

ZHONGMIN BAIHUI RETAIL GROUP LTD.

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)
(Company Registration No.: 200411929C)
(the “Company”)

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO HOLD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The Board of Directors of Zhongmin Baihui Retail Group Ltd (the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, collectively, the “**Group**”) wishes to inform that the Company has submitted an application to the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“**SGX-ST**”) on 3 October 2022 for an extension of time to comply with the requirement of Rule 707(1) and Rule 707(2) of the listing manual of the SGX-ST (“**Listing Manual**”) for the Company to hold its annual general meeting (“**AGM**”) for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 (“**FY2022**”) on or before 30 November 2022 and to issue its annual report at least 14 days before the date of its AGM; and issue the Sustainability Report (“**SR**”) for FY2022.

(collectively, “**Extension Application**”)

REASONS FOR THE EXTENSION APPLICATION

On 26 April 2022, the Company announced that its former chief financial officer (“**CFO**”) would be resigning from the Company with effect from 21 June 2022, and the Company’s new CFO would be appointed on 4 May 2022. The appointment of the new CFO was 2 months prior to the Company’s financial year ending 30 June 2022 and the new CFO did not have, and requires, a sufficient lead time to assist the Group’s auditors in the preparation of the annual audits of the Group.

Furthermore, the annual audits of the Group have been significantly disrupted due to the COVID-19 lock-down measures and travel restrictions imposed by the relevant People’s Republic of China (“**PRC**”) authorities. As such, resources supporting the audit work in PRC have been severely curtailed and constrained, contributing to delays beyond the senior management’s control. Also, the new CFO was unable to visit the Group’s operating entities and liaised with the PRC-based team to coordinate the audit fieldwork.

The Company had on 9 September 2022 announced the opening of a new major Yueshang outlet mall located at Huishan Avenue and Beihuan Road in Huishan District, Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province. Yueshang outlet mall has 3 levels of shop spaces offering over 600 brands and occupies a gross floor area of 368,000 sqm with a built-up of 500,000 sqm. Due to the Yueshang outlet mall being located further away from Xiamen, PRC and the extensive manpower temporarily required for the opening, the Group’s resources in the PRC were reallocated to focus on the opening and consequently many of the senior management staff were unable to fully attend to the Group’s audit fieldwork.

As at the date hereof, due to the reasons mentioned above, the audit work for the Group is deemed to be ongoing and the Company’s Auditors would require time to review and complete the audit so as to form a conclusion for their opinion for FY2022. In view of the above, the Board is of the view that additional time granted will allow the Company to prepare and finalise the Group’s consolidated financial statements and provide the Auditors with the necessary time to complete the audit of the Group.

The Company and its Auditors are of the view that the annual report of the Company for FY2022 would not be ready in time for issuance to Shareholders of the Company at least 14 days before 31 October 2022, and subsequent thereto, for the Company to complete the administrative and procedural matters in relation to the AGM for FY2022.

Given that the Company’s SR traditionally make reference to its annual report to allow Shareholders a comprehensive review of the Company’s activities in the past financial year and therefore should be read

together with the annual report, additional time required to issue the annual report for FY2022 will consequently lead to the additional time required for the Company to prepare and issue of its SR for FY2022.

The Company expects that it will not be able to lay its FY2022 financial statements at the AGM if the AGM is to be convened on or before 31 October 2022. As such, the Company would require additional time to complete the FY2022 statutory audit and issue its AR for FY2022, provide sufficient notice of at least 14 days before the date of AGM to its shareholders and issue the SR for FY2022.

Concurrently, the Company has also submitted the necessary application to the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority for an extension of time to hold its AGM.

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Company will also provide further updates to Shareholders on the outcome of the Extension Application in due course.

By Order of the Board

Lee Swee Keng
Executive Chairman
3 October 2022