

FY2023/24 Total Revenue Increases 21% Achieves Turnaround with a Net Profit of HK\$66 million

Financial Summary

HK\$'000	For the year ended 30 September		Changes
	2024	2023	
Total revenue	531,628	441,046	+20.5%
Wealth solutions	278,033	104,700	+165.6%
Financing	242,758	323,071	-24.9%
Corporate finance	10,837	13,275	-18.4%
Impairment allowances ¹	158,931	403,638	-60.6%
Net profit/(loss)	66,361	(160,638)	Turnaround
Basic earnings/(loss) per share	HK0.98 cent	HK(2.38) cents	N/A

¹ Represents the net impairment allowances mainly from margin loans, other loans and advances

(Hong Kong, 19 December 2024) **Emperor Capital Group Limited** ("Emperor Capital Group" or "Group") (Stock code: 717), a one-stop financial services institution in Hong Kong, announced its annual results for the year ended 30 September 2024 ("Year").

Despite facing a tough operating business environment, the Group's total revenue increased by 20.5% to HK\$531.6 million (2023: HK\$441.0 million) during the Year. Net impairment allowances mainly from margin loans, other loans and advances ("Impairment Allowances") decreased significantly to HK\$158.9 million (2023: HK\$403.6 million), resulting in the Group turning around to a net profit of HK\$66.4 million (2023: net loss of HK\$160.6 million). Excluding the Impairment Allowances, the adjusted net profit was HK\$225.3 million (2023: HK\$243.0 million). Basic earnings per share was HK0.98 cent (2023: basic loss per share of HK2.38 cents).

Wealth Solutions

The Group's wealth solutions segment comprises the global investment, wealth management and asset management divisions. The global investment division offers a full range of financial services and investment products spanning securities, futures and options traded on exchanges in Hong Kong, Mainland China and major overseas countries, bonds and fund investments, proprietary trading, etc. The wealth management division offers balanced solutions, helping its clients create investment portfolios which comprise a wide array of financial products, including insurance, funds, bonds and stocks. The asset management division offers customised investment services which ranges from private investment funds, personalised discretionary investment portfolio management services to investment information services.

With an aim of expanding its revenue sources, the Group has stepped up efforts in introducing new services and products. During the Year, revenue from the wealth solutions segment increased by 165.6% to HK\$278.0 million (2023: HK\$104.7 million), accounting for 52.3% (2023: 23.7%) of the Group's total revenue, despite an unfavourable stock market environment.

Financing

The Group's financing segment derives interest income from both short-term and long-term loans, such as personal loans, first and second mortgages loans, etc. During the Year, the Group continued adhering 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 Year, revenue from the financing segment was HK\$242.8 million (2023: HK\$323.1 million), accounting for 45.7% (2023: 73.3%) of the Group's total revenue.

Corporate Finance

The corporate finance segment offers professional advisory services on corporate transactions comprising initial public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, spin-offs, project investment, asset sales, corporate restructuring, issuance, placement and underwriting of shares and bonds. During the Year, the Group continued to partake in fundraising projects, with involvement in multiple roles. Revenue from the corporate finance segment was HK\$10.8 million (2023: HK\$13.3 million), accounting for 2.0% (2023: 3.0%) of the Group's total revenue.

Ms. Daisy Yeung, Chairperson of Emperor Capital Group, said, "Subsequent to the Year, the Federal Reserve interest rate cut has contributed to the revival of sentiment and increase in transactions and consumption within various sectors such as financial, property and retail. The further interest rate cuts in November and December, as well as the stimulus measures launched by the Central Government are expected to exert a positive influence on the market environments and trading turnovers, which will help boost the demand for monetary and financial services."

Ms. Yeung concluded, "Factors such as geopolitical tensions and interest rate volatility may weigh on business confidence and asset markets; the Group will therefore continue adopting a cautious yet pragmatic approach to combat the uncertainties. The local government has been strengthening its economic links with overseas economies and Mainland China; with its strategic role as an international financial centre and within the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong is well placed to attract foreign investments from around the world, and the Group will implement appropriate strategies in order to seize the market opportunities."

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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) wealth solutions covering global investment, wealth management and asset management; (ii) financing services; and (iii) corporate finance advisory services. For more information, please visit its website: www.emperorCapital.com.

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