



G.A. HOLDINGS LIMITED
G.A. 控股有限公司

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and carrying on business in Hong Kong
under the trading name of German Automobiles International Limited)*
(Stock Code: 8126)

RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

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The board of directors (the “Board”) of G.A. Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) for the three months ended 31 March 2018 together with the comparative figures for the three months ended 31 March 2017, as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three months ended 31 March 2018

		(Unaudited)	
		Three months ended	
		31 March	
		2018	2017
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Revenue	2	502,279	490,222
Other income	2	9,099	13,450
		511,378	503,672
Changes in inventories		(38,444)	15,700
Auto parts and accessories, and motor vehicles purchased		(385,263)	(421,331)
Employee benefit expenses		(38,767)	(35,157)
Depreciation and amortisation		(13,051)	(10,679)
Operating lease charges		(4,309)	(4,025)
Exchange differences, net		2,752	247
Other expenses		(11,606)	(16,278)
Profit from operations		22,690	32,149
Finance costs		(8,854)	(5,949)
Profit before income tax		13,836	26,200
Income tax expense	3	(5,130)	(7,019)
Profit for the period		8,706	19,181
Other comprehensive income			
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising from translation of foreign operations		23,899	3,569
Total comprehensive income for the period		32,605	22,750

(Unaudited)		
Three months ended		
31 March		
	2018	2017
<i>Note</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Profit for the period attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	8,706	17,877
Non-controlling interests	–	1,304
	<u>8,706</u>	<u>19,181</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	32,605	21,378
Non-controlling interests	–	1,372
	<u>32,605</u>	<u>22,750</u>
	<i>HK cents</i>	<i>HK cents</i>
Earnings per share		
Basic and diluted	1.83	3.75

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

For the three months ended 31 March 2018 and 2017

	Attributable to owners of the Company									
	Share capital	Share premium	Capital reserve	Statutory Reserve	Other reserve	Translation reserve	Retained profits	Total	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
As at 1 January 2017	47,630	29,522	8,623	26,670	–	(30,752)	459,363	541,056	10,582	551,638
Profit for the period	–	–	–	–	–	–	17,877	17,877	1,304	19,181
Other comprehensive income										
Translation differences	–	–	–	–	–	3,501	–	3,501	68	3,569
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	–	–	3,501	17,877	21,378	1,372	22,750
As at 31 March 2017	47,630	29,522	8,623	26,670	–	(27,251)	477,240	562,434	11,954	574,388
As at 1 January 2018	47,630	29,522	8,623	33,102	(10,735)	3,797	499,080	611,019	–	611,019
Profit for the period	–	–	–	–	–	–	8,706	8,706	–	8,706
Other comprehensive income										
Translation differences	–	–	–	–	–	23,899	–	23,899	–	23,899
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	–	–	23,899	8,706	32,605	–	32,605
As at 31 March 2018	47,630	29,522	8,623	33,102	(10,735)	27,696	507,786	643,624	–	643,624

Notes:

1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group is principally engaged in the sales of motor vehicles and provision of car-related technical services, servicing of motor vehicles, sales of auto parts and provision of car rental services.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”), which is the functional currency of the Company, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Statement of compliance

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRS”), Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Interpretations (hereinafter collectively referred to as “HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “HKICPA”) and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. In addition, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosure required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”).

In preparing the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, management make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The significant judgments made by management in applying the Group’s accounting policies, the key sources of estimation uncertainty, and, except for described below, the accounting policies adopted for the preparation of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group are consistent with those applied to the consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2017.

(b) Adoption of new or revised HKFRSs

The Group has adopted all the new and revised HKFRSs that are relevant to its operations and effective for its accounting year beginning on 1 January 2018.

The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs has no material impact on the Group’s unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

The Group has not early adopted those new or revised HKFRSs that have been issued by HKICPA but are not yet effective.

2. REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

The Group recognised revenue by category as follows:

	(Unaudited)	
	Three months ended	
	31 March	
	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue		
Sales of motor vehicles	362,541	356,528
Servicing of motor vehicles and sales of auto parts	130,337	125,971
Technical fee income	1,899	1,512
Car rental income	7,502	6,211
	502,279	490,222

	(Unaudited)	
	Three months ended	
	31 March	
	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Other income		
Bank interest income	382	517
Consultant service income	3,492	3,364
Commission income	2,643	6,378
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	994	816
Financial guarantee income	118	1,295
Sundry income	1,470	1,080
	9,099	13,450

3. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made for the three months ended 31 March 2018 as the estimated assessable profits have been absorbed by available tax losses. No provision was made for the three months ended 31 March 2017 as there were no assessable profits. Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profits for the period at the rate of tax prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

The income tax provision in respect of operations in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") is calculated at the applicable rates on the estimated assessable profits for the period based on the unification of the income tax rates for domestic-invested and foreign-invested enterprises at 25% (2017: 25%).

The income tax provision in respect of operations in Singapore is calculated at the rate of 17% (2017: 17%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period.

The Group has no material unprovided deferred taxation for the period (2017: nil).

	(Unaudited)	
	Three months ended	
	31 March	
	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current tax – Hong Kong		
Charge for the period	–	–
Current tax – Overseas		
Charge for the period	<u>(5,130)</u>	<u>(7,019)</u>
Total income tax expense	<u>(5,130)</u>	<u>(7,019)</u>

4. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the unaudited profit attributable to owners of the Company for the three months ended 31 March 2018 of HK\$8,706,000 (2017: HK\$17,877,000) and on the weighted average number of 476,300,000 (2017: 476,300,000) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Diluted earnings per share for the three months ended 31 March 2018 and 2017 are the same as the basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares during the relevant period.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Business Review

During the period ended 31 March 2018, our group continues to provide excellent customer-oriented services and improve customer experience at our automobile dealer shops, revenue has kept growing by 2.5% to HK\$502,279,000. Nevertheless, the competition in the premium and ultra-luxury automobile market has been tremendous, profit for the period ended 31 March 2018 was HK\$8,706,000, representing a decrease of 54.6% compared to HK\$19,181,000 in corresponding period in 2017. This was mainly resulted from declines in gross operating profit and other income.

The Group recorded total comprehensive income of HK\$32,605,000 as compared to HK\$22,750,000 in the corresponding period in 2017. This is the net result of i) increase in other comprehensive income arising from translation of foreign operations; and ii) decrease in net profit for the current period.

1. Sales of Motor Vehicles

For the three months ended 31 March 2018, sales of motor vehicles increased by 1.7% to HK\$362,541,000 from HK\$356,528,000 in the corresponding period in 2017. The increase was driven by the dealer shops for premium automobile brands acquired at the end of 2016.

2. Servicing of Motor Vehicles and Sales of Auto Parts

Revenue generated from servicing of motor vehicles and sales of auto parts increased by 3.5% to HK\$130,337,000 compared to the corresponding period in 2017. The increase was primarily driven by the increase in number of orders in the Fuzhou area.

3. Technical Fee Income

The Group received technical fee income from Xiamen Zhong Bao Automobiles Co., Ltd.* (“Xiamen Zhong Bao”) for providing management consulting and technical assistance in relation to the PRC locally assembled BMW motor vehicles sold by Xiamen Zhong Bao.

Technical fee income for the three months ended 31 March 2018 was approximately HK\$1,899,000, increased by 25.6% as compared to the corresponding period in 2017. The increase was mainly due to the increase in sales of locally assembled BMW sold by Xiamen Zhong Bao during the period.

4. Car rental business

The income from car rental business in Hong Kong for three months ended 31 March 2018 was HK\$7,502,000, representing an increase of 20.8% compared to the corresponding period in 2017. This was mainly due to the increase in number of long-term rental orders.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The unaudited consolidated revenue for the three months ended 31 March 2018 increased by 2.5%, to HK\$502,279,000 in the current period from HK\$490,222,000 in the corresponding period in 2017. The increase was mainly attributable to the growth in sales of motor vehicles, servicing of motor vehicles and sales of auto parts.

Gross Operating Profit and Gross Operating Margin

Gross operating profit is calculated based on revenue for the period minus changes in inventories and auto parts and accessories, and motor vehicles purchased during the period. Gross operating margin is calculated based on the gross operating profit for the period divided by revenue for the period multiplied by 100%.

The gross operating profit for the three months ended 31 March 2018 decreased by 7.1% to HK\$78,572,000, as compared to HK\$84,591,000 in the corresponding period in 2017.

The gross operating margin in the current period was 15.6%, as compared to 17.3% for the three months ended 31 March 2017. The decrease in gross operating margin was mainly attributable to increased competition and greater discounts offered for sales of auto parts.

Other Income

Other income decreased from HK\$13,450,000 in the corresponding period in 2017 to HK\$9,099,000 in 2018 mainly due to the decline in commission income resulting from the intensified competition.

Employee Benefit Expenses

The Group recorded employee benefit expenses of HK\$38,767,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2018, representing a 10.3% increase as compared to HK\$35,157,000 in the corresponding period in 2017. This was due to general increase in staff salary.

Foreign Exchange Exposure

During the three months ended 31 March 2018, the group recorded exchange gain of HK\$2,752,000 (2017: HK\$247,000), which was resulted from the translation of trade receivables, and inter-company balances mainly from Renminbi (“RMB”) to Hong Kong dollars, as the Group’s main operation was conducted in RMB.

Other Expenses

For the three months ended 31 March 2018, other expenses were HK\$11,606,000, representing a decrease of 28.7% compared to HK\$16,278,000 in the corresponding period in 2017. The decrease was contributed by efficient cost control on marketing and promotion, and entertainment and travelling expenses.

Finance Costs

Finance costs increased from HK\$5,949,000 for the period ended 31 March 2017 to HK\$8,854,000 during the current period due to increased borrowings since the second half of 2017.

Profit attributable to owners of the company

The profit attributable to owners of the Company for the three months ended 31 March 2018 was HK\$8,706,000 while HK\$17,877,000 was recorded in the corresponding period in 2017. The decrease was mainly due to the decline in gross operating profit in the servicing of motor vehicles and sales of auto parts and a decrease in commission income due to the intensified competition in the automobile market in the PRC.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the three months ended 31 March 2018 (three months ended 31 March 2017: nil).

PROSPECTS

As the largest automobile market in the world, China continues to offer various opportunities. There is still a huge growth potential for the market given relatively lower vehicle parc density compared to Americas. The market also continues to mature with increasing competition and more rational customers. The growing middle class in China continues to favour high-end and luxury brands in their choice of cars. Sales is expected to improve year-on-year with expanding product portfolio offered by the manufacturers covering a wider price range to cater for consumer needs.

With long-term good relationships with leading automobile suppliers of premium and ultra-luxury brands and more new models from our major suppliers will be unveiled in coming months, the Group is confident to further improve its revenue through effective marketing on the new models and relevant value-added services. In addition, the Group will exert a greater control over operating cost to bring value to its stakeholders in the long run.

Looking forward, the Company will continue to build on its solid foundation, with focus on high-end and luxury brands of automobiles and quality services from car sales to all facets of after-sales services.

ADVANCES TO ENTITIES

As defined in GEM Listing Rule 17.14, “relevant advance to an entity” means the aggregate of amounts due from and all guarantees given on behalf of (i) an entity; (ii) the entity’s controlling shareholder; (iii) the entity’s subsidiaries; (iv) the entity’s affiliated companies; and (v) any other entity with the same controlling shareholders.

Pursuant to the GEM Listing Rule 17.16, a disclosure obligation arises where the increment of relevant advance amount to an entity from the Group exceeds 3% under the assets ratio as defined under Rule 19.07(1) of the GEM Listing Rules (the “Assets Ratio”). As at 31 March 2018, the Company’s consolidated total assets were approximately HK\$1,791,885,000.

	(Unaudited)		(Audited)	Increment
	As at		As at	as compared
	31 March	Assets	31 December	to Assets
	2018	Ratio	2017	Ratio
	HK\$’000	(%)	HK\$’000	(%)
Guarantees to				
Xiamen Zhong Bao (<i>note</i>)	<u>173,472</u>	<u>9.7</u>	<u>166,244</u>	<u>N/A</u>

Note: Such amounts include the principal amount of the facilities granted by the banks to the Xiamen Zhong Bao.

CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

During the three months ended 31 March 2018, the Company had adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Company had also made specific enquiry of all Directors and the Company was not aware of any non-compliance with the required standard of dealings and its code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board also considers that the Company has complied with the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report as contained in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules throughout the period. Application of corporate governance policies are consistent with those adopted by the Group in the preparation of the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee was formed on 5 June 2002 and is currently composed of namely, Mr. Zhou Ming, Mr. Yuen Kin Pheng, Mr. Yin Bin and Ms. Guan Xin. Mr. Zhou Ming is the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

The primary duties of the Audit Committee are mainly: (a) to review the Group's annual reports, consolidated financial statements, interim reports and quarterly reports, (b) to review and supervise the financial reporting process, risk management and internal control system of the Group, and (c) to liaise with the external auditor at least twice a year and provide advices and comments thereon to the Board.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended 31 March 2018 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company and were approved by the Board on 7 May 2018.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the three months ended 31 March 2018.

DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

As at the date hereof, the executive Directors are Mr. Luo Wan Ju, Mr. Choy Choong Yew, Mr. Zhang Xi, Mr. Ma Hang Kon, Louis and Mr. Xue Guo Qiang; the non-executive Director is Mr. Lin Ju Zheng; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Zhou Ming, Mr. Yuen Kin Pheng, Mr. Yin Bin and Ms. Guan Xin.

By Order of the Board
G.A. Holdings Limited
Luo Wan Ju
Chairman

Hong Kong, 7 May 2018

* *For identification purpose only*

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