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The Board of Directors
Public Financial Holdings Limited
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Profit forecast for the year ending 31 December 2026

We refer to the forecast of the unaudited profit after tax of Public Financial Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Group**”) for the year ending 31 December 2026 (the “**Profit Forecast**”). The Profit Forecast has been prepared to enable the directors of the Company (the “**Directors**”) to issue the following statement set forth in the Company’s announcement dated 16 October 2026 in relation to the profit warning (the “**Profit Warning Announcement**”) and the scheme document dated 30 October 2026 in relation to the proposal for the privatisation of the Company by way of a scheme of arrangement.

“The Board would like to inform the Shareholders and potential investors of the Company 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 Warning”), as compared with a profit after tax of HK\$80 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.”

The Profit Forecast is required to be reported on under Rule 10 of the Code on Takeovers and Mergers issued by the Securities and Futures Commission.

Directors' Responsibilities

The Profit Forecast has been prepared by the Directors based on the unaudited financial information of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2026 and a forecast of the three-month consolidated results of the Group from 1 October 2026 to 31 December 2026.

The Directors are solely responsible for the Profit Forecast.

Our Independence and Quality Management

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

Our firm applies Hong Kong Standard on Quality Management (“HKSQM”) 1, *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements*, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Reporting Accountants' Responsibilities

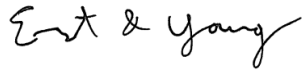
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the accounting policies and calculations of the Profit Forecast based on our procedures.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Investment Circular Reporting Engagements 500 *Reporting on Profit Forecasts, Statements of Sufficiency of Working Capital and Statements of Indebtedness* and with reference to Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) *Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* as issued by the HKICPA. These standards require that we plan and perform our work to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether, so far as the accounting policies and calculations are concerned, the Directors have properly compiled the Profit Forecast in accordance with the bases and assumptions adopted by the Directors and as to whether the Profit Forecast is presented on a basis consistent in all material respects with the accounting policies normally adopted by the Group. Our work is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the HKICPA. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, 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.

Yours faithfully,

**Ernst & Young**

Certified Public Accountants
Hong Kong