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## Chong Hing Bank Announces 2024 Interim Results

Chong Hing Bank Limited (“Chong Hing Bank” or the “Bank”) announced its interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2024. The economic recovery remained unbalanced in the first half of 2024, resulting in a more complex business environment for the banking sector. The Bank's business continues to grow steadily, with operating profit before impairment losses increased by 14.64% year-on-year to HK\$2,080 million. Operating income increased by 9.16% year-on-year to HK\$3,040 million. Net interest income increased by 6.83% to HK\$2,376 million. Driven by the Bank's proactive balance sheet management, the net interest margin widened from 1.58% to 1.65%. Net income from trading and investments achieved a 40.58% year-on-year growth to HK\$420 million. Profit attributable to equity owners decreased by 14.41% year-on-year to HK\$1,060 million, mainly due to an increase in impairment losses on financial assets as impacted by the credit quality of certain customers under industry-specific risks. The Bank continued to strengthen its risk management mechanism in order to maintain overall asset quality.

In the face of a complex business environment, the Bank's core business foundation remains resilient. Total assets stood at HK\$293.7 billion, deposits from customers amounted to HK\$226.0 billion, while gross loans and advances to customers amounted to HK\$164.1 billion. As of 30 June 2024, the Bank's total capital ratio was at 20.94%, the Tier 1 capital ratio was at 17.55% while the Common Equity Tier 1 capital ratio was at 15.12%. In June 2024, the Bank successfully issued Renminbi tier 2 capital bonds (Panda bonds) in Mainland China, with an issue size of RMB2.5 billion, was well received by the market and reflected the full confidence of institutional investors in the future development of Chong Hing Bank. Furthermore, the Bank's shareholder Yuexiu Group made a capital injection of HK\$1 billion into Chong Hing Bank in June 2024. This provides a critical support for the sustainable development of Chong Hing Bank.

The Bank is actively seizing the opportunities for development and accelerating its digital transformation by upgrading our services such as a new generation of personal digital banking platform and remote account opening, thereby further enhancing its financial technology capabilities. At the same time, the Bank continued to deepen its cross-border financial services by strengthening its collaboration with Yuexiu Group, and further expanded its business footprint in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the “Greater Bay Area”). The Bank will continue to promote its establishment of operational institutions in the Greater Bay Area and major economic developed regions in the Mainland, aiming at building a network based in Guangzhou, Hong Kong and Macau with in-depth penetration in the Greater Bay Area and a nationwide presence.

**Li Feng, Chairman of Chong Hing Bank**, said, “2024 marks the 27th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return to the Motherland. China’s solid economic foundation and substantial policy support will not only reinforce and strengthen its overall economic rebound and improvement, but also serve as a strong support for the steady development of Hong Kong’s economy. Chong Hing Bank will capitalise on the major opportunities arising from China’s next wave of comprehensively deepening reform and promoting Chinese-style modernisation, continuously optimise its business structure and expedite its digital transformation, and continuously consolidate the advantages of its cross-border featured business, with a view to becoming an integrated commercial bank based in Guangzhou, Hong Kong and Macau with an in-depth layout in the Greater Bay Area and a nationwide network.”

**Zong Jianxin, Chief Executive of Chong Hing Bank**, said, “In the face of a challenging business environment, Chong Hing Bank will adhere to the ‘customer-oriented’ business philosophy, follow the principle of ‘robust operation and lean management’, and stick to the bottom line of risks to constantly strengthen risk prevention and control capabilities, further promote the development of its network in the Mainland, maximise cross-border synergy and refine the digital transformation strategy, with a focus on target key customer groups to seize new opportunities for business development. The Bank will continuously optimise its customer and business structures, actively strengthen product competitiveness and enhance customer experience with a focus on customer needs, to provide customers with high-standard and efficient integrated financial services, while achieving sustainable and high-quality development of the Bank.”

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Note: For details of the Bank’s 2024 interim results and regulatory disclosures, please visit the Bank’s website at [www.chbank.com](http://www.chbank.com).

**About Chong Hing Bank**

Chong Hing Bank Limited was founded in Hong Kong in 1948. The Bank and its subsidiaries (including Chong Hing Securities Limited and Chong Hing Insurance Company Limited) offer comprehensive commercial banking and financial services to individual and corporate customers. These services include HKD and foreign currency deposits, credit, foreign exchange, wealth management, investment, securities, insurance and mandatory provident fund. The Bank currently operates a network of more than 30 branches in Hong Kong as well as 1 branch in Macau, 16 branches and sub-branches in Mainland China, including Guangzhou Branch, Beijing Branch, Shenzhen Branch, Shanghai Branch and Shantou Branch, and Guangzhou Haizhu Sub-Branch, Guangzhou Panyu Sub-Branch, Foshan Sub-Branch, Shunde Sub-Branch, Nansha Sub-Branch, Hengqin Sub-Branch, Dongguan Sub-Branch, Zhongshan Sub-Branch, Shenzhen Nanshan Sub-Branch, Shenzhen Qianhai Sub-Branch and Shanghai Hongqiao Sub-Branch.

Chong Hing Bank was listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong in 1994 and became a member of Yuexiu Group on 14 February 2014. On 27 September 2021, Yuexiu Group completed its privatisation process of the Bank, which henceforth became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Yuexiu Group, and was delisted from the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong on 30 September 2021. Founded in Hong Kong in 1985, Yuexiu Group ranks top in asset size of all state-owned enterprises in Guangzhou. In 2024, Yuexiu Group was ranked 208th in the “Top 500 Chinese Enterprises” and 11th in the “Top 100 Multinational Corporations in China”. By the end of 2023, Yuexiu Group’s total assets corresponding to its statistical standards reached RMB 1,068.1 billion, exceeding RMB 1 trillion.

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