

Announces 2023/24 Interim Results

(Hong Kong, 17 May 2024) **Emperor Capital Group Limited** ("Emperor Capital Group" or "Group") (Stock code: 717), a one-stop financial services institution in Hong Kong, announced its interim results for the six months ended 31 March 2024 ("Period").

Facing the complex situation and unfavourable operating environment, the Group's total revenue inevitably decreased to HK\$185.4 million (2023: HK\$190.3 million) during the Period. Net impairment allowances for margin loans, and other loans and advances ("Impairment Allowances") was HK\$57.4 million (2023: HK\$47.8 million). The Group's net profit was HK\$41.6 million (2023: HK\$45.2 million) during the Period. Excluding the Impairment Allowances, the Group's adjusted net profit increased by 6.5% to HK\$99.0 million (2023: HK\$93.0 million). Basic earnings per share was HK0.62 cent (2023: HK0.67 cent).

Financing

During the Period, the Group continued to adhere to its cautious approach and adopted a stringent credit risk management and control mechanism, in order to minimise default risks. The Group adjusted the interest rate and loan-to-value ratio on a timely basis, according to the market situation. During the Period, the segment's revenue was HK\$128.5 million (2023: HK\$136.1 million), accounting for 69.3% (2023: 71.5%) of the Group's total revenue.

Brokerage Services

As at 31 March 2024, other than the headquarters and a branch in Hong Kong, the Group also operated 3 liaison offices in Mainland China, which are located in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou respectively. During the Period, the Group continued to update its frontend and backend trading systems. The eGOi app, a trading platform providing enhanced trading experience under the Group, was well received by users, particularly younger customers. During the Period, despite an unfavourable sentiment of the stock market, revenue from the brokerage services segment increased slightly to HK\$51.0 million (2023: HK\$49.7 million), accounting for 27.5% (2023: 26.1%) of the Group's total revenue.

Corporate Finance

During the Period, the Group continued to partake in fundraising projects, with involvement in multiple roles. During the Period, revenue from the corporate finance segment was HK\$4.0 million (2023: HK\$4.3 million), accounting for 2.1% (2023: 2.3%) of the Group's total revenue.

Placing and Underwriting

During the Period, revenue from the placing and underwriting segment increased to HK\$1.9 million (2023: HK\$0.2 million), accounting for 1.1% (2023: 0.1%) of the Group's total revenue.

Ms. Daisy Yeung, **Chairperson of Emperor Capital Group**, said, "The introduction of the Admission Schemes for Talent, Professionals and Entrepreneurs and the official launch of the New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme are providing abundant opportunities for advisory and customised discretionary investment services. Going forward, the Group will continue to strengthen its wealth solutions team in order to drive the Group's business development covering global investment, wealth management and asset management."

Ms. Yeung concluded, "With its strategic role in the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong continues to be an international financial centre and serves as Mainland China's gateway to the world, and the Group is poised to benefit from Hong Kong's connectivity with regional and global economies. As the Group continues facing several market uncertainties, it will adhere to its prudent approach and adopt appropriate strategies while seizing opportunities, to maintain steady business development."

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About Emperor Capital Group Limited

Established in 1993, Emperor Capital Group Limited is a renowned Hong Kong based financial institution providing one-stop financial services including (i) commercial and personal lending as well as margin and IPO financing; (ii) brokerage services, wealth management and asset management; (iii) placing and underwriting services for listed issuers; and (iv) corporate finance advisory services. For more information, please visit its website: www.EmperorCapital.com.

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