

FOOD EMPIRE HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Company Registration No. 200001282G)
(Incorporated in Singapore with limited liability)

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Food Empire Holdings Limited ("the Company") will be held at River View Hotel, The Lily Ballroom, Level 4, 382 Havelock Road, Singapore 169629 on Wednesday, 28 April 2010 at 3.00 p.m. for the following purposes:

AS ORDINARY BUSINESS

- To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2009 together with the Auditors' Report thereon. (Resolution 1)
- To declare a first and final dividend of 0.22 Singapore cent per ordinary share (one-tier tax exempt) and a special dividend of 0.78 Singapore cent per ordinary share (one-tier tax exempt) for the year ended 31 December 2009 (2008: A first and final dividend of 0.35 Singapore cent per ordinary share (one-tier tax exempt)). (Resolution 2)
- To re-elect the following Directors of the Company retiring pursuant to Article 115 of the Articles of Association of the Company:
Mdm Tan Guek Ming (Retiring under Article 115) (Resolution 3)
Mr Koh Yew Hiap (Retiring under Article 115) (Resolution 4)
Mr Lew Syn Pau (Retiring under Article 115) (Resolution 5)
Mdm Tan Guek Ming will, upon re-election as a Director of the Company, remain as a member of the Audit and Remuneration Committees and will be considered non-independent.
Mr Lew Syn Pau will, upon re-election as a Director of the Company, remain as Chairman of the Nominating and Remuneration Committees and member of the Audit Committee and will be considered independent.
- To re-appoint Mr Boon Yoon Chiang, a Director of the Company retiring under Section 153(6) of the Companies Act, Cap. 50, to hold office from the date of this Annual General Meeting until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company.
[See Explanatory Note (i)]
Mr Boon Yoon Chiang will, upon re-appointment as a Director of the Company, remain as a member of the Audit, Nominating and Remuneration Committees and will be considered independent. (Resolution 6)
- To approve the payment of Directors' fees of S\$255,000 for the year ended 31 December 2009 (2008: S\$255,000). (Resolution 7)
- To re-appoint Ernst & Young LLP as the Auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors of the Company to fix their remuneration. (Resolution 8)
- To transact any other ordinary business which may properly be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

AS SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions, with or without any modifications:

8. Authority to issue shares

That pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, Cap. 50 and Rule 806 of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST"), the Directors of the Company be authorised and empowered to:

- issue shares in the Company ("shares") whether by way of rights, bonus or otherwise; and/or
- make or grant offers, agreements or options (collectively, "Instruments") that might or would require shares to be issued, including but not limited to the creation and issue of (as well as adjustments to) options, warrants, debentures or other instruments convertible into shares, at any time and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes and to such persons as the Directors of the Company may in their absolute discretion deem fit; and
- (notwithstanding the authority conferred by this Resolution may have ceased to be in force) issue shares in pursuance of any Instruments made or granted by the Directors of the Company while this Resolution was in force,

provided that:

- the aggregate number of shares (including shares to be issued in pursuance of the Instruments, made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) to be issued pursuant to this Resolution shall not exceed fifty per centum (50%) of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below), of which the aggregate number of shares to be issued other than on a pro-rata basis to shareholders of the Company shall not exceed twenty per centum (20%) of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below);
- (subject to such calculation as may be prescribed by the SGX-ST) for the purpose of determining the aggregate number of shares that may be issued under sub-paragraph (1) above, the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) shall be based on the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company at the time of the passing of this Resolution, after adjusting for:
 - new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities;
 - new shares arising from exercising share options or vesting of share awards which are outstanding or subsisting at the time of the passing of this Resolution; and
 - any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of shares;
- (until 31 December 2010 or such other expiration date as may be determined by the SGX-ST), the limit on the aggregate number of shares (including shares to be issued pursuant to the Instruments, made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) of fifty per cent (50%) of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company set out in sub-paragraph (1) above, shall be increased to 100%, for purposes of enabling the Company to undertake pro-rata renounceable rights issues;
- in exercising the authority conferred by this Resolution, the Company shall comply with the provisions of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST for the time being in force (unless such compliance has been waived by the SGX-ST) and the Articles of Association of the Company; and
- unless revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is earlier. (Resolution 9)

9. Authority to issue shares other than on a pro-rata basis pursuant to the aforesaid share issue mandate at discounts not exceeding twenty per centum (20%) of the weighted average price for trades done on the SGX-ST

That subject to and pursuant to the aforesaid share issue mandate being obtained, the Directors of the Company be hereby authorised and empowered to issue shares (other than on a pro-rata basis to the shareholders of the Company) at a discount ("Discount") not exceeding ten per centum (10%) to the weighted average price ("the Price") for trades done on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") for the full market day on which the placement or subscription agreement in relation to such shares is executed (or if not available for a full market day, the weighted average price must be based on the trades done on the preceding market day up to the time the placement or subscription agreement is executed), provided that in exercising the authority conferred by this Resolution:-

- the Company complies with the provisions of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST for the time being in force (unless such compliance has been waived by the SGX-ST); and
- the Company may, until 31 December 2010 or such other expiration date as may be determined by the SGX-ST increase the Discount to an amount exceeding ten per cent (10%) but not more than twenty per cent (20%) of the Price for shares to be issued,

unless revoked or varied by the Company in general meeting, such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held whichever is earlier.

[See Explanatory Note (iii)]

(Resolution 10)

10. Authority to issue shares under the Food Empire Holdings Limited Employees' Share Option Scheme

That pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, Cap. 50, the Directors of the Company be authorised and empowered to offer and grant options under the Food Empire Holdings Limited Employees' Share Option Scheme (the "Scheme") and to issue from time to time such number of shares in the capital of the Company as may be required to be issued pursuant to the exercise of options granted by the Company under the Scheme, whether granted during the subsistence of this authority or otherwise, provided always that the aggregate number of additional ordinary shares to be issued pursuant to the Scheme shall not exceed fifteen per centum (15%) of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company from time to time and that such authority shall, unless revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is earlier.

[See Explanatory Note (iv)]

(Resolution 11)

11. Renewal of Share Purchase Mandate

That for the purposes of Sections 76C and 76E of the Companies Act, Cap. 50, the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to make purchases or otherwise acquire issued shares in the capital of the Company from time to time (whether by way of market purchases or off-market purchases on an equal access scheme) of up to ten per centum (10%) of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company (as ascertained as at the date of Annual General Meeting of the Company) at the price of up to but not exceeding the Maximum Price as defined in paragraph 2.4.4 of the Company's Circular to shareholders dated 12 April 2010 (the "Circular"), in accordance with the "Terms of the Share Purchase Mandate" set out in the Circular, and this mandate shall, unless revoked or varied by the Company in general meeting, continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is earlier.

[See Explanatory Note (v)]

(Resolution 12)

By Order of the Board

Tan Cher Liang
Tan San-Ju
Secretaries
Singapore, 12 April 2010

Explanatory Notes:

- The effect of the Ordinary Resolution 6 proposed in item 4 above, is to re-appoint a director of the Company who is over 70 years of age.
- The Ordinary Resolution 9 in item 8 above, if passed, will empower the Directors of the Company, effective until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held or such authority is varied or revoked by the Company in a general meeting, whichever is the earlier, to issue shares, make or grant Instruments convertible into shares and to issue shares pursuant to such Instruments, up to a number not exceeding, in total, 50% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company, of which up to 20% may be issued other than on a pro-rata basis to shareholders. The 50% limit referred to in the preceding sentence may be increased to 100% for the Company to undertake pro-rata renounceable rights issues subject to timeline stated below.
For determining the aggregate number of shares that may be issued, the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) will be calculated based on the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company at the time this Ordinary Resolution is passed after adjusting for new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities or share options or vesting of share awards which are outstanding or subsisting at the time when this Ordinary Resolution is passed and any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of shares.
The 100% renounceable pro-rata rights issue limit is one of the new measures implemented by the SGX-ST as stated in a press release entitled "SGX introduces further measures to facilitate fund raisings" dated 19 February 2009 and which became effective on 20 February 2009 until 31 December 2010. The effectiveness of these measures will be reviewed by the SGX-ST at the end of the period. It will provide the Directors with an opportunity to raise funds and avoid prolonged market exposure by reducing the time taken for shareholders' approval, in the event the need arises. Minority shareholders' interests are mitigated as all shareholders have equal opportunities to participate and can dispose their entitlements through trading of nil-paid rights if they do not wish to subscribe for their rights shares. It is subject to the condition that the Company makes periodic announcements on the use of the proceeds as and when the funds are materially disbursed and provides a status report on the use of proceeds in the annual report.
- The Ordinary Resolution 10 in item 9 above is pursuant to measures implemented by the SGX-ST as stated in a press release entitled "SGX introduces further measures to facilitate fund raisings" dated 19 February 2009 and which became effective on 20 February 2009 until 31 December 2010. The effectiveness of these measures will be reviewed by SGX-ST at the end of the period. Under the measures implemented by the SGX-ST, issuers will be allowed to undertake non pro-rata placements of new shares priced at discounts of up to 20% to the weighted average price for trades done on the SGX-ST for a full market day on which the placement or subscription agreement in relation to such shares is executed, subject to the conditions that (a) shareholders' approval be obtained in a separate resolution (the "Resolution") at a general meeting to issue new shares on a non pro-rata basis at discount exceeding 10% but not more than 20%; and (b) that the resolution seeking a general mandate from shareholders for issuance of new shares on a non pro-rata basis is not conditional upon the Resolution.
It should be noted that under the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST, shareholders' approval is not required for placements of new shares, on a non pro-rata basis pursuant to a general mandate, at a discount of up to 10% to the weighted average price for trades done on the SGX-ST for a full market day on which the placement or subscription agreement in relation to such shares is executed.
- The Ordinary Resolution 11 in item 10 above, if passed, will empower the Directors of the Company, effective until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held or such authority is varied or revoked by the Company in a general meeting, whichever is the earlier, to issue shares in the Company pursuant to the exercise of options granted or to be granted under the Scheme up to a number not exceeding in aggregate (for the entire duration of the Scheme) fifteen per centum (15%) of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company from time to time.
- The Ordinary Resolution 12 proposed in item 11 above, if passed, will empower the Directors of the Company effective until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier, to repurchase ordinary shares of the Company by way of market purchases or off-market purchases of up to ten per centum (10%) of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company at the Maximum Price as defined in Paragraph 2.4.4 to the Circular to Shareholders dated 12 April 2010. The rationale for, the authority and limitation on, the sources of funds to be used for the purchase or acquisition including the amount of financing and the financial effects of the purchase or acquisition of ordinary shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate on the audited consolidated financial accounts of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2009 are set out in greater detail in Paragraph 2.7 to the Circular to Shareholders dated 12 April 2010.

Notes:

- A Member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (the "Meeting") is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a Member of the Company.
- The instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at 50 Raffles Place #32-01 Singapore Land Tower Singapore 048623 not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.