

Announces 2021/22 Annual Results

(Hong Kong, 20 December 2022) **Emperor Capital Group Limited** ("Emperor Capital Group" or the "Group") (Stock code: 717), a one-stop financial services institution in Hong Kong, announced its annual results for the year ended 30 September 2022 (the "Year").

Against a vulnerable global macro economy backdrop, the Group's revenue decreased to HK\$512.8 million (2021: HK\$676.8 million) during the Year. Impairment allowances for margin loans, and other loans and advances decreased to HK\$590.1 million (2021: HK\$939.3 million), therefore the loss for the Year attributable to owners of the Company narrowed to HK\$299.2 million (2021: HK\$576.1 million). Basic loss per share was HK4.44 cents (2021: HK8.55 cents).

Financing

In view of the economic instability, the Group continued to adhere to its cautious approach to strengthening the overall credit risk management and control mechanism, in order to minimise default risks. The Group also adjusted the interest rate and loan-to-value ratio on a timely basis, according to the market situation. During the Year, the segment's revenue was HK\$418.5 million (2021: HK\$548.4 million), accounting for 81.6% (2021: 81.0%) of the Group's total revenue.

Brokerage Services

The Group offers web-based and mobile trading platforms which enable real-time transaction and investment portfolio monitoring. As at 30 September 2022, the Group operated 2 branches in Hong Kong and 3 liaison offices in mainland China. During the Year, the stock market was volatile against a fragile macroeconomic backdrop. Revenue from brokerage services was HK\$76.4 million (2021: HK\$99.3 million), accounting for 14.9% (2021: 14.7%) of the Group's total revenue.

Placing and Underwriting

During the Year, the Group participated in several primary and secondary market financing projects. Revenue from the placing and underwriting segment was HK\$6.8 million (2021: HK\$16.3 million), accounting for 1.3% (2021: 2.4%) of the Group's total revenue.

Corporate Finance

During the Year, the Group handled several corporate transactions and IPO projects. Revenue from the corporate finance segment was HK\$11.1 million (2021: HK\$12.7 million), accounting for 2.2% (2021: 1.9%) of the Group's total revenue.

Ms. Daisy Yeung, **Chairperson of Emperor Capital Group**, said, "In the near term, it is anticipated that the global economy will still be clouded by a number of unfavourable factors. Fears of continued interest rate hikes, economy recession in the United States, etc, add to the uncertainties for the market outlook. On the other hand, with Hong Kong being an international financial hub and its strategic role in the Greater Bay Area connecting China and the world, it is envisaged that the soon-to-be reopened border will be a catalyst for Hong Kong's capital market."

Ms. Yeung concluded, "With both opportunities and challenges ahead, the Group will adopt a prudent approach in the course of its business development. The Group will further upgrade its digital platform and strive to enhance its product offerings spanning fixed income, funds to insurance products. It will also expand its customer base by sourcing more high net worth customers for its wealth management business. In the meantime, the Group will exercise stringent control over operating costs and adopting appropriate strategies to mitigate downside risks, in order to maintain steady businesses development amid the difficult business operating environment."

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About Emperor Capital Group Limited

Established in 1993, Emperor Capital Group Limited (717.HK) is a renowned Hong Kong based financial institution providing a wide range of 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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