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# PROPOSED SHARE CONSOLIDATION AND PROPOSED CHANGE IN BOARD LOT SIZE

# **PROPOSED SHARE CONSOLIDATION**

The Board proposes that every fifty (50) issued and unissued Existing Shares in the share capital of the Company be consolidated into one (1) Consolidated Share. As at the date of this announcement, there are 2,380,000,000 Existing Shares in issue which are fully paid or credited as fully paid. Assuming no further Existing Shares will be issued or repurchased from the date of this announcement up to the date of the EGM, upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective, there will be 47,600,000 Consolidated Shares in issue which are fully paid.

# CHANGE IN BOARD LOT SIZE

As at the date of this announcement, the Existing Shares are traded on the Stock Exchange in board lot of 20,000 Existing Shares. The Board proposes to change the board lot size for trading on the Stock Exchange from 20,000 Existing Shares to 5,000 Consolidated Shares upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective.

# GENERAL

The EGM will be convened and held for the Shareholders to consider and, if thought fit, approve the Share Consolidation. A circular containing, among other things, further detail of the proposed Share Consolidation and the notice convening the EGM is expected to be despatched to the Shareholders on or before Friday, 21 March 2025.

# **PROPOSED SHARE CONSOLIDATION**

The Board proposes to implement the Share Consolidation on the basis that every fifty (50) Existing Shares of par value of HK\$0.01 each in the issued and unissued share capital of the Company be consolidated into one (1) Consolidated Share of par value of HK\$0.5 each.

#### **Conditions of the Share Consolidation**

The implementation of the Share Consolidation is conditional upon the following conditions being fulfilled:

- (i) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the Shareholders at the EGM to approve the Share Consolidation;
- (ii) the GEM Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting approval for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Consolidated Shares upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective; and
- (iii) the compliance with all relevant procedures and requirements under the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and the GEM Listing Rules to effect the Share Consolidation.

The Share Consolidation is expected to become effective on Thursday, 17 April 2025 subject to the fulfilment of the above conditions.

#### **Effects of the Share Consolidation**

As at the date of this announcement, the authorised share capital of the Company is HK\$80,000,000 divided into 8,000,000,000 Shares of par value of HK\$0.01 each, and there are 2,380,000,000 Existing Shares in issue which are fully paid or credited as fully paid. Assuming no further Shares will be issued or repurchased from the date of this announcement up to the date of the EGM, upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective, there will be 47,600,000 Consolidated Shares in issue which are fully paid or credited as fully paid. The authorised share capital of the Company will remain at HK\$80,000,000 but will be divided into 160,000,000 Consolidated Shares of par value of HK\$0.5 each.

Upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective, the Consolidated Shares shall rank pari passu in all respects with each other.

Other than the expenses to be incurred in relation to the Share Consolidation and the Change in Board Lot Size, the implementation of the Share Consolidation will not alter the underlying assets, business operations, management or financial position of the Company or the proportionate interests or rights of the Shareholders. The Board believes that the Share Consolidation will not have any material adverse effect on the financial position of the Company.

#### **Listing Application**

An application will be made by the Company to the GEM Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Consolidated Shares in issue and to be issued upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective.

Subject to the granting of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Consolidated Shares on the Stock Exchange upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective, as well as compliance with the stock admission requirements of the HKSCC, the Consolidated Shares will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in CCASS with effect from the commencement date of dealings in the Consolidated Shares on the Stock Exchange or such other date as determined by HKSCC. Settlement of transactions between participants of the Stock Exchange on any trading day is required to take place in CCASS on the second settlement day thereafter. All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of HKSCC and HKSCC Operational Procedures in effect from time to time. All necessary arrangements will be made for the Consolidated Shares to be admitted into CCASS established and operated by HKSCC.

None of the Existing Shares are listed or dealt in on any other stock exchange other than the Stock Exchange, and at the time the Share Consolidation becomes effective, the Consolidated Shares in issue will not be listed or dealt in on any stock exchange other than the Stock Exchange, and no such listing or permission to deal is being or is proposed to be sought.

#### Adjustments in relation to other securities of the Company

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has no outstanding options, warrants or other securities in issue which are convertible into or giving rights to subscribe for, convert or exchange into, any Existing Shares or Consolidated Shares, as the case may be.

# **PROPOSED CHANGE IN BOARD LOT SIZE**

As at the date of this announcement, the Existing Shares are traded on the Stock Exchange in board lots of 20,000 Existing Shares. It is proposed that, subject to and conditional upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective, the board lot size for trading on the Stock Exchange be changed from 20,000 Existing Shares to 5,000 Consolidated Shares.

Based on the closing price of HK\$0.021 per Existing Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange as at the date of this announcement, (i) the estimated market value of each board lot of 20,000 Consolidated Shares, assuming the Share Consolidation had already been effective, would be HK\$21,000; and (ii) the estimated market value of each board lot of 5,000 Consolidated Shares, assuming the Change in Board Lot Size had also been effective, would be HK\$5,250.

The Change in Board Lot Size will not result in any change in the relative rights of the Shareholders.

## **OTHER ARRANGEMENTS**

#### Fractional entitlement to Consolidated Shares

Fractional Consolidated Shares arising from the Share Consolidation, if any, will be disregarded and will not be issued to the Shareholders but all such fractional Consolidated Shares will be aggregated and, if possible, sold for the benefit of the Company. Fractional Consolidated Shares will only arise in respect of the entire shareholding of a holder of the Existing Shares regardless of the number of share certificates held by such holder.

## Matching services for odd lot trading

In order to facilitate the trading of odd lots (if any) of the Consolidated Shares, the Company will appoint a securities firm as an agent to provide matching services, on a best effort basis, to those Shareholders who wish to acquire odd lots of the Consolidated Shares to make up a full board lot, or to dispose of their holding of odd lots of the Consolidated Shares. Details of the odd lot arrangement will be set out in the circular to be despatched to the Shareholders.

Holders of odd lots of the Consolidated Shares should note that the matching of the sale and purchase of odd lots of the Consolidated Shares is not guaranteed. Shareholders who are in any doubt about the odd lots matching arrangement are recommended to consult their own professional advisers.

#### **Exchange of certificates for Consolidated Shares**

Subject to the Share Consolidation becoming effective, which is currently expected to be Thursday, 17 April 2025, Shareholders may on or after Thursday, 17 April 2025 and until Thursday, 29 May 2025 (both days inclusive), submit their existing share certificates for the Existing Shares in yellow colour to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Union Registrars Limited at Suites 3301-04, 33/F, Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong for exchange for new share certificates for the Company.

Shareholders should note that after the prescribed time for free exchange of new share certificates, a fee of HK\$2.50 (or such higher amount as may from time to time be allowed by the Stock Exchange) will be payable by the Shareholders to the share registrar for exchange of new share certificates.

After 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday, 27 May 2025, trading will be only be in Consolidated Shares. Share certificates for the Existing Shares will remain effective as documents of title and may be exchanged for share certificates for the Consolidated Shares at any time but will not be accepted for delivery, trading and settlement purposes.

# REASONS FOR THE SHARE CONSOLIDATION AND THE CHANGE IN BOARD LOT SIZE

Pursuant to Rule 17.76 of the GEM Listing Rules, where the market price of the securities of an issuer approaches the extremities of HK\$0.01 or HK\$9,995.00, the issuer may be required either to change the trading method or to proceed with a consolidation or splitting of its securities. The "Guide on Trading Arrangements for Selected Types of Corporate Actions" issued by the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited on 28 November 2008 and updated on 1 October 2020 has further stated that (i) market price of the securities at a level less than HK\$0.1 will be considered as approaching the extremities of HK\$0.01 as referred to Rule 17.76 of the GEM Listing Rules; and (ii) taking into account the minimum transaction costs for a securities trade, the expected board lot value should be greater than HK\$2,000.

Based on the closing price of the Existing Shares of HK\$0.021 on the date of this announcement and the board lot size of 20,000 Existing Shares, the board lot value of the Existing Shares is HK\$420. The Board considers that after the Share Consolidation and the Change in Board Lot Size became effective, the estimated board lot size value will be HK\$5,250. This will enable the Company to comply with the trading requirements under the GEM Listing Rules and reduce the overall transaction and handling costs of dealings in the Shares as a proportion of the market value of each board lot, since most of the banks/ securities houses will charge a minimum transaction cost for each securities trade. With a corresponding upward adjustment in the trading price of the Consolidated Shares, the Board believes that the Share Consolidation will make investing in the Shares more attractive to a broader range of investors, and therefore further broaden the shareholder base of the Company.

In view of the above reasons, the Company considers the Share Consolidation and the Change in Board Lot Size are justifiable notwithstanding the potential costs and impact arising from the creation of odd lots to Shareholders. Accordingly, the Board is of the view that the Share Consolidation and Change in Board Lot Size are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has no current plans for, or intention to conduct, any other corporate actions (such as share consolidation, sub-division or change in board lot size) in the next 12 months which may have an effect of undermining or negating the intended purpose of the Share Consolidation in the next 12 months. Also, the Company does not have any concrete plan to conduct any fundraising activities in the next 12 months. However, the Board cannot rule out the possibility that the Company will conduct debt and/or equity fund raising exercises when suitable fundraising opportunities arise in order to support future development of the Group. The Company will make further announcement in this regard in accordance with the GEM Listing Rules as and when appropriate.

## **EXPECTED TIMETABLE**

The expected timetable for the Share Consolidation and the Change in Board Lot Size is set out below. The expected timetable is subject to the results of the EGM and is therefore for indicative purpose only. Any change to the expected timetable will be announced in a separate announcement by the Company as and when appropriate. All times and dates in this announcement refer to Hong Kong local times and dates.

## **Events**

## Time and Date

| Despatch date of circular with notice of the EGM Friday, 21 March 2025   |
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| Latest date and time for lodging transfer<br>documents in order to qualify for<br>attendance and voting at the EGM           |
| Closure of register of members for<br>determining the entitlement to attend and<br>vote at the EGM (both days inclusive)     |
| Latest date and time for lodging forms of<br>proxy for the EGM 3:00 p.m. on<br>Sunday, 13 April 2025                         |
| Record date for attendance and voting at the EGM Tuesday, 15 April 2025  |
| Date and time of the EGM 3:00 p.m. on<br>Tuesday, 15 April 2025  |
| Publication of the announcement of voting results of the EGM Tuesday, 15 April 2025  |
| The following events are conditional on the fulfillment of the conditions for the implementation of the Share Consolidation: |
| Effective date of the Share Consolidation Thursday, 17 April 2025  |
| First day for free exchange of<br>existing share certificates<br>for new share certificates<br>for the Consolidated Shares   |
| Dealings in Consolidated Shares commence   |

#### **Events**

| Original counter for trading in the   |       |
|---|-------|
| Existing Shares in board lots of  |       |
| 20,000 Existing Shares (in the form of  |       |
| existing share certificates) temporarily closes   | n. on |
| Thursday, 17 April 2  | 2025  |
| Temporary counter for trading in the  |       |
| Consolidated Shares in board lots of  |       |
| 400 Consolidated Shares   |       |
|   |       |
| (in the form of existing share certificates) opens  |       |
| Thursday, 17 April 2  | 2023  |
| Effective date of the new board lot size Wednesday, 7 May 2                               | 2025  |
| Original counter for trading in the   |       |
| Consolidated Shares in new board lots of  |       |
| 5,000 Consolidated Shares (in the form of   |       |
| new share certificates) re-opens  | n. on |
| Wednesday, 7 May 2  | 2025  |
| Parallal trading in the Consolidated Shares   |       |
| Parallel trading in the Consolidated Shares<br>(in the form of new share certificates and |       |
| existing share certificates) commences  | 0.00  |
| Wednesday, 7 May 2  |       |
| Designated broker starts to stand   |       |
| in the market to provide matching services  |       |
| for odd lots of the Consolidated Shares   | n on  |
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| Designated broker ceases to stand   |       |
| in the market to provide matching services  |       |
| for odd lots of the Consolidated Shares 4:00 p.n  | 1. on |

Tuesday, 27 May 2025

#### Time and Date

#### **Events**

| Temporary counter for trading in the<br>Consolidated Shares in board lots of<br>400 Consolidated Shares (in the form of |                         |
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| existing share certificates) closes.  | 4:10 p.m. on            |
|   | Tuesday, 27 May 2025    |
| Parallel trading in the Consolidated Shares<br>(in form of new share certificates and                                   |                         |
| existing share certificates) ends   |                         |
|   | Tuesday, 27 May 2025    |
| Last day for free exchange of   |                         |
| existing share certificates   |                         |
| for new share certificates  |                         |
| for the Consolidated Shares   | . Thursday, 29 May 2025 |

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## **DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise specified, the following terms have the following meanings in this announcement:

| "Board"        | the board of Directors  |
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| "Business Day" | a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday and any day on which a tropical cyclone warning no. 8 or above is hoisted, "extreme condition" caused by super typhoons or on which a "black" rainstorm warning is issued between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.) on which licensed banks are generally open for business in Hong Kong throughout their normal business hours |
| "CCASS"        | the Central Clearing and Settlement System established and operated by HKSCC  |

| "Change in Board Lot<br>Size"                                 | the change in board lot size of the Shares for trading on the Stock<br>Exchange from 20,000 Existing Shares to 5,000 Consolidated Shares   |
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| "Company"   | Gaoyu Finance Group Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman<br>Islands with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on GEM<br>(stock code:8221)  |
| "Consolidated Share(s)"                                       | ordinary share(s) of par value of HK\$0.5 each in the share capital of the Company upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective   |
| "Director(s)"   | director(s) of the Company   |
| "EGM"   | the extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be held for<br>the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the Share<br>Consolidation  |
| "Existing Share(s)"   | ordinary share(s) of par value of HK\$0.01 each in the existing share capital of the Company before the Share Consolidation becoming effective   |
| "GEM"   | the GEM of the Stock Exchange  |
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| "GEM Listing Committee"                                       | the GEM listing sub-committee of the board of the Stock Exchange   |
| "GEM Listing Committee"<br>"GEM Listing Rules"                | the GEM listing sub-committee of the board of the Stock Exchange<br>the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock<br>Exchange  |
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| "GEM Listing Rules"<br>"General Rules of                      | <ul><li>the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange</li><li>the terms and conditions regulating the use of CCASS, as may be amended or modified from time to time and where the context so</li></ul>  |
| "GEM Listing Rules"<br>"General Rules of<br>HKSCC"            | the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock<br>Exchange<br>the terms and conditions regulating the use of CCASS, as may be<br>amended or modified from time to time and where the context so<br>permits, shall include the HKSCC Operational Procedures  |
| "GEM Listing Rules"<br>"General Rules of<br>HKSCC"<br>"Group" | <ul> <li>the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange</li> <li>the terms and conditions regulating the use of CCASS, as may be amended or modified from time to time and where the context so permits, shall include the HKSCC Operational Procedures</li> <li>the Company and its subsidiaries</li> </ul> |

| the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China  |
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| the Existing Share(s) or as the context may require, the Consolidated Share(s)   |
| the proposed consolidation of every fifty (50) issued and unissued<br>Existing Shares in the share capital of the Company into one (1)<br>Consolidated Share in the share capital of the Company |
| the holder(s) of the Share(s)  |
| the option(s) to subscribe for new Shares granted under the Share<br>Option Scheme   |
| The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited  |
| By order of the Board<br>Gaoyu Finance Group Limited   |
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Fok Yuk Tong Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 7 March 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises six Directors, namely Mr. Fok Yuk Tong (Chairman), Ms. Hsieh Ching Chun and Ms. Fok Kit Yee as executive Directors; and Ms. Chan Hoi Wuen Katherine, Mr. Tong Wing Chi and Mr. Kwan Tsz Chun Sun as independent non-executive Directors.

This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.

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