shares") or Other Convertible Securities in the Company under Section 85(1) of the Companies Act 2016 ("Act") read together with Clause 50 of the Constitution of the Company

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"THAT subject to the Act, the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") ["MMLR"], the Company's Constitution and approval of the relevant governmental regulatory authorities, if required, the Directors be and are hereby empowered pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Act to issue and allot new Shares in the Company, grant rights to subscribe for Shares in the Company, convert any security into Shares in the Company, or allot Shares under an agreement or option or offer at any time and from time to time, and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, deem fit, to any persons who are not caught by Paragraph 6.04(c) of the MMLR, provided that the aggregate number of Shares issued and allotted, to be subscribed under any rights granted, to be issued from conversion of any security, or to be issued and allotted under an agreement or option or offer, pursuant to this resolution does not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares) of the Company for the time being and that the Directors be and are also empowered to obtain approval for the listing of and quotation for the additional Shares (excluding treasury shares) of the Company for the time being and that the Directors be and are also empowered to obtain approval for the listing of and quotation for the additional Shares so allotted on Bursa Securities and that such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company.

AND THAT in connection with the above, pursuant to Section 85(1) of the Act read together with Clause 50 of the Constitution of the Company, the shareholders of the Company do hereby waive their pre-emptive rights over all new Shares, options over or grants of new Shares or any other convertible securities in the Company and/or any new Shares to be issued pursuant to such options, grants or other convertible securities, such new Shares when issued, to rank pari passu with the existing Shares in the Company."

(Resolution 5)

#### **Ordinary Resolution**

Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for Recurrent Related Party Transactions of a Revenue or Trading Nature with Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad ("HLCM"), GuoLine Capital Assets Limited ("GCA") and Persons Connected with them

"THAT approals be and is hereby given for the Company and/or its subsidiaries (excluding Hong Leong Bank Berhad and Hong Leong Capital Berhad and their respective subsidiaries) to enter into any of the transactions falling within the types of recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature as disclosed in Section 2.3(A) and (C) of the Company's Circular to Shareholders dated 30 September 2024 ("the Circular") with HLCM, GCA and persons connected with them ("Hong Leong Group"), as set out in Appendix II of the Circular provided that such transactions are undertaken in the ordinary course of business, on arms length basis and on commercial terms which are not more favourable to Hong Leong Group than those generally available to and/or from the public and are not, in the Company's opinion, detrimental to the minority shareholders;

AND THAT such approval shall continue to be in force until:

- the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company at which time it will lapse, unless by a resolution passed at the meeting, the authority is renewed; or
- the expiration of the period within which the next AGM of the Company after that date is required to be held pursuant to Section 340(2) of the Companies Act 2016 (but shall not extend to such extension as may be allowed pursuant to Section 340(4) of the Companies Act 2016); or
- revoked or varied by resolution passed by the shareholders in general meeting,

whichever is the earlier;

AND THAT the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to complete and to do all such acts and things (including executing all such documents as may be required) as they may consider expedient or necessary to give effect to the transactions contemplated and/or authorised by this ordinary resolution."

(Resolution 6)

#### **Ordinary Resolution**

posed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for Recurrent Related Party Transactions of a Revenue or Trading Nature with Tower Real Estate Investment Trust ("To

THAT approval be and is hereby given for the Company and/or its subsidiaries (excluding Hong Leong Bank Berhad and Hong Leong Capital Berhad and their respective subsidiaries) to enter into any of the transactions falling within the types of recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature as disclosed in Section 2.3(B) of the Company's Circular to Shareholders dated 30 September 2024 with Tower REIT provided that such transactions are undertaken in the ordinary course of business on arms length basis and on commercial terms which are not more favourable to Tower REIT than those generally available to and/or from the public and are not, in the Company's opinion, detrimental to the minority shareholders;

AND THAT such approval shall continue to be in force until:

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AND THAT the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to complete and to do all such acts and things (including executing all such documents as may be required) as they may consider expedient or necessary to give effect to the transactions contemplated and/or authorised by this ordinary resolution."

To consider any other business of which due notice shall have been given.

By Order of the Board

JACK LEE TIONG JIE (MAICSA 7060133) (SSM PC No. 202008001704) Group Company Secretary

Kuala Lumpur 30 September 2024

# NOTES:

- For the purpose of determining members' eligibility to attend this meeting, only members whose names appear in the Record of Depositors as at 21 October 2024 shall be entitled to attend this meeting or appoint proxy(ies) to attend and vote on their behalf.
- Save for a member who is an exempt authorised nominee, a member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint not more than two (2) proxies to attend, participate, speak and vote in his stead. A proxy may but need not be a member of the Company. A member who is an authorised nominee may appoint not more than two (2) proxies in respect of each securities account it holds. A member who is an exempt authorised nominee for multiple beneficial owners in one securities account. "Omanibus Account" may appoint any number of proxies in respect of each securities account it holds. A member who is an exempt authorised nominee for multiple beneficial owners in one securities account. "Omanibus Account" may appoint any number of proxies in respect of each securities account.

  Where two (2) or more proxies are appointed, the proportion of shareholdings to be represented by each proxy must be specified in the instrument appointing the proxies, failing which the appointments shall be invalid.
- The Form of Proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at Level 30, Menara Hong Leong, No. 6, Jalan Damanlela, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur or lodged electronically via email at cosec-hlfg@hongleong.com.my, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting.
- Pursuant to Paragraph 8.29A(1) of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities, all the resolutions set out in this Notice will be put to a vote by way of a poll.

# **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### Resolution 1 on Director Fees and Other Benefits

- Director Fees of RM935,000 are inclusive of Board Committee Fees of RM215,000 and Meeting Allowance of RM120,000.
- Directors' Other Benefits refer to Directors' & Officers' Liability Insurance coverage based on premium paid/payable, and Directors' training benefits of up to RM110,000 as well as Chairman's car benefits of up to RM90,000.

## Resolutions 2 and 3 on Re-election of Directors

The Board, on the recommendation of the Nomination Committee ("NC") of the Company, supports the re-election of the retiring Directors. The NC had reviewed the results of the Board Annual Assessment conducted for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 and noted that the retiring Directors have effectively discharged their duties and responsibilities. The NC had also conducted assessments on the fitness and propriety of Mr Tan Kong Khoon and Mr Ho Heng Chuan including the review of their Fit and Proper ("F&P") Declarations and results of their background checks, and was satisfied that they met the F&P Policy for Directors and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. In addition, the NC had assessed the declaration made by Mr Ho Heng Chuan confirming that he fulfilled the Independent Director criteria as set out in the relevant regulatory requirements, and found it to be in order.

The retiring Directors had abstained from deliberations and decisions on their re-election at the NC and Board meetings, as applicable.

The profiles and details of the retiring Directors are set out in the Board of Directors' Profile section of the Company's 2024 Annual Report

## Resolution 5 on Authority to Directors to Allot Shares and Waiver of Pre-emptive Rights

Resolution 5 on Authority to Directors to Allot Shares and Waiver of Pre-emptive Rights
The proposed Ordinary Resolution, if passed, will renew the general mandate given to the Directors of the Company to allot ordinary shares ("Shares") of the Company from time to time and expand the mandate to grant rights to subscribe for Shares in the Company, convert any security into Shares in the Company, or allot Shares under an agreement or option or offer, provided that the aggregate number of Shares issued and allotted, to be subscribed under any rights granted, to be issued from conversion of any security, or to be issued and allotted under any agreement or option or offer, pursuant to this resolution does not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares) of the Company for the time being ("Renewed General Mandate"). In computing the aforesaid 10% limit, Shares issued or subscribed pursuant to the approval of shareholders in a general meeting where precise terms and conditions are approved shall not be counted. The Renewed General Mandate, unless revoked or varied at a general meeting, will expire at the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company.

As at the date of this Notice, no new Shares in the Company were issued and allotted pursuant to the general mandate given to the Directors at the last AGM held on 31 October 2023 and which will lapse at the conclusion of the 5% AGM. The Renewed General Mandate will enable the Directors to take swift action in case of, inter alia, a need for corporate exercises or in the event business opportunities or other circumstances arise or for compliance with regulatory requirements which involve the issuance and allotment of new Shares, grant of rights to subscribe for Shares, conversion of any security into Shares, or allotment of Shares under an agreement or option or offer, and to avoid delay and corp to no proprose tered to the same.

avoid delay and cost in convening general meetings to approve the same.

Pursuant to Section 85(1) of the Companies Act 2016 ("Act") read together with Clause 50 of the Constitution of the Company, shareholders have pre-emptive rights to be offered any new Shares in the Company which rank equally to the existing issued Shares or other convertible securities.

Section 85(1) of the Act provides as follows:

- "85. Pre-emptive rights to new shares
- (1) Subject to the constitution, where a company issues shares which rank equally to existing shares as to voting or distribution rights, those shares shall first be offered to the holders of existing shares in a manner which would, if the offer were accepted, maintain the relative voting and distribution rights of those shareholders."

  Clause 50 of the Constitution of the Company provides as follows:

Subject to any direction to the contrary that may be given by the Company in general meeting, all new shares or other convertible securities, shall, before issue, be offered to such persons as at the date of the offer are entitled to receive notices from the Company of general meetings in proportion as nearly as the circumstances admit, to the amount of the existing shares or securities to which they are entitled...

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Directors may recognise a renunciation of any share by the allottee thereof in favour of some other person."

In order for the Board to issue any new Shares or other convertible securities free of pre-emptive rights, such pre-emptive rights must be waived. The proposed Ordinary Resolution, if passed, will exclude your pre-emptive rights over all new Shares, options over or grant of new Shares or any other convertible securities in the Company and/or any new Shares to be issued pursuant to such options, grants or other convertible securities under the Authority to Directors to Allot Shares.

# Resolutions 6 and 7 on Recurrent Related Party Transactions of a Revenue or Trading Nature

The proposed Ordinary Resolutions, if passed, will empower the Company and its subsidiaries (excluding Hong Leong Bank Berhad and Hong Leong Capital Berhad and their respective subsidiaries) ("HLFG Group") to enter into recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature which are necessary for HLFG Group's day-to-day operations, subject to the transactions being in the ordinary course of business and on terms which are not more favourable to the related parties than those generally available to the public and are not, in the Company's opinion detrimental to the minority shareholders of the Company ("Proposed Shareholders' Mandate"). Detailed information on the Proposed Shareholders' Mandate is set out in the Circular to Shareholders dated 30 September 2024 which is available on the Company's corporate website (http://www.hlfg.com.my/agm2024).