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# Zero Fintech Group Limited 零在科技金融集團有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 00093)

# ANNOUNCEMENT DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION LOAN TRANSACTION

The Board wishes to announce that on 23 January 2025, X8 Finance, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, as lender and the Borrowers as borrowers have entered into the New Loan Agreement, pursuant to which, X8 Finance agreed to, among other things, make available to the Borrowers the New Loan on the terms and subject to the conditions therein.

The transactions contemplated under the New Loan Agreement constitute a discloseable transaction for the Company as one or more of the applicable percentage ratios (as defined under the Listing Rules) in respect of the New Loan Agreement is 5% or more but all are less than 25%. Therefore, the transactions contemplated under the New Loan Agreement are subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

# THE NEW LOAN AGREEMENT

#### **Parties**

Lender: X8 Finance, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company

Borrowers: the Borrowers

Mortgagor: Borrower A

Prior to the entering into of the New Loan Agreement, X8 Finance as lender, has entered into the Previous Loan Agreement to grant the Previous Loan to the Borrowers for the principal amount of HK\$8,500,000.

The Company confirms that to the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, each of the Borrowers is a third party independent of the Company and its connected persons.

#### Date

23 January 2025

# **Principal terms of the New Loan Agreement**

The principal terms of the New Loan Agreement are as follows:

Principal Loan Amount: HK\$8,500,000 (of which all was to re-finance the principal

amount of the Previous Loan), the drawdown of which will take

place on 23 January 2025

Maturity Date: 23 January 2026

Repayment Date: The outstanding principal amount of the New Loan shall be fully

repaid in one lump sum on 23 January 2026, being 12 months

from 23 January 2025

Interest: 16% per annum and payable in arrears in 12 monthly installments,

with the first installment to be paid on 23 February 2025

Security for the New Loan: A legal charge/mortgage in respect of a residential property

located in Hong Kong which was executed by the Mortgagor in

favour of X8 Finance on 6 October 2022

The provision of the Previous Loan was funded by the internal resources of the Group and the New Loan was carried over from the Previous Loan.

### IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE LISTING RULES

The transactions contemplated under the New Loan Agreement constitute a discloseable transaction for the Company as one or more of the applicable percentage ratios (as defined under the Listing Rules) in respect of the New Loan Agreement is 5% or more but all are less than 25%. Therefore, the transactions contemplated under the New Loan Agreement are subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

#### REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF ENTERING INTO THE NEW LOAN AGREEMENT

The terms of the New Loan Agreement, including the interest rates applicable, were arrived at after arm's length negotiations between X8 Finance and the Borrowers having taken into account the prevailing market interest rates and practices. The New Loan Agreement was entered into by X8 Finance having regard to (i) the costs of borrowing in providing the New Loan to the Borrowers; (ii) the interest income to be generated by providing the New Loan; and (iii) the securities provided by the Mortgagor for the New Loan. In addition, the transactions contemplated under the New Loan Agreement are part of the ordinary and usual course of business of X8 Finance. In view of the above, the Directors are of the view that the terms of the New Loan Agreement are on normal commercial terms, are fair and reasonable, and are in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

#### **GENERAL**

The Group is principally engaged in property development and investment, and the money lending business.

X8 Finance is a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. X8 Finance is a registered money lender holding a valid money lenders licence under the Money Lenders Ordinance (Chapter 163 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and is principally engaged in the provision of loans as money lending.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings when used herein:

"Board" the board of Directors

"Borrower A" Ms. Cheng Kim Sheung, one of the borrowers under the New Loan

Agreement and the Previous Loan Agreement

"Borrower B" Mr. Leung Kwong Ming Stephen, one of the borrowers under the

New Loan Agreement and the Previous Loan Agreement

"Borrowers" collectively, Borrower A and Borrower B

"Company" Zero Fintech Group Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda

with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Main

Board of the Stock Exchange

"connected person(s)" has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

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

"Group" the Company together with its subsidiaries from time to time

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

"Hong Kong" Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic

of China

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange

"Mortgagor" Borrower A who, as security for the Previous Loan and now the New

Loan, had executed a legal charge/mortgage in respect of a residential property located in Hong Kong in favour of X8 Finance on 6 October

2022

"New Loan" the term loan in the amount of HK\$8,500,000 granted by X8 Finance

to the Borrowers pursuant to the terms of the New Loan Agreement

"New Loan Agreement" the loan agreement entered into between X8 Finance and the

Borrowers on 23 January 2025 in respect of the New Loan, the particulars of which are set out in the section headed "The New Loan

Agreement" in this announcement

"Previous Loan" the term loan in the amount of HK\$8,500,000 granted by X8

Finance to the Borrowers pursuant to the terms of the Previous Loan

Agreement

"Previous Loan Agreement" the loan agreement dated 19 April 2024 entered into between X8

Finance and the Borrowers in respect of the Previous Loan

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"X8 Finance" X8 Finance Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and

also the lender under the New Loan Agreement and Previous Loan

Agreement

"%" per cent

By order of the Board

Zero Fintech Group Limited

Lee Lap

Chairman

Hong Kong, 23 January 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

#### Executive Directors:

Mr. Lee Lap (Chairman)

Mr. Tommy Lee (Vice Chairman & Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Chau Hau Shing

## Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Mr. Shu Wa Tung, Laurence

Mr. Wu Wai Pan

Ms. Chak Wai Ting