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DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN ZHENGZHOU CITY

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DEFINITIONS

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Acquisition"	the acquisition of the building ownership right and the land use right of the Property as contemplated under the Framework Agreement
"Actual Site Area"	the site area of the Property as stipulated on the Building Ownership Certificate in respect of the Property to be granted to the Purchaser
"Agreed Site Area"	the agreed site area of the Property as stipulated in the SP Agreement
"Agreements"	the Framework Agreement and the SP Agreement
"associate"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Companies Ordinance"	Companies Ordinance, Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong
"Company"	New World Department Store China Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange
"Consideration"	the consideration for the sale and purchase of the building ownership right and the land use right of the Property in the sum of RMB307,317,000, subject to adjustments
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Escrow Account"	the bank account opened by the Vendor at the Escrow Bank for the safekeeping of the pre-sale proceeds of the Project in accordance with the Escrow Agreement
"Escrow Agreement"	the 預售款監管協議 (Pre-sale Proceeds Escrow Agreement) between the Vendor and the Escrow Bank in relation to the safekeeping of the pre-sale proceeds of the Project
"Escrow Bank"	the bank engaged by the Vendor to safekeep the pre-sale proceeds of the Project

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"Framework Agreement"	房地產買賣框架合同 (Framework Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Property) entered into between the Vendor and the Purchaser dated 7 July 2008 pursuant to which, <i>inter alia</i> , the Vendor has agreed to sell and the Purchaser has agreed to acquire the building ownership right and the land use right of the Property
"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 PRC
"Land"	the parcel of land numbered GC1-459-16 located at 商城路北、 紫荊山路東 (Shangcheng Road North and Zijingshan Road East), Zhengzhou City, Henan Province, the PRC
"Latest Practicable Date"	23 July 2008, being the latest practicable date prior to the bulk- printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information contained herein
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"Plan Site Area"	the site area of the Property agreed between the Vendor and the Purchaser and set out in the Framework Agreement, being 34,530 square metres
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China
"Project"	the project to be developed by the Vendor on the Land
"Property"	Level 1 to Level 4 of Block A of the commercial podium building of the Project to be erected, including all the building area, the right of use of the outer wall and the outer space thereof, certain prescribed area between the roof and the staircase outside the building, the building ownership right and/or the right of use of certain prescribed area at the lower ground first floor, the lower ground second floor and other areas and facilities as prescribed in the Framework Agreement
"Purchaser"	武漢新鵬發展有限公司 (Wuhan New Eagle Development Co., Ltd.), a wholly-foreign-owned enterprise established in the PRC and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC

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"SFO"	Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong			
"Shareholder(s)"	the holder(s) of the Share(s)			
"Shares"	shares in the share capital of the Company, with a par value of HK \$0.10 each			
"SP Agreement"	商品房買賣合同 (Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Commercial Housing), together with an agreement supplemental thereto, entered into between the Vendor and the Purchaser pursuant to the Framework Agreement			
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited			
"subsidiary"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Companies Ordinance			
"substantial shareholder"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules			
"Vendor"	河南裕鴻置業有限公司 (Henan Yuhong Property Company Limited), a company established in the PRC with limited liability			
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(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 825)

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30 July 2008

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN ZHENGZHOU CITY

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Board refers to the announcement of the Company dated 9 July 2008 in relation to the acquisition of the building ownership right and the land use right of the Property on 7 July 2008.

As one of the applicable percentage ratios exceed 5% but are all below 25%, the Acquisition constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules and this document constitutes a circular which the Company is required to send to you in respect thereof pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

#### 2. THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

#### Date

7 July 2008

### Parties

The Vendor

The Purchaser, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, the Vendor and its ultimate beneficial owner are third parties independent of the Company and connected persons of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date.

#### The Acquisition

Subject to the terms of the Framework Agreement, the Vendor has agreed to sell and the Purchaser has agreed to acquire the building ownership right and the land use right of the Property. The Property is situated at Level 1 to Level 4 of Block A of the commercial podium building to be erected on land parcel numbered GC1-459-16, 商城路北、紫荊山路東 (Shangcheng Road North and Zijingshan Road East), Zhengzhou City, Henan Province, the PRC. The land use right area of the Land is approximately 26,396.4 square metres. The designated use of the Land is residential and the term for the grant of the land use right of the Land will expire on 19 April 2076.

The Vendor has agreed to provide 100 carpark spaces for use by the Purchaser for free for a period of two years from the date of signing of the Handover Confirmation (as hereinafter defined).

The Vendor has agreed to ensure that the roof of Level 1 to Level 4 of the podium building, the front door square and certain space outside the Property shall be exclusively managed and used by the Purchaser until the expiry of the land use right of the Project.

The Purchaser shall have the right to terminate the Framework Agreement if the absolute value of the percentage deviation of the site area of the Property as determined by any of the following formulae is greater than 3%:

The Vendor has undertaken to handover the completed Property together with the prescribed facilities and electrical and mechanical systems to the Purchaser on or before 31 December 2009.

#### Consideration

The Consideration for the acquisition of the building ownership right and land use right of the Property is RMB307,317,000 (being the Plan Site Area multiplied by RMB8,900 per square metre), payable in cash. The Consideration will be funded by internal resources of the Group.

The Consideration shall be adjusted in the following manner:

If the Actual/Agreed Site Area Percentage Deviation is within (and including) 3%, the Consideration shall be adjusted accordingly at RMB8,900 per square metre.

If the Actual/Agreed Site Area Percentage Deviation is greater than 3% and the Actual Site Area is greater than the Agreed Site Area, the Purchaser shall make additional payment for the part of the area falling within (and including) 3% of the Actual/Agreed Site Area Percentage Deviation calculated at RMB8,900 per square metre. The Vendor shall be responsible for the part of the area exceeding 3% of the Actual/Agreed Site Area Percentage Deviation. The Purchaser needs not make additional payment for such part while all the rights of such part shall belong to the Purchaser.

If the Actual/Agreed Site Area Percentage Deviation is greater than 3% and the Actual Site Area is smaller than the Agreed Site Area, the Vendor shall refund the Consideration in respect of the part of the area falling within (and including) 3% of the Actual/Agreed Site Area Percentage Deviation to the Purchaser. The Vendor shall refund to the Purchaser two times the amount of the Consideration in respect of the part of the area exceeding 3% of the Actual/Agreed Site Actual/Agreed Site Area Percentage Deviation.

If the Agreed/Plan Site Area Percentage Deviation is within (and including) 3%, the Consideration shall be adjusted accordingly at RMB8,900 per square metre.

If the Agreed/Plan Site Area Percentage Deviation is greater than 3% and the Agreed Site Area is greater than the Plan Site Area, the part of the area falling within (and including) 3% of the Agreed/Plan Site Area Percentage Deviation shall be calculated at RMB8,900 per square metre. The Purchaser needs not pay for the part of the Agreed Site Area exceeding 3% of the Agreed/Plan Site Area Percentage Deviation while all the rights of such part shall belong to the Purchaser.

The Actual/Plan Site Area Percentage Deviation shall be less than or equal to 6%, i.e. the maximum Consideration of approximately RMB325,756,020 to be paid by the Purchaser shall be calculated based on the area of 36,601.8 square metres. If the Actual Site Area is smaller than the Plan Site Area, the Vendor shall refund to the Purchaser two times the amount of the Consideration in respect of the part of the area exceeding 6% of the Actual/ Plan Site Area Percentage Deviation.

The Actual/Plan Site Area Percentage Deviation shall be calculated as follows:

Actual/Plan Site Area Percentage Deviation =  $\frac{\text{Actual Site Area} - \text{Plan Site Area}}{\text{Plan Site Area}} \times 100\%$ 

The Consideration was determined after arm's length negotiations between the Purchaser and the Vendor with the Purchaser's reference to the market price of other properties in the vicinity of the Land, economic factors, the potential of the Property and the performances of other department stores of similar capacity in the vicinity.

### **Payment of Consideration**

The Consideration shall be payable by the Purchaser in the following manner:

- (1) 10% of the Consideration, equivalent to RMB30,731,700, shall be paid by the Purchaser to the Vendor as deposit (the "Deposit") within 10 working days after (a) the Vendor has provided certain documents as prescribed in the Framework Agreement; and (b) completion of the notarization procedure of the Framework Agreement, together with the annexures, within two working days after its execution. The Deposit shall be placed by the Purchaser in a bank account to be operated jointly by the Vendor and the Purchaser; and
- (2) the following payments shall be made after the Vendor and the Escrow Bank have signed the Escrow Agreement and after the Escrow Agreement has been annexed to the SP Agreement:
  - (a) the Purchaser shall transfer the Deposit into the Escrow Account and deposit 20% of the Consideration, equivalent to RMB61,463,400, into the Escrow Account within eight working days after the occurrence of the latest of the following events:
    - the Vendor has changed the use of the Property to commercial use, the Vendor has signed the 土地出讓合同補充協議 (Supplemental Agreement for Sale of Property) with the Land Resources Bureau of Zhengzhou City, Henan Province and provided to the Purchaser evidence of payment of any additional land premium on or before 31 October 2008;
    - (ii) the Vendor has been granted the 商品房預售許可證 (permit for the pre-sale of commercial housing) from the relevant property development management authority of Zhengzhou City on or before 31 October 2008;
    - (iii) after the Vendor has provided certain prescribed documents as stated in the Framework Agreement, Purchaser should sign the SP Agreement and supplemental agreement within two working days after the grant of the permit for the pre-sale of commercial housing. Unless agreed otherwise between the Vendor and the Purchaser, the terms of the Framework Agreement shall form the main terms of the SP Agreement. The rights and obligations of the parties under the Framework Agreement shall be determined based on the terms of the SP Agreement upon the registration of the SP Agreement with the relevant government authority; and

- (iv) the completion of the pre-sale of commercial housing registration procedure in respect of the SP Agreement by the Vendor within two working days after the grant of the permit for the pre-sale of commercial housing;
- (b) 15% of the Consideration, equivalent to RMB46,097,550, shall be paid by the Purchaser into the Escrow Account within eight working days after completion of the construction of the commercial podium building of Block A of the Project (which shall be completed on or before 20 November 2008) and the signing of a confirmation by the Purchaser acknowledging the same;
- (c) 15% of the Consideration, equivalent to RMB46,097,550, shall be paid by the Purchaser into the Escrow Account within eight working days after completion of the construction of the main structure of the tower of Block A of the Project (which shall be completed on or before 30 November 2008) and the signing of a confirmation by the Purchaser acknowledging the same;
- (d) 15% of the Consideration, equivalent to RMB46,097,550, shall be paid by the Purchaser into the Escrow Account within eight working days after completion of the construction of the five main aspects of the Project (which includes design, testing, construction, supervision and units construction) and certain prescribed facilities and electrical and mechanical systems of the Project (which shall be completed on or before 31 October 2009), the signing of a confirmation by the Purchaser acknowledging the same and the provision of the Certificate for the Completion and Acceptance of Construction Work by the Vendor;
- (e) 10% of the Consideration, equivalent to RMB30,731,700, shall be paid by the Purchaser into the Vendor's account within eight working days after the handover of the Property in accordance with the Framework Agreement and the signing of a confirmation on the handover by the Vendor and the Purchaser (the "Handover Confirmation");
- (f) 5% of the Consideration, equivalent to RMB15,365,850, shall be paid by the Purchaser into the Vendor's account within eight working days after the Vendor has obtained the 產權登記備案證 (Certificate of Registration of Property Ownership) and the 面積測繪報告 (Building Area Surveying Report) of the Property with 60 working days from the date of signing of the Handover Confirmation by the parties; and
- (g) the balance of the Consideration, after taking into account any adjustments, shall be paid by the Purchaser to the Vendor within eight working days after the Purchaser has been granted the 房屋所有權證 (Building Ownership Certificate) and the 國有土地使用權證 (State-owned Land Use Right Certificate) of the Property.

The actual amounts of progress payments referred to above shall be based on the Consideration as calculated based on the Agreed Site Area specified in the SP Agreement. As at the Latest Practicable Date, a sum in the amount of RMB30,731,700, being the Deposit, had been paid by the Purchaser to the Vendor.

### 3. REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE ACQUISITION

The Group is principally engaged in the operation of department stores in the PRC. The Directors believe the Acquisition will further enhance the Company's department store business as well as the Company's influence in Central China Region. The Directors do not expect the Acquisition will have any material impact on the Group's asset and liabilities upon completion of the Acquisition. Upon having obtained the legal titles of the Property, the Property will be used in the normal business operation of the Group. The Directors believe that the earnings of the Group will be enhanced.

The Board believes that the terms of the Framework Agreement are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the Shareholders as a whole.

### 4. INFORMATION ON THE VENDOR

To the best knowledge of the Board, the principal activities of the Vendor are property development and sale of properties.

Your attention is also drawn to the additional information set out in the appendix to this circular.

Yours faithfully, For and on behalf of New World Department Store China Limited Cheng Kar-shun, Henry Chairman

## APPENDIX

### 1. **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

This circular includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Group. The Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this circular and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no other facts not contained herein the omission of which would make any statement contained in this circular misleading.

### 2. DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the interests and short positions of the Directors and the chief executives of the Company in the shares and debentures of the Company or the shares and debentures of any associated corporation of the Company (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required pursuant to: (a) Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange; or (b) Section 352 of Part XV of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (c) the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

### (I) Long position in shares

	Number of shares				
	Beneficial interests	Family interests	Interests of controlled corporation	Total	Approximate percentage of shareholding
The Company			= (1)		
Mr. Cheng Chi-kong, Adrian	_	—	$1,107,000^{(1)}$	1,107,000	0.07
Mr. Cheung Fai-yet, Philip	660,000	_	—	660,000	0.04
New World Development Company	Limited ("NWD	")			
Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry	_	300,000	_	300,000	0.01
NWS Holdings Limited ("NWS")					
Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry	9,179,199	—	8,000,000 ⁽²⁾	17,179,199	0.83
Mega Choice Holdings Limited					
Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry	—	—	3,710 ⁽³⁾	3,710	34.61
New World China Land Limited ("	NWCL")				
Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry	12,500,000	1,950,000	52,271,200 ⁽²⁾	66,721,200	1.74
Mr. Cheng Chi-kong, Adrian			760,000 ⁽¹⁾	760,000	0.02
0 0	100,000		750,000	100,000	
Ms. Ngan Man-ying, Lynda	100,000			100,000	negligible

Notes:

(1) These shares are beneficially-owned by a company wholly-owned by Mr. Cheng Chi-kong, Adrian.

(2) These shares are beneficially-owned by a company wholly-owned by Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry.

(3) These shares are beneficially-owned by certain companies wholly-owned by Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry.

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#### (II) Long position in underlying shares

#### (i) The Company

			Number of share	Exercise price per share
Name of Director	Date of grant	Exercisable period	options held	HK\$
Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry	27/11/2007	27/11/2008 to 26/11/2013 ⁽¹⁾	1,000,000	8.660
Mr. Au Tak-cheong	27/11/2007	27/11/2008 to 26/11/2013 ⁽¹⁾	250,000	8.660
Mr. Cheng Chi-kong, Adrian	27/11/2007	27/11/2008 to 26/11/2013 ⁽¹⁾	500,000	8.660
Mr. Cheung Fai-yet, Philip	27/11/2007	27/11/2008 to 26/11/2013 ⁽¹⁾	1,500,000	8.660
	25/3/2008	25/3/2009 to 24/3/2014 ⁽²⁾	500,000	8.440
Mr. Lin Tsai-tan, David	27/11/2007	27/11/2008 to 26/11/2013 ⁽¹⁾		8.660
	25/3/2008	25/3/2009 to 24/3/2014 ⁽²⁾	230,000	8.440
Mr. Wong Kwok-kan, Kenneth	27/11/2007	27/11/2008 to 26/11/2013 ⁽¹⁾	)	8.660
	25/3/2008	25/3/2009 to 24/3/2014 ⁽²⁾	250,000	8.440
Ms. Ngan Man-ying, Lynda	27/11/2007	27/11/2008 to 26/11/2013 ⁽¹⁾	500,000	8.660
Mr. Cheong Ying-chew, Henry	27/11/2007	27/11/2008 to 26/11/2013 ⁽¹⁾	250,000	8.660
Mr. Chan Yiu-tong, Ivan	27/11/2007	27/11/2008 to 26/11/2013 ⁽¹⁾	250,000	8.660
Mr. Tong Hang-chan, Peter	27/11/2007	27/11/2008 to 26/11/2013 ⁽¹⁾	250,000	8.660
Mr. Yu Chun-fai, Henry	27/11/2007	27/11/2008 to 26/11/2013 ⁽¹⁾	250,000	8.660

#### Notes:

- (1) Divided into 5 tranches exercisable from 27 November 2008, 27 November 2009, 27 November 2010, 27 November 2011 and 27 November 2012, respectively, to 26 November 2013, provided that the maximum number of share options that can be exercised during each anniversary year is 20% of the total number of share options granted together with any unexercised share options carried forward from the previous anniversary years.
- (2) Divided into 5 tranches exercisable from 25 March 2009, 25 March 2010, 25 March 2011, 25 March 2012 and 25 March 2013, respectively, to 24 March 2014, provided that the maximum number of share options that can be exercised during each anniversary year is 20% of the total number of share options granted together with any unexercised share options carried forward from the previous anniversary years.
- (3) The cash consideration paid by each Director for each grant of the share options is HK\$1.00.

#### (ii) NWD

		The second se	Number of share	Exercise price per share
Name of Director	Date of grant	Exercisable period (Note)	options held	HK\$
Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry	19/3/2007	19/3/2007 to 18/3/2012	36,500,000	17.756
Mr. Cheng Chi-kong, Adrian	19/3/2007	19/3/2007 to 18/3/2012	500,000	17.756
Mr. Au Tak-cheong	19/3/2007	19/3/2007 to 18/3/2012	1,200,000	17.756

*Note:* Divided into 5 tranches exercisable from 19 March 2007, 19 March 2008, 19 March 2009, 19 March 2010 and 19 March 2011, respectively, to 18 March 2012.

#### (iii) NWCL

Name of Director	Date of grant	Exercisable period	Number of share options held	Exercise price per share HK\$
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Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry	7/1/2008	8/2/2008 to 7/2/2011	2,000,000 ⁽¹⁾	6.972
Mr. Cheng Chi-kong, Adrian	25/7/2006	26/8/2006 to 25/8/2011	331,600 ⁽²⁾	2.865
	7/1/2008	8/2/2008 to 7/2/2011	$1,500,000^{(1)}$	6.972
Ms. Ngan Man-ying	7/1/2008	8/2/2008 to 7/2/2011	1,000,000 ⁽¹⁾	6.972

Notes:

- Divided into 3 tranches, exercisable from 8 February 2008, 8 February 2009 and 8 February 2010, respectively, to 7 February 2011.
- (2) Divided into 5 tranches, exercisable from 26 August 2006, 26 August 2007, 26 August 2008, 26 August 2009 and 26 August 2010, respectively, to 25 August 2011.

#### (iv) NWS

			Number of share	Exercise price per share
Name of Director	Date of grant	Exercisable period	options held	HK\$
Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry	21/8/2007	21/8/2008 to 20/8/2012 ⁽¹⁾	3,001,277 ⁽²⁾	16.193 ⁽²⁾

Notes:

(1) 40% of the share options are exercisable from 21 August 2008 to 20 August 2012 while the remaining 60% of the share options are divided into 3 tranches exercisable from 21 August 2009, 21 August 2010 and 21 August 2011, respectively, to 20 August 2012.

(2) Pursuant to the share option scheme of NWS, the number of unexercised share options and exercise price may subject to adjustment in case of alteration in the capital structure of NWS. NWS declared the interim dividend for the year ended 30 June 2008 in scrip form (with cash option) on 17 March 2008 which gave rise to an adjustment to the number of unexercised share options and the exercise price in accordance with the said scheme. The number of share options was adjusted from 3,000,000 to 3,001,277 and the exercise price per share was adjusted from HK\$16.200 to HK\$16.193 both with effect from 18 June 2008.

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, there was no outstanding share options or derivative instruments in respect of the Shares granted to the Directors and none of the Directors and the chief executives of the Company had any interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares or interest in debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or which were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein, or which were required, pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

#### 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

So far as the Directors are aware, as at the Latest Practicable Date, the following persons (not being Directors) had an interest or a short position in the Shares or underlying Shares which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or who (other than a member of the Group) was, directly or indirectly, interested in 10% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other member of the Group:

	Nun	nber of Shares l	Approximate	
Name	Beneficial interests	Corporate interest	Total	percentage of shareholding (direct or indirect)
Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings) Limited ("CYTFH") ⁽¹⁾	_	1,218,900,000	1,218,900,000	72.29
Centennial Success Limited ("Centennial") ⁽²⁾	_	1,218,900,000	1,218,900,000	72.29
Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited ("CTF") ⁽³⁾	_	1,218,900,000	1,218,900,000	72.29
NWD	1,218,900,000	_	1,218,900,000	72.29

Notes:

- (1) CYTFH holds 51% direct interest in Centennial and is accordingly deemed to have an interest in the Shares deemed to be interested by Centennial.
- (2) Centennial holds 100% direct interest in CTF and is accordingly deemed to have an interest in the Shares interested by or deemed to be interested by CTF.
- (3) CTF together with its subsidiaries hold an aggregate of approximately 37.16% interest in NWD and is accordingly deemed to have an interest in the Shares interested by NWD.

## APPENDIX

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Save as disclosed herein, the Directors are not aware of any person (who are not Directors) who had an interest or a short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or who (other than a member of the Group) was, directly or indirectly, interested in 10% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other member of the Group.

### 4. LITIGATION

As at the Latest Practicable Date, so far as the Directors are aware, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries are engaged in any litigation or arbitration of material importance and no litigation or claim of material importance was pending or threatened against any member of the Group.

### 5. SERVICE CONTRACTS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the Directors had entered into a service contract with any member of the Group which does not expire or is not terminable within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

### 6. COMPETING INTERESTS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the following Directors had interests in the following businesses which were considered to compete or were likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group other than those businesses where the Directors were appointed as directors to represent the interests of the Company and/or the Group pursuant to the Listing Rules:

Name of Director	Name of entity	Description of business	Nature of interest of the Director in the entity
Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry	NWD	Department store operations	Director and shareholder
	Lifestyle International Holdings Ltd. group of companies	Department store operations	Director
Mr. Cheng Chi-kong, Adrian	NWD	Department store operations	Director

### Businesses which were considered to compete or likely to compete with the business of the Group

Further details on the competing interests of the Directors and their associates are set out in the section headed "Relationship with NWD" of the prospectus of the Company dated 28 June 2007.

## 7. GENERAL

- (a) The company secretary and qualified accountant of the Company is Mr. Wong Kwok-kan, Kenneth, who is a fellow member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants of the United Kingdom and an associate member of the The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- (b) The registered office of the Company is situated at Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands.
- (c) The principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong is situated at Room 1403, 14th Floor, West Wing Office Building, New World Centre, 20 Salisbury Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong.
- (d) In the event of any inconsistency, the English language text of this circular shall prevail over the Chinese language text.