

# THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED 香港上海大酒店有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 45)

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held in the Salisbury Room, The Peninsula, Salisbury Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 7 May 2008 at 12:00 noon for the following purposes:

- To receive and consider the audited Financial Statements and the Reports of the Directors and auditors for the year ended 31 December 2007.
- 2. To declare a final dividend.
- 3. To re-elect retiring Directors.
- 4. To re-appoint the auditors and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modification the following Resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### 5. "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c), a general mandate be unconditionally granted to the Directors of the Company to exercise during the Relevant Period all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements, options or warrants which would or might require the exercise of such powers;
- (b) the mandate in paragraph (a) shall authorise the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate number of shares in the capital of the Company allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the mandate in paragraph (a), otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue, or (ii) any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to acquire shares of the Company, or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement pursuant to the Articles of Association of the Company from time to time, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate number of shares in the capital of the Company in issue at the date of this Resolution and the said mandate shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purpose of this Resolution:

'Relevant Period' means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law to be held; and
- (iii) the date on which the authority given under this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting.

'Rights Issue' means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to holders of shares in the capital of the Company or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong)."

# 6. "THAT:

- (a) a general mandate be unconditionally granted to the Directors of the Company to exercise during the Relevant Period all the powers of the Company to repurchase or otherwise acquire shares of HK\$0.50 each in the capital of the Company in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, provided that the aggregate number of shares in the capital of the Company so repurchased or otherwise acquired shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the shares in the capital of the Company in issue at the date of this Resolution; and
- (b) for the purpose of this Resolution:

'Relevant Period' means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law to be held; and
- (iii) the date on which the authority given under this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting."
- 7. "THAT, subject to the passing of Resolutions 5 and 6 set out in the notice of this Meeting, the aggregate number of the shares in the capital of the Company which are repurchased or otherwise acquired by the Company pursuant to Resolution 6 shall be added to the aggregate number of the shares in the capital of the Company which may be issued pursuant to Resolution 5."
- 8. "THAT pursuant to Article 77 of the Articles of Association of the Company, with effect from 8 May 2008, the ordinary remuneration of the Directors (other than Executive Directors) be fixed at the rate of HK\$200,000 per annum for each Director."

By Order of the Board Christobelle Liao Company Secretary

### 14 April 2008

#### Notes:

- 1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint not more than two proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him or her. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members in respect of the joint holding.
- 3. The register of members will be closed from 5 May to 7 May 2008, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
- 4. To be entitled to receive the final dividend, shareholders must ensure that all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates are lodged with the Company's registrars, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited of Rooms 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 2 May 2008.
- 5. Subject to the passing of the necessary resolution at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, the final dividend will be payable on or about 13 June 2008, to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members on 7 May 2008. Shareholders will be given the option to receive their dividend in the form of scrip rather than cash.
- 6. The retiring Directors are Mr. Clement King Man Kwok, Mr. William Elkin Mocatta, Mr. Pierre Roger Boppe and Mr. Robert Warren Miller. All of the retiring Directors eligible for re-election, have agreed to put their names forward for re-election. Details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting are set out in Appendix II of the document to the shareholders dated 14 April 2008.
- 7. Pursuant to Article 58 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Chairman will demand a poll on each of the resolutions submitted at the Annual General Meeting. The results of the poll will be uploaded on the Company's and the Stock Exchange's websites after market closes on the day of the Annual General Meeting.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises the following Directors:

#### Chairman

The Hon. Sir Michael Kadoorie

**Deputy Chairman** 

Ian Duncan Boyce

## **Executive Directors**

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Clement King Man Kwok

Chief Operating Officer Peter Camille Borer

#### **Non-Executive Directors**

Ronald James McAulay William Elkin Mocatta Pierre Roger Boppe John Andrew Harry Leigh Nicholas Timothy James Colfer

**Independent Non-Executive Directors** 

Dr. The Hon. Sir David Kwok Po Li Robert Chee Siong Ng Robert Warren Miller Patrick Blackwell Paul