



**CIFI to be included as constituent of
Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series**

**Strive to promote sustainable development to
enhance long-term investment value**

(27 August 2020 – Hong Kong) **CIFI Holdings (Group) Co. Ltd.** ("CIFI" or the "Group", HKEx stock code: 884), a leading real estate developer engaged in the property development and investment business in the first-, second- and robust third-tier cities in China, has further stepped to a new level in the practice of the environmental, social and corporate governance ("ESG"). As a result of the quarterly review of the Hang Seng Index Series on 14 August 2020, CIFI will be included as **constituent of Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series**, demonstrating the Group's outstanding performance in corporate sustainability, with effect from 7 September 2020.

Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series is a recognized important index in the international capital market, aims to raise the concern of all walks of life on the sustainable development of enterprises (including the three areas of environmental, social and corporate governance). The inclusion of the relevant index reflects the Group's outstanding performance in the areas of corporate value, corporate governance and sustainable development. Recognized by the capital market, the inclusion will help further broaden the investor base, strengthen stock liquidity, and enhance investment value of the Group.

CIFI has been enhancing its market value in sustainable development management in the past, and constantly seeking breakthroughs in ESG index for leading the industry. On 14 July 2020, CIFI successfully issued its first green bond in Hong Kong. The total issue size of green bond was US\$300 million, with an annual coupon of 5.95% and a tenor of 5.25 years. It is highly supported by investors with overwhelming market response, reflecting investors' recognition of CIFI's ESG achievements and helping the Group to further reduce financing costs.

Adhering to the mission of "building for a better life", CIFI has continuously improved its corporate governance. On July 8, 2020, CIFI published a standalone ESG report for the first time and early adopted comprehensive disclosure requirements from HKEx's ESG reporting guideline, marking the Group's leapfrog improvement in the level and richness of disclosure, and demonstrating the Group's praiseworthy efforts in implementing corporate responsibilities in five key aspects, namely green buildings, construction with quality, compliance and integrity, staff welfare and philanthropy, and commitment to long-term sustainable development.

In addition, CIFI has won multiple awards for the fourth consecutive year in the 2020 "All-Asia Executive Team Rankings" organized by *Institutional Investor* and was rated as one of the "Honored Companies" in Asia. In particular, CIFI ranked No. 1 in "Best IR Team in Asia" and No. 3 in "Best ESG in Asia", in overall rankings in the property sector, which has been widely recognized by the capital market.

Mr. Lin Zhong, Chairman of CIFI Holdings' Board of Directors, said "Looking ahead, CIFI will continue to fulfill its responsibilities to the environment with practical actions, keep environmental standards in line with the international standards, and actively participate in the formulation of national green and health standards. CIFI will march towards ESG model enterprise and strengthen its attention to green environmental protection, social responsibility and corporate governance, endeavor to add presence in key EGS indexes, become a sustainable centenary group as a benchmark of an ESG elites within the real estate industry."

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About the Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series:

The Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series was launched in July 2010. It is the first sustainable enterprise index series covering Hong Kong and Mainland China, providing a benchmark for sustainable development investment. The Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series provides benchmark for sustainability investments. It composes of five indexes, namely Benchmark Series: (Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Benchmark Index ("HSSUSB"), Hang Seng (China A) Corporate Sustainability Benchmark Index ("HSCASUSB"), and Tradable Series: (Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index ("HSSUS"), Hang Seng (China A) Corporate Sustainability Index ("HSCASUS"), Hang Seng (Mainland and HK) Corporate Sustainability Index ("HSMHSUS").

The stock selection category includes all securities listed as primary listings on the main board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Shanghai Stock Exchange or Shenzhen Stock Exchange, and does not include secondary listed securities, foreign companies, preferred stocks, debt securities, mutual funds and others derivative products. Among them, Hong Kong stocks with company ratings in the top 20% will be included in the Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index.

Constituent selection is based on a robust process that includes consideration of the results from a sustainability assessment undertaken by Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA), an independent and professional assessment body, using its proprietary sustainability assessment and rating framework. The process ensures that indexes in the Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series are objective, reliable and of high investability, making them excellent benchmarks for index funds that adopt a corporate sustainability theme.

About CIFI (Group):

Headquartered in Shanghai, CIFI is one of China's top real estate developers. CIFI principally focuses on developing high-quality properties in first-, second- and selective third-tier cities in China. CIFI develops various types of properties, including residential, office and commercial complexes.

To learn more about the Company, please visit CIFI's website at: <http://www.cifi.com.cn>

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