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## MIRAMAR HOTEL AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED 美麗華酒店企業有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 71)

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND

TO BUY BACK SHARES AND RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

A notice convening the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at The Ballroom, 18/F, The Mira Hong Kong, 118-130 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 10 June 2015 at 12:00 noon is set out in the Company's annual report 2014.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular, unless the context requires otherwise, the expressions as stated below will have the following meanings:

"Annual General Meeting" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at

The Ballroom, 18/F, The Mira Hong Kong, 118-130 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong on

Wednesday, 10 June 2015 at 12:00 noon;

"Board" the board of Directors;

"Buy-back Mandate" the general mandate to exercise the power of the

Company to buy back Shares not exceeding 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the resolution approving the Buy-back Mandate (subject to adjustment in the case of any conversion of any or all of the Shares into a larger or smaller number of

Shares);

"Chairman" the chairman presiding at any meeting of members or of

the board of Directors;

"Companies Ordinance" the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of

Hong Kong) and any amendments thereto;

"Company" Miramar Hotel and Investment Company, Limited (美麗

華酒店企業有限公司);

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company;

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries;

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

People's Republic of China;

"Issue Mandate" the general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue and

deal with Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the resolution approving the Issue Mandate (subject to adjustment in the case of any conversion of any or all of

the Shares into a larger or smaller number of Shares);

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"Latest Practicable Date"	13 April 2015, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information contained in this circular;
"Listing Rules"	Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;
"Notice"	the notice convening the Annual General Meeting dated 24 April 2015 contained in the Company's annual report 2014;
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and any amendments thereto;
"Share(s)"	the share(s) of the Company;
"Shareholders"	registered holders of the Shares;
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; and
"Takeovers Code"	The Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## MIRAMAR HOTEL AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED 美麗華酒店企業有限公司

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Executive Directors

Mr LEE Ka Shing (Chairman and CEO)

Mr Richard TANG Yat Sun

Dr Colin LAM Ko Yin

Mr Eddie LAU Yum Chuen

Mr Norman HO Hau Chong

Non-executive Directors

Dr The Honourable LEE Shau Kee

Dr Patrick FUNG Yuk Bun

Mr Dominic CHENG Ka On

Mr Alexander AU Siu Kee

Independent Non-executive Directors

Dr David SIN Wai Kin (Vice Chairman)

Mr WU King Cheong

Dr Timpson CHUNG Shui Ming

Mr Howard YEUNG Ping Leung

Mr Thomas LIANG Cheung Biu

Registered Office: 15/F, Miramar Tower 132 Nathan Road Tsim Sha Tsui Kowloon Hong Kong

24 April 2015

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

#### GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES

#### AND

## TO BUY BACK SHARES AND RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding the proposals for the Issue Mandate, the Buy-back Mandate and the re-election of Directors and to seek your approval at the Annual General Meeting in connection with, inter alia, such matters.

#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND TO BUY BACK SHARES

Ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to grant to the Directors new general mandates:

- (i) to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing the proposed resolution at the Annual General Meeting (subject to adjustment in the case of any conversion of any or all of the Shares into a larger or smaller number of Shares) (as at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company would be allowed under the Issue Mandate to allot, issue and otherwise deal with a maximum of 115,446,250 new Shares); and
- (ii) to buy back Shares not exceeding 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing the proposed resolution at the Annual General Meeting (subject to adjustment in the case of any conversion of any or all of the Shares into a larger or smaller number of Shares).

In addition, a separate ordinary resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to add to the Issue Mandate those Shares bought back by the Company pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate (if granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting).

The Directors have no present intention to exercise the Issue Mandate or the Buy-back Mandate (if granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting).

An explanatory statement containing information regarding the Buy-back Mandate is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

#### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with Articles 77, 78 and 79 of the Articles of Association, Dr Timpson Chung Shui Ming, Mr Norman Ho Hau Chong, Dr Colin Lam Ko Yin, Mr Thomas Liang Cheung Biu and Mr Howard Yeung Ping Leung shall retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election. The Nomination Committee has also recommended to the Board that they are eligible for re-election.

Their biographical details which are required to be disclosed by the Listing Rules are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

The Nomination Committee also assessed and reviewed the individual Director's annual confirmation of independence based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, and affirmed that Dr Timpson Chung Shui Ming, Mr Thomas Liang Cheung Biu and Mr Howard Yeung Ping Leung, remained independent as having regard that they have not taken part in the day-to-day management or performed any management role or executive function in the Company or any of its subsidiaries since they were appointed as directors of the Company.

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr Timpson Chung Shui Ming has served as independent non-executive director for more than nine years. As an independent non-executive director with extensive experience and knowledge, Dr Chung has been providing objective and independent views to the Company over the years, and he remains committed to his independent role. The Board concurs with the view of the Nomination Committee that the long service of Dr Chung would not affect his exercise of independent judgement and is satisfied that Dr Chung has the required character, integrity and experience to continue fulfilling the role of an independent non-executive director, and the Board thus recommends Dr Chung for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

#### DEMAND FOR POLL AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the Chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. The Chairman of the Annual General Meeting will therefore put each of the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to be voted by way of a poll pursuant to Article 56 of the Company's Articles of Association.

Whether or not you intend to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete and return the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's registered office at 15/F, Miramar Tower, 132 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Annual General Meeting. In calculating the periods mentioned for depositing the form of proxy, no account is to be taken of any part of a day that is a public holiday. The return of a form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person if you so wish.

An announcement will be made by the Company following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting to inform you of the results of the Annual General Meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the proposals for the Issue Mandate, the Buy-back Mandate and the re-election of Directors are all in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that all Shareholders should vote in favour of the resolutions set out in the notice of Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully, LEE KA SHING Chairman and CEO This explanatory statement constitutes the memorandum required under section 239(2) of the Companies Ordinance and contains all the information required under the Listing Rules for you to consider the Buy-back Mandate.

#### 1. TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES IN ISSUE

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the total number of Shares in issue comprised 577,231,252 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution set out in the Notice and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or bought back prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company would be allowed under the Buy-back Mandate to buy back a maximum of 57,723,125 Shares.

#### 2. REASONS FOR BUY-BACK

The Directors believe that the Buy-back Mandate is in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders. The exercise of the Buy-back Mandate may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per share and/or earnings per share of the Company and will only be made when the Directors believe that a buy-back of Shares will benefit the Company and the Shareholders.

#### 3. FUNDING OF BUY-BACK

In buying back Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Articles of Association and the Companies Ordinance. Buy-back of Shares pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate will be made out of funds legally permitted to be utilised in this connection, including funds from the distributable profits of the Company and/or the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purpose of the buy-back to such an extent allowable under the Companies Ordinance.

Pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate, buy-backs would be financed by the Company's internal resources and/or available banking facilities.

The exercise of the Buy-back Mandate in full could have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company compared with that as at 31 December 2014, being the date of its latest audited financial statements. The Directors do not, however, intend to make any buy-back in circumstances that would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company.

#### 4. SHARES PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months were as follows:

	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2014		
April	10.18	9.56
May	10.04	9.50
June	10.00	9.46
July	9.82	9.50
August	10.12	9.69
September	10.38	9.70
October	9.99	9.55
November	9.94	9.57
December	9.75	9.51
2015		
January	9.94	9.61
February	10.12	9.75
March	11.36	9.97
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	11.38	10.74

#### 5. UNDERTAKING AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, their associates, has any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company under the Buy-back Mandate if the same is approved by the Shareholders.

No other connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the powers of the Company to make buy-backs pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Companies Ordinance and any other applicable laws of Hong Kong.

#### 6. TAKEOVERS CODE AND SHARE BUY-BACKS

The controlling shareholder of the Company owns 45.08% of the total number of Shares in issue. On the assumption of the full exercise of the Buy-back Mandate, the controlling shareholder's voting rights in the Company will be increased to approximately 50.09% and such an increase may give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors have no present intention to exercise the power to buy back Shares to such an extent that it will trigger the obligations of the Company's controlling shareholder under the Takeovers Code to make a mandatory offer.

## 7. SHARE BUY-BACK MADE BY THE COMPANY

The Company has not purchased any of its Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months preceding the date of this circular.

Particulars of the retiring Directors subject to re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out below:

## 1. Dr Timpson CHUNG Shui Ming, GBS, JP, DSSc (Hon)

Aged 63. Dr Chung was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company in 2006. Dr Chung obtained a bachelor's degree in science from the University of Hong Kong and a master's degree in business administration from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and was awarded a Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa by the City University of Hong Kong. He is a fellow member of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is a member of the National Committee of the 10th, 11th and 12th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Currently, Dr Chung is an independent non-executive director of China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited, Glorious Sun Enterprises Limited, China Overseas Grand Oceans Group Limited, China Everbright Limited, China Construction Bank Corporation, Henderson Land Development Company Limited ("Henderson Land"), Jinmao Investments and Jinmao (China) Investments Holdings Limited, all of which are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. He is also an independent director of China State Construction Engineering Corporation Limited, listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. Formerly, Dr Chung was the Chairman of the Council of the City University of Hong Kong, the Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Land Fund Trust. He was previously an independent director of China Everbright Bank Company Limited (listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange). He previously served as an independent non-executive director of Nine Dragons Paper (Holdings) Limited, a listed company, until his retirement on 3 March 2013. Henderson Land has discloseable interests in the shares of the Company under the provisions of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance as at 31 December 2014.

Save as disclosed above, Dr Chung has not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr Chung does not hold any Shares in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. Dr Chung has no relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Dr Chung acted as Director of the Company on the terms set out in a Letter of Appointment. He was appointed for a specific term of three years until 31 December 2017 but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, in which it is stipulated that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting. Other than that, Dr Chung is not a party to any service contract with the Company.

He is entitled to a fixed annual remuneration of HK\$250,000 per annum for acting as an independent non-executive Director, a member of the Audit Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company, which is determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibilities.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor is there any other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders in connection with Dr Chung's re-election.

#### 2. Mr Norman HO Hau Chong, BA, ACA, FCPA

Aged 59. Mr Ho was appointed director of the Company in 1998. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, and a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is an executive director of Honorway Investments Limited and Tak Hung (Holding) Company Limited and has over 33 years' experience in management and property development. He is also a director of Vision Values Holdings Limited, as well as an independent non-executive director of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited, Lee Hing Development Limited and Shun Tak Holdings Limited. He previously served as an independent non-executive director of Starlight International Holdings Limited until his retirement on 26 August 2013, CITIC Pacific Limited until his resignation on 12 May 2011. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr Ho has not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Ho does not hold any Shares in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. Mr Ho has no relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Mr Ho acted as Director of the Company on the terms set out in a Letter of Appointment. He was not appointed for a specific term but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, in which it is stipulated that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting. Other than that, Mr Ho is not a party to any service contract with the Company.

He is entitled to a fixed annual remuneration of HK\$50,000 per annum for acting as an executive Director of the Company, which is determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibilities.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor is there any other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders in connection with Mr Ho's re-election.

#### 3. Dr Colin LAM Ko Yin, FCILT, FHKIOD, DB (Hon)

Aged 63. Dr Lam was appointed director of the Company in 1993. He holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree from the University of Hong Kong and has over 41 years' experience in banking and property development. He is the Deputy Chairman of The University of Hong Kong Foundation for Educational Development and Research and a Director of Fudan University Education Development Foundation. Dr Lam was awarded an Honorary University Fellowship by The University of Hong Kong in 2008, and was conferred a degree of Doctor of Business (Honoris Causa) by Macquarie University in 2015. He is a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong and a Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors. He is also the Chairman of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited, the Vice Chairman of Henderson Land Development Company Limited ("Henderson Land") and Henderson Investment Limited as well as a non-executive director of The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited, all of which are listed companies. Dr Lam is a director of Henderson Development Limited ("Henderson Development"), Multiglade Holdings Limited ("Multiglade"), Higgins Holdings Limited ("Higgins"), Threadwell Limited ("Threadwell"), Aynbury Investments Limited ("Aynbury"), Hopkins (Cayman) Limited ("Hopkins"), Riddick (Cayman) Limited ("Riddick") and Rimmer (Cayman) Limited ("Rimmer"). Multiglade, Higgins, Threadwell, Aynbury, Henderson Land, Henderson Development, Hopkins, Riddick and Rimmer have discloseable interests in the shares of the Company under the provisions of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance as at 31 December 2014. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Dr Lam has not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr Lam does not hold any Shares in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. Dr Lam has no relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Dr Lam acted as Director of the Company on the terms set out in a Letter of Appointment. He was not appointed for a specific term but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, in which it is stipulated that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting. Other than that, Dr Lam is not a party to any service contract with the Company.

He is entitled to a fixed annual remuneration of HK\$50,000 per annum for acting as an executive Director of the Company, which is determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibilities.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor is there any other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders in connection with Dr Lam's re-election.

## 4. Mr Thomas LIANG Cheung Biu, BA, MBA

Aged 68. Mr Liang was appointed director of the Company in 2004 and was re-designated as independent non-executive director of the Company in December 2012. He holds a Bachelor degree in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master degree in Business Administration from Columbia University. Mr Liang has extensive experience in financial management, corporate finance, banking, real estate development and equity investment. He is also the Group Chief Executive of Wideland Investors Limited and an independent non-executive director of New World Development Company Limited.

Save as disclosed above, Mr Liang has not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Liang has a deemed interest in 2,218,000 shares (representing approximately 0.38% of the total number of issued shares of the Company) within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, which 1,080,000 shares are held by a trust of which his spouse is a beneficiary and 1,138,000 Shares are held by his spouse. Mr Liang has no relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Mr Liang acted as Director of the Company on the terms set out in a Letter of Appointment. He was appointed for a specific term of three years until 31 December 2017 but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, in which it is stipulated that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting. Other than that, Mr Liang is not a party to any service contract with the Company.

He is entitled to a fixed annual remuneration of HK\$50,000 per annum for acting as an independent non-executive Director of the Company, which is determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibilities.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor is there any other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders in connection with Mr Liang's re-election.

## 5. Mr Howard YEUNG Ping Leung

Aged 58. Mr Yeung was appointed director of the Company in 2000 and was re-designated as independent non-executive director of the Company in December 2012. He has extensive experience in the businesses of property development, hotel operation and jewelry. He is also a director and the Chairman of King Fook Holdings Limited and an independent non-executive director of New World Development Company Limited.

Save as disclosed above, Mr Yeung has not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Yeung does not hold any Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. Mr Yeung has no relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Mr Yeung acted as Director of the Company on the terms set out in a Letter of Appointment. He was appointed for a specific term of three years until 31 December 2017 but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, in which it is stipulated that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting. Other than that, Mr Yeung is not a party to any service contract with the Company.

He is entitled to a fixed annual remuneration of HK\$50,000 per annum for acting as an independent non-executive Director of the Company, which is determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibilities.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor is there any other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders in connection with Mr Yeung's re-election.