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亞洲金融集團(控股)有限公司\*

ASIA FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability

(Stock Code: 662)

### PROPOSALS FOR RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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A notice convening the 2024 AGM of Asia Financial Holdings Limited to be held virtually by electronic means on Tuesday, 4 June 2024 at 12:00 noon is set out on pages 19 to 23 of this circular.

As set out in the section headed “GUIDANCE FOR THE 2024 AGM” of this circular, the 2024 AGM will be a virtual meeting using electronic system which allows Shareholders to participate and vote through the Online Platform. Whether you are able to attend the 2024 AGM, you are encouraged to complete the enclosed proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the completed proxy form 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, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, as soon as possible and in any event by 4:30 p.m. on 31 May 2024 (Hong Kong time), particulars please refer to note 3 of the Notice of Annual General Meeting. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting at the 2024 AGM through the Online Platform or any adjourned meeting thereof should you so wish.

#### SUMMARY OF GUIDANCE FOR THE 2024 AGM

**The 2024 AGM will be held as a virtual meeting using electronic system, such that Shareholders (or his/her proxy/corporate representative) will only be able to attend and vote by electronic means via the Online Platform and not be able to attend the 2024 AGM in person.**

Please see pages 1 to 3 of this circular for details of guidance for the 2024 AGM, including:

- Attendance
  - Login details for registered Shareholders
  - Login details for non-registered Shareholders
  - Login details for proxies or corporate representatives
  - Login details for new registered Shareholders
- Appointment of Proxy
- Voting
- Questions at the 2024 AGM

*In the event of any inconsistency, the English version of this circular shall prevail over the Chinese version.*

22 April 2024

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## **GUIDANCE FOR THE 2024 AGM**

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The 2024 AGM will be held virtually by electronic means while still enabling Shareholders to vote and raise questions online. Details of the guidance for the 2024 AGM are set out below. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms used in this section shall have the same meanings in the “Definitions” section on pages 4 and 5.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Both registered and non-registered Shareholders can attend, vote and raise questions at the 2024 AGM using the online platform. The Company strongly encourages Shareholders to attend, participate and vote at the 2024 AGM through online access by visiting the website – <https://meetings.computershare.com/afh2024AGM> (the “Online Platform”). Shareholders will be able to view a live webcast of the 2024 AGM using the Online Platform which can be accessed with internet connection by a smart phone, tablet device or computer. The Online Platform will be opened for log in 30 minutes before the commencement of the 2024 AGM. Shareholders should allow ample time to check into the Online Platform to complete the related procedures. A user guide for the Online Platform has been uploaded to “Online Platform User Guide etc for AGM” under “Investor Relations” on the home page of the Company’s website ([www.afh.hk](http://www.afh.hk)) for reference.

#### **Login details for registered Shareholders**

A notification letter containing the 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 registered Shareholders.

#### **Login details for non-registered Shareholders**

Non-registered Shareholders who wish to attend and vote at the 2024 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 proxies or corporate representatives to attend the 2024 AGM; and
- (2) provide their email addresses to their Intermediary before the time limit required by the relevant Intermediary.

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 non-registered 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, 3 June 2024 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.

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### **Login details for proxies or corporate representatives**

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 proxy provided in the returned proxy form.

For corporate shareholders who wish to attend the 2024 AGM, please call the service hotline of the Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at (852) 2862 8555 during business hours from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Hong Kong time) from Monday to Friday, excluding Hong Kong public holidays for arrangement.

### **Login details for new registered Shareholders**

For new registered Shareholders (who have registered after dispatch date of the documents but are still entitled to attend and vote at the 2024 AGM), login details can be obtained at request from the Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited with contact details below:

Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited  
17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong  
Telephone: (852) 2862 8555  
Facsimile: (852) 2865 0990  
Website: [www.computershare.com/hk/contact](http://www.computershare.com/hk/contact)

*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 2024 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.*

### **APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

Shareholders are encouraged to submit completed proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it 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 not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the 2024 AGM or any adjournment thereof. Return of a completed proxy form will not preclude Shareholders from attending and voting by means of electronic facilities at the 2024 AGM or any adjournment or postponement thereof should they subsequently so wish.

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## **GUIDANCE FOR THE 2024 AGM**

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### **VOTING**

The Online Platform permits a split vote on a resolution. A Shareholder (both registered and non-registered) entitled to more than one vote need not cast all of his/her/its votes or does not have to vote his/her/its Shares in the same way. In the case of a proxy, he/she can vote such number of Shares and in a way in respect of which he/she has been appointed as a proxy.

The Company encourages Shareholders to exercise their right to vote at the 2024 AGM by appointing the Chairman of the 2024 AGM as their proxy.

Where there are joint registered holders of any Share(s), any one of such persons (or his/her proxy) may vote at the 2024 AGM, through the Online Platform, in respect of such Share(s) as if he/she is solely entitled to, but if more than one of such joint holders (or his/her proxy) be present at the 2024 AGM through Online Platform that only one device is allowed per login.

### **QUESTIONS AT THE 2024 AGM**

Shareholders may submit questions during the 2024 AGM through the Online Platform. The Company will endeavor to respond to questions at the 2024 AGM. Due to time constraints, unanswered questions may be responded to after the 2024 AGM as appropriate.

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## DEFINITIONS

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

“2024 AGM”	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held virtually by electronic means on Tuesday, 4 June 2024 at 12:00 noon, to consider and, if appropriate, to approve the Resolutions or any adjournment thereof
“AGM Notice”	the notice of the 2024 AGM set out on pages 19 to 23 of this circular
“Asia Insurance”	Asia Insurance Company, Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
“Board”	the board of Directors of the Company
“Bye-laws”	the Bye-laws of the Company as may be amended from time to time
“close associate(s)”	has the meaning ascribed under the Listing Rules
“Company”	Asia Financial Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“controlling shareholder(s)”	has the meaning as ascribed under the Listing Rules
“core connected person(s)”	has the meaning as ascribed under the Listing Rules
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Hong Kong” or “HKSAR”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
“Latest Practicable Date”	16 April 2024, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information contained in this circular

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## DEFINITIONS

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“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Resolution(s)”	the ordinary resolution(s) to be proposed for consideration by Shareholders at the 2024 AGM as set out in the AGM Notice
“SFO”	Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
“Share(s)”	the ordinary share(s) of HK\$1.00 each in the share capital of the Company
“Shareholder(s)”	holder(s) of Shares
“Takeovers Code”	the Hong Kong Codes on Takeovers and Mergers
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“%”	per cent

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## LETTER FROM THE BOARD

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亞洲金融集團(控股)有限公司\*  
ASIA FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED  
Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability  
(Stock Code: 662)

***Executive Directors:***

CHAN Bernard Charnwut, *G.B.M., G.B.S., J.P.*  
(Chairman and President)  
TAN Stephen  
WONG Kok Ho

***Non-executive Directors:***

KAWAUCHI Yuji  
TATEGAMI Susumu

***Independent Non-executive Directors:***

AU YANG Chi Chun Evan  
NGAN Edith Manling  
LI Lu Jen Laurence

***Registered Office:***

Clarendon House  
Church Street  
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Bermuda

***Head Office and***

***Principal Place of Business:***

16th Floor  
Worldwide House  
19 Des Voeux Road Central  
Hong Kong

22 April 2024

*To the Shareholders*

Dear Shareholders,

**PROPOSALS FOR  
RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS,  
GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES  
AND  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding the proposals relating to the re-election of Directors, the granting of general mandates to issue Shares and repurchase Shares and to seek your approval of the proposed resolutions relating to these matters at the 2024 AGM.

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## LETTER FROM THE BOARD

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### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Mr. CHAN Bernard Charnwut (“Mr. Chan”), Mr. KAWAUCHI Yuji (“Mr. Kawauchi”) and Ms. NGAN Edith Manling (“Ms. Ngan”) will retire as Directors in accordance with Bye-law 84(1) of the Bye-laws.

All the retiring Directors namely Mr. Chan, Mr. Kawauchi and Ms. Ngan (collectively the “Retiring Directors”), being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the 2024 AGM. Details of Directors proposed to be re-elected at the 2024 AGM are set out in Appendix I to this circular.

The Nomination Committee reviewed the biography of the Retiring Directors and confirmed that they were satisfied with the character, integrity, qualification and experience of each of them. Based on the Board Diversity Policy adopted by the Company, the Nomination Committee considered that each of the Retiring Directors can contribute to the diversity of the Board.

The Board, having considered the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, is of the view that each of the Retiring Directors will continue to contribute to the Board with the deep understanding of the businesses of the Group, diversity of skills set and perspectives as well as devotion to the Group. As such, the Board recommended the Retiring Directors to be re-elected as Executive Director/Non-executive Director/Independent Non-executive Director, where applicable, by the Shareholders at the 2024 AGM of the Company.

In accordance with Bye-law 85 of the Bye-laws, if a Shareholder wishes to nominate a person to stand for election as a director at the 2024 AGM, notice of his/her intention to propose such person for election as a director and the notice executed by the nominated candidate of his/her willingness to be elected together with that candidate’s information as required to be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules which must be validly served to the Secretary of the Company at 16th Floor, Worldwide House, 19 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong during the period from 23 April 2024 to 2 May 2024 (both dates inclusive).

Details of the above mentioned Directors proposed for re-election at the 2024 AGM are set out in Appendix I to this circular. If a valid notice from a Shareholder to propose a person to stand for election as a director at the 2024 AGM is received in accordance with Bye-law 85, the Company will publish an announcement or issue and despatch a supplementary circular to inform Shareholders of the details of the candidate proposed.

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### GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 19 May 2023, approvals were given by the Shareholders for the granting of, inter alia, a general mandate to the Directors to issue Shares up to a maximum of 20% of the number of issued shares of the Company at the date of passing the relevant resolution and a general mandate to the Directors to repurchase Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the number of issued shares of the Company at the date of passing the relevant resolution. These general mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the 2024 AGM. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 929,062,000 Shares. On the basis that no further Shares will be issued prior to the 2024 AGM, the Directors would be authorised under the Share Issue Mandate (as defined below) to issue Shares up to a limit of 185,812,400 Shares.

Resolutions will therefore be proposed at the 2024 AGM to renew these general mandates. The relevant resolutions, in summary, are:

- to grant to the Directors a general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the number of Shares in issue as at the date of the resolution for the period until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (or such earlier period as stated in the resolution) (the “Share Issue Mandate”);
- to grant to the Directors a general and unconditional mandate to exercise all the powers of the Company to repurchase an amount of Shares not exceeding 10% of the number of Shares in issue as at the date of the resolution for the period until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (or such earlier period as stated in the resolution) (the “Share Repurchase Mandate”); and
- conditional upon the passing of the Resolutions to grant the Share Issue Mandate and the Share Repurchase Mandate, to extend the Share Issue Mandate by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate number of Shares repurchased by the Company under the authority given pursuant to the Share Repurchase Mandate, provided that such extended amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of Shares in issue at the date of the resolution.

The Directors believe that the relevant mandates afford the Directors the flexibility and discretion when the Directors consider it desirable to issue and allot or repurchase Shares.

An explanatory statement as required by the Listing Rules to be sent to the Shareholders in connection with the proposed Share Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular. The explanatory statement contains information reasonably necessary to enable the Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the relevant Resolution at the 2024 AGM.

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM Notice is set out on pages 19 to 23 of this circular. A proxy form for use at the 2024 AGM is enclosed with this circular. If you are unable to attend or vote at the 2024 AGM, you are requested to complete the enclosed proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the completed proxy form 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, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, as soon as possible and in any event by 4:30 p.m. on 31 May 2024 (Hong Kong time), particulars please refer to note 3 of the Notice of Annual General Meeting. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting at the 2024 AGM through the Online Platform or any adjourned meeting thereof should you so wish.

### VOTING BY POLL

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of Shareholders at a general meeting (including the 2024 AGM) must be taken by poll. The Chairman of the 2024 AGM will demand, pursuant to Bye-law 66(1) of the Bye-laws, that all Resolutions set out in the AGM Notice be decided by poll.

After the conclusion of the 2024 AGM, the poll results will be published on the HKEXnews website ([www.hkexnews.hk](http://www.hkexnews.hk)) and the Company's website ([www.afh.hk](http://www.afh.hk)).

### RECOMMENDATION

Having considered the reasons set out herein, the Directors consider that the proposed resolutions as set out in the AGM Notice (including the re-election of Directors and granting to the Directors the Share Issue Mandate and the Share Repurchase Mandate) are all in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and accordingly, recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all such resolutions at the 2024 AGM.

Yours faithfully,  
For and on behalf of the Board  
**CHAN Bernard Charnwut**  
*Chairman and President*

*Details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the 2024 AGM are set out below:*

**Mr. CHAN Bernard Charnwut** (former name: CHAN Chi Sze Bernard), *G.B.M., G.B.S., J.P.*, aged 59, has been an executive director of the Company since March 1997 and became President of the Company in March 2005, and appointed as Chairman of the Company since April 2022. He also serves as a member of the remuneration committee, the nomination committee, the compliance committee and the risk committee of the Company. Mr. Chan holds directorships in most of the subsidiaries of the Company. He has been an executive director of Asia Insurance Company, Limited (“Asia Insurance”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, since July 1990 and became Chairman of Asia Insurance in February 2020. He also serves as a member of the audit committee and the risk committee of Asia Insurance. Mr. Chan is also the Chairman of AFH Charitable Foundation Limited. He graduated from Pomona College in California, U.S.A. Mr. Chan is an independent non-executive director of Yau Lee Holdings Limited, Chen Hsong Holdings Limited, China Resources Beer (Holdings) Company Limited, Cathay Pacific Airways Limited and CLP Holdings Limited, all of which are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Mr. Chan is a director of Bumrungrad Hospital Public Company Limited, which is a company listed in Thailand. He is currently the Chairman of M Plus Museum Limited and Hong Kong-Thailand Business Council, the Chairman of Our Hong Kong Foundation, the Chairperson of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service, a Trustee Emeritus of Pomona College, California U.S.A., and an adviser to Bangkok Bank (China) Company Limited. Mr. Chan has been appointed as a member of Chief Executive’s Council of Advisers since 17 March 2023. He had been a Deputy to The National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China from 2008 to 2023. He had been the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council of the HKSAR from 2017 to 2022. He was a director of PICC Life Insurance Company Limited which he resigned on 3 November 2023. Mr. Chan is the brother of Mr. TAN Stephen and a substantial shareholder (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (“SFO”)) of the Company. He is also a director of certain substantial shareholders of the Company (including the President of Cosmos Investments Inc. and a director of Claremont Capital Holdings Ltd) within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO and a director of certain companies controlled by substantial shareholder of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chan did not hold any directorship in any other public listed companies in the last three years, nor did he have any relationship with any other directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chan has interests in 580,742,392 Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, of which 1,912,680 Shares were held as personal interest, 578,829,712 Shares were held as deemed interests through corporations controlled by him.

Mr. Chan received a letter of appointment from the Company. He has also entered an employment contract with the Company with no specific term of service. His directorship with the Company is subject to retirement by rotation and eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company. Mr. Chan is due to retire by rotation in the 2024 AGM and eligible for re-election. Mr. Chan, if re-elected at the 2024 AGM, will have a new service term of approximately 2 years with the Company until the conclusion of the Company's annual general meeting in 2026.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, Mr. Chan received annual director's fee of HK\$160,000 for being a director of the Company and Asia Insurance, and also other emoluments of HK\$7,462,705 (including salaries, allowances and discretionary bonus) which was in pursuance of the terms specified in his employment contract. Such emoluments are determined according to the Group's remuneration policy with reference to his position, qualifications, experience, level of responsibilities and the Group's performance and profitability. His director's fee and other emoluments for 2023 were reviewed and recommended by the remuneration committee to the Board which approved the other emoluments and proposed the directors' fees to Shareholders whose approval was obtained at the Company's annual general meeting held in 2023.

On 2 April 2002, the Takeovers and Mergers Panel of the Securities and Futures Commission had announced a public censure on Asia Financial (Assets Management) Limited ("AFAM") for its breach of Rule 26.1 of the Takeovers Code when Mr. Chan was a director of AFAM. AFAM ceased its business on 15 April 2002 and was dissolved by members' voluntary winding up on 12 December 2007.

Save as disclosed above, there is no other information that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules in respect of Mr. Chan nor are there other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders of the Company.

**Mr. KAWAUCHI Yuji**, aged 58, has been a non-executive director of the Company since 23 March 2018. Mr. Kawauchi is currently the Executive Vice President, Head of New Business in Asia etc. (excluding P&C Insurance) of Sompo Holdings, Inc. (a company listed on Japan Stock Exchange) which through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Sompo Japan Insurance Inc. (“Sompo Japan”), currently holds approximately 9.88% shareholding in the Company’s issued share capital. Mr. Kawauchi is currently the Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Global Business Department of Sompo Japan. Mr. Kawauchi is a Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU). He graduated from Tokyo Metropolitan University, Faculty of Law in 1988 and in the same year he joined The Yasuda Fire and Marine Insurance Company Limited (now known as Sompo Japan). Mr. Kawauchi had served as the President and Managing Director of Sompo Holdings (Asia) Pte. Limited from April 2017 to April 2019. Mr. Kawauchi had been a director of Sompo Insurance (Thailand) Public Company Limited from 15 May 2017 to 25 April 2018. He was also an Executive Director of Berjaya Sompo Insurance Berhad (Malaysia) from April 2014 to April 2016 and a Non-Executive Director of Sompo International Holdings Ltd. from 1 January 2020 to 1 October 2022.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Kawauchi did not hold any directorship in any other public listed companies in the last three years. He does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company nor does he has any interest in the Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Kawauchi received a letter of appointment from the Company for a term of approximately 2 years commencing 20 May 2022 and is subject to retirement by rotation as director and eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company. Mr. Kawauchi is due to retire by rotation in the 2024 AGM and eligible for re-election. Mr. Kawauchi, if re-elected at the 2024 AGM, will have a new service term of approximately 2 years with the Company until the conclusion of the Company’s annual general meeting in 2026.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, Mr. Kawauchi received annual director’s fee of HK\$80,000 for being a director of the Company. His director’s fee for 2023 was reviewed and recommended by the remuneration committee to the Board which proposed the directors’ fees to Shareholders whose approval was obtained at the Company’s annual general meeting held in 2023.

Save as disclosed above, there is no other information that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules in respect of Mr. Kawauchi nor are there other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders of the Company.

**Ms. NGAN Edith Manling**, aged 59, has been an independent non-executive director of the Company since 20 May 2022. Ms. Ngan is the chairperson of the audit committee and a member of the nomination committee, the compliance committee, the remuneration committee and the risk committee of the Company. She is also an independent non-executive director of Asia Insurance, the chairperson of the audit committee and a member of the risk committee of Asia Insurance. Ms. Ngan is currently an independent non-executive director of the boards of Blue Moon Group Holdings Limited (“Blue Moon”) and Swire Pacific Limited, all of which are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“HKEX”), and also an independent non-executive director of Tencent Music Entertainment Group (“TME”), a company listed on both the New York Stock Exchange and the HKEX. She is the chairman of the audit committee and a member of the remuneration committee of Blue Moon, and a member of the audit committee and the compensation committee of TME. She is also a member of the audit committee of Swire Pacific Limited. Ms. Ngan was an independent non-executive director of the board, the chairman of the ESG Committee and a member of the audit committee, the nomination committee and the remuneration committee of HKBN Ltd., a company listed on the HKEX, which she resigned with effect from 13 September 2023. Ms. Ngan was also an independent non-executive director of the board, the chair of the audit committee and a member of the risk committee of Blue Insurance Limited (“Blue”) which she resigned with effect from 10 May 2022. Blue is a regulated entity of the Hong Kong Insurance Authority. Ms. Ngan has extensive experience in public and private financial and corporate management, governance and business development. Between 1996 to 2010, she held regional management positions in financial groups including Invesco, Principal and ABN AMRO. From 2010 to 2017, Ms. Ngan led educational and professional institutions at the Asia Society Hong Kong Centre, the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institution, and RICS. Ms. Ngan is also an active member of the community and serves on various investment committees of government funds. Ms. Ngan is a member of the Court of Lingnan University since 2019. She has been appointed as a member of Innovation and Technology Venture Fund Advisory Committee on 15 June 2023. She was the chairman of the Audit Committee of Lingnan University between 2014 and 2018 during her tenure as Council Member from 2012 to 2018. From 2021 to 2022, Ms. Ngan was a member of the Hong Kong SAR Government Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service. From 2018 to 2021, Ms. Ngan was a member of the Hong Kong SAR Government Standing Committee on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service and served as the Alternate Chair of the Pay Trend Survey Committee since 2019. She was awarded the Medal of Honour by the Hong Kong SAR Government in July 2014. Ms. Ngan received her Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering and engineering management from Stanford University and is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Hong Kong Institute of Directors.

Save as disclosed above, Ms. Ngan did not hold any directorship in any other public listed companies in the last three years. She does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company nor does she has any interest in the Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Ms. Ngan received a letter of appointment from the Company for a term of approximately 2 years commencing 20 May 2022 and is subject to retirement by rotation as director and eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company. Ms. Ngan is due to retire by rotation in the 2024 AGM and eligible for re-election. Ms. Ngan, if re-elected at the 2024 AGM, will have a new service term of approximately 2 years with the Company until the conclusion of the Company's annual general meeting in 2026.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, Ms. Ngan received (i) annual director's fee of HK\$140,000 for being a director of the Company and Asia Insurance; (ii) annual committees' fees of HK\$160,000 for being the chairperson of the audit committee, and a member of the compliance committee, the nomination committee, the remuneration committee and the risk committee of the Company; and (iii) annual committees' fees of HK\$30,000 for being the chairperson of the audit committee and a member of the risk committee of Asia Insurance. Her director's fee and committees' fees for 2023 were reviewed and recommended by the remuneration committee to the Board which proposed the directors' fees and committees' fees to Shareholders whose approval was obtained at the Company's annual general meeting held in 2023.

Save as disclosed above, there is no other information that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules in respect of Ms. Ngan nor are there other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders of the Company.



*This appendix serves as an explanatory statement as required by the Listing Rules to provide requisite information for you to consider whether to vote for or against the Resolution to be proposed at the 2024 AGM in relation to the Share Repurchase Mandate.*

## **1. SHARE CAPITAL**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 929,062,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant Resolution and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the 2024 AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Share Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 92,906,200 Shares during the period ending on the earliest of the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by law or the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by a resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

## **2. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES**

The Directors believe that the Share Repurchase Mandate affords the Company the flexibility and ability in pursuing the best interests for the Company and its Shareholders. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, be beneficial to the Shareholders by enhancing the net assets and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

## **3. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES**

The Company is empowered by its Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws to repurchase its Shares. Bermuda law provides that the amount of capital repaid in connection with a share repurchase may only be paid out of either the capital paid up on the relevant Shares, or funds of the Company that would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or the proceeds of a new issue of Shares made for such purpose. Repurchases pursuant to the Share Repurchase Mandate will be funded entirely from the funds legally available for the purpose in accordance with the Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws of the Company and the applicable laws of Bermuda, Hong Kong and the Listing Rules. The amount of premium payable on a repurchase may only be paid out of either funds of the Company that would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or out of the share premium account of the Company. Under Bermuda law, the Shares so repurchased will be treated as cancelled but the aggregate amount of authorised share capital will not be reduced.

The Directors do not propose to exercise the Share Repurchase Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements or gearing position which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company. However, there may be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited accounts contained in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023) in the event that the proposed share repurchases are to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period.

#### **4. SHARE PRICES**

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares were traded on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited during each of the previous twelve months were as follows:

	<b>Highest</b> <i>HK\$</i>	<b>Lowest</b> <i>HK\$</i>
April 2023	3.460	3.350
May 2023	3.650	3.300
June 2023	3.560	3.340
July 2023	3.500	3.350
August 2023	3.400	2.800
September 2023	3.240	3.150
October 2023	3.300	3.030
November 2023	3.300	3.010
December 2023	3.550	3.200
January 2024	3.550	3.500
February 2024	3.500	3.300
March 2024	3.380	3.100
April 2024 (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	3.400	3.300

## 5. SHARES REPURCHASES MADE BY THE COMPANY

During the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date, a total of 1,542,000 Shares were repurchased by a subsidiary of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, details of which are as follows:

Date of repurchase	Number of Shares repurchased	Highest purchase price per Share <i>HK\$</i>	Lowest purchase price per Share <i>HK\$</i>
<u>Shares repurchased and cancelled</u>			
<i>(Note)</i>			
11 October 2023	476,000	3.30	3.22
18 October 2023	90,000	3.29	3.29
27 October 2023	30,000	3.15	3.15
7 November 2023	50,000	3.20	3.20
8 November 2023	50,000	3.15	3.15
15 November 2023	80,000	3.29	3.20
17 November 2023	68,000	3.25	3.20
22 November 2023	34,000	3.29	3.29
23 November 2023	50,000	3.30	3.30
30 November 2023	20,000	3.30	3.30
8 December 2023	20,000	3.20	3.20
11 December 2023	4,000	3.20	3.20
14 December 2023	90,000	3.38	3.29
15 December 2023	60,000	3.40	3.38
29 December 2023	80,000	3.55	3.50
<u>Shares repurchased but not yet cancelled</u>			
28 March 2024	116,000	3.38	3.30
2 April 2024	20,000	3.30	3.30
8 April 2024	58,000	3.40	3.30
10 April 2024	44,000	3.40	3.30
15 April 2024	102,000	3.40	3.34
	<u>1,542,000</u>		

*Note:* The issued share capital of the Company was reduced by the par value of the repurchased Shares upon their cancellation.

**6. GENERAL**

Neither this Explanatory Statement nor the proposed Share Repurchase Mandate has any unusual features.

The Directors of the Company will exercise the power of the Company to make purchases pursuant to the proposed Share Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and all applicable laws of Bermuda and Hong Kong.

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their close associates, have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company under the Share Repurchase Mandate if such is approved by the Shareholders.

No core connected persons of the Company have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Share Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

**7. TAKEOVERS CODE**

If a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases as a result of a repurchase of Shares, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purpose of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase of the Shareholders' interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. CHAN Bernard Charnwut, Chairman and President of the Company together with his associates, held approximately 62.98% of the issued share capital of the Company. Based on such interests and assuming that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the 2024 AGM and in the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares, the proportionate interests of Mr. Chan and his associates in the Company would be increased to approximately 69.98% of the issued share capital of the Company. Such an increase would not give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer pursuant to Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

The Directors are not aware of any consequences which would arise under the Takeovers Code as consequence of any purchase pursuant to the Shares Repurchase Mandate.

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亞洲金融集團(控股)有限公司\*

ASIA FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability

(Stock Code: 662)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of Asia Financial Holdings Limited (the “Company”) will be held virtually by electronic means on Tuesday, 4 June 2024 at 12:00 noon for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the audited Financial Statements, the Report of the Directors and the Independent Auditor’s Report for the year ended 31 December 2023.
2. To declare a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2023.
3.
  - (a) To re-elect Mr. CHAN Bernard Charnwut as an Executive Director.
  - (b) To re-elect Mr. KAWAUCHI Yuji as a Non-executive Director.
  - (c) To re-elect Ms. NGAN Edith Manling as an Independent Non-executive Director.
4. To fix the Directors’ fees and the fees payable to the members of certain Board committees for the year ending 31 December 2024 (see note 5).
5. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as the Auditor of the Company and authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration.

\* for identification purposes only

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To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

### Ordinary Resolutions

6. “**THAT** the Directors be and are hereby granted an unconditional general mandate to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements, warrants and options in respect thereof, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) such mandate should not extend beyond the Relevant Period (defined in sub-paragraph (c) below) save that the Directors may during the Relevant Period make or grant offers, agreements, warrants and options which might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (b) the aggregate number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as defined in sub-paragraph (c) below), (ii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company, or (iii) the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants issued by the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate number of shares of the Company in issue at the date of passing of this resolution; and
- (c) for the purpose of this resolution:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable law of Bermuda to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

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

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7. “**THAT** the Directors be and are hereby granted an unconditional general mandate to repurchase issued shares in the capital of the Company in accordance with all applicable laws and subject to the following conditions:
- (a) such mandate should not extend beyond the Relevant Period (defined in subparagraph (c) below);
  - (b) the aggregate number of shares purchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be purchased by the Directors of the Company pursuant to this resolution shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of shares of the Company in issue at the date of passing of this resolution; and
  - (c) for the purpose of this resolution:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

    - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
    - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable law of Bermuda to be held; and
    - (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.”
8. “**THAT** conditional upon the passing of the Resolutions 6 and 7 set out in the notice of this meeting, the general mandate granted to the Directors to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional shares pursuant to Resolution 6 set out in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate number of shares repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to Resolution 7 set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such extended amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the issued shares of the Company at the date of passing of this resolution.”

By Order of the Board  
**Asia Financial Holdings Limited**  
**CHIANG Yuet Wah Connie**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 22 April 2024

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*Notes:*

- (1) The above meeting will be a virtual meeting. Shareholders can attend, participate and vote at the Meeting by visiting the website at <https://meetings.computershare.com/afh2024AGM> (the “Online Platform”). Shareholders attending the above meeting using the Online Platform will also be counted towards the quorum and they will be able to cast their votes and submit questions through the Online Platform. A notification letter containing the 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 Shareholders.
- (2) Any member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint another person as his/her proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (3) To be valid, a proxy form, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy thereof, must be deposited at the Company’s Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, as soon as possible and in any event at least <sup>#</sup>48 hours before the time appointed for holding the above meeting or adjourned meeting (as the case may be).

*# Please note that Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited’s office will not be open on Saturday and Sunday (i.e. 1 June 2024 and 2 June 2024) for receiving physical delivery of the proxy form. In this respect, all proxy forms must be lodged with Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 31 May 2024 (Hong Kong time).*

- (4) For the purposes of ascertaining shareholders’ right to attend and vote at the above meeting, and entitlement to the final dividend, the register of members of the Company will be closed for the following periods:

- (i) For ascertaining shareholders’ right to attend and vote at the above meeting:

Latest time to lodge transfers	4:30 p.m. on 29 May 2024
Book close dates (both days inclusive)	30 May 2024 to 4 June 2024
Record date	4 June 2024

- (ii) For ascertaining shareholders’ entitlement to the final dividend:

Ex-dividend date for final dividend	7 June 2024
Latest time to lodge transfers	4:30 p.m. on 11 June 2024
Book close dates (both days inclusive)	12 June 2024 to 14 June 2024
Record date for final dividend	14 June 2024

During the above closure periods, no transfer of shares will be registered. To be eligible to attend and vote at the above meeting, and to qualify for the final dividend, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates (“transfer documents”) must be lodged for registration 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, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, not later than the abovementioned latest time.



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- (5) With regard to agenda item 4 in this notice, the board of directors (the “Board”) of the Company recommends to the Shareholders the fees payable to the Directors who serve on the Board and certain Board committees (including the Audit Committee, the Compliance Committee, the Nomination Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Risk Committee) of the Company, at the levels as shown in the table below. Such fees payable to the Directors will be calculated, if applicable, in proportion to the period of service in the case of any Director who has not served the entire period during the relevant financial year.

	<b>Fee for Director</b> <i>(per annum)</i> <b>Proposed fee</b> <b>for 2024 onward</b> <b>(with retrospective</b> <b>effect from</b> <b>1 January 2024)</b> <i>HK\$</i>	<b>Current fee</b> <b>for 2023<sup>#</sup></b> <i>HK\$</i>
Board Chairman’s fee	Remain the same as 2023	100,000
Director’s fee	Remain the same as 2023	80,000
*Each Board committee Chairman’s fee	Remain the same as 2023	40,000
*Each Board committee member’s fee	Remain the same as 2023	30,000

<sup>#</sup> *Approved by Shareholders in the annual general meeting held on 19 May 2023.*

\* *Board committees include the Audit Committee, the Compliance Committee, the Nomination Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Risk Committee. The Executive Directors do not receive committees’ fees.*

- (6) Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, all resolutions set out in this notice will be decided by poll at the above meeting.
- (7) In the event of bad weather such as a typhoon signal no. 8 or above is hoisted, or a black rainstorm warning signal or “extreme conditions caused by a super typhoon” announced by the Government is/are in force in Hong Kong before 9:00 a.m. on the day of the above meeting (or any adjournment thereof), the meeting will be postponed or adjourned. The Company will post an announcement on the HKEXnews website ([www.hkexnews.hk](http://www.hkexnews.hk)) and the Company’s website ([www.afh.hk](http://www.afh.hk)) to notify Shareholders of the date and time of the adjourned meeting.

The meeting will be held as scheduled when an Amber or a Red Rainstorm Warning Signal is in force.

- (8) As at the date of this notice, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. CHAN Bernard Charnwut (Chairman and President), Mr. TAN Stephen, Mr. WONG Kok Ho; the non-executive directors are Mr. KAWAUCHI Yuji, Mr. TATEGAMI Susumu; and the independent non-executive directors are Mr. AU YANG Chi Chun Evan, Ms. NGAN Edith Manling and Mr. LI Lu Jen Laurence.

*In the event of any inconsistency, the English version of this notice shall prevail over the Chinese version.*