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The Board of Directors
Public Financial Holdings Limited
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Dear Sirs,

We refer to the announcement dated 16 October 2026 (the “**Profit Warning Announcement**”) issued by Public Financial Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”). Capitalised terms used in this letter shall have the same meanings as defined in the Profit Warning Announcement unless otherwise specified.

We also refer to the statement made by the Directors in the Profit Warning Announcement, that, based on the assessment of (i) the latest unaudited consolidated management accounts of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2026, (ii) the projected financial performance in the fourth quarter of 2026 taking into account the aforesaid goodwill impairment, the change in market interest rate on the Group's net interest income, the change in market value of investment properties, and the impairment provision on loan portfolio, and (iii) other information available to the Board, the Group expects to incur a loss after tax in the range of HK\$1.9 billion to HK\$2.0 billion for the financial year ending 31 December 2026 (the “**Profit Forecast**”), as compared with a profit after tax of HK\$80 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2025. The Profit Forecast is regarded as a profit forecast under the Takeovers Code and therefore, is required to be reported on pursuant to Rule 10 of the Takeovers Code.

We have discussed with you the bases and assumptions upon which the Profit Forecast was prepared. We have also considered the report on the Profit Forecast dated 30 October 2026 issued by Ernst & Young, the auditor of the Company, to you, the text of which is set out in the Appendix III to the Scheme Document to be jointly issued by the Offeror and the Company, which stated that, so far as the accounting policies and calculations are concerned, the Profit Forecast has been properly compiled in accordance with the bases and assumptions adopted by the Directors as set out in the Profit Warning Announcement and is presented on a basis consistent in all material respects with the accounting policies normally adopted by the Group as set out in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Based on the above, we are satisfied that the Profit Forecast, for which the Directors are solely responsible, has been made after due care and consideration.



Our opinion has been given for the sole purpose of compliance with Note 1(c) to Rules 10.1 and 10.2 and Rule 10.4 of the Takeovers Code and for no other purpose. We do not accept any responsibility to any person(s), other than the Company, in respect of, arising out of, or in connection with this letter.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
SOMERLEY CAPITAL LIMITED

Calvin Leung
Director