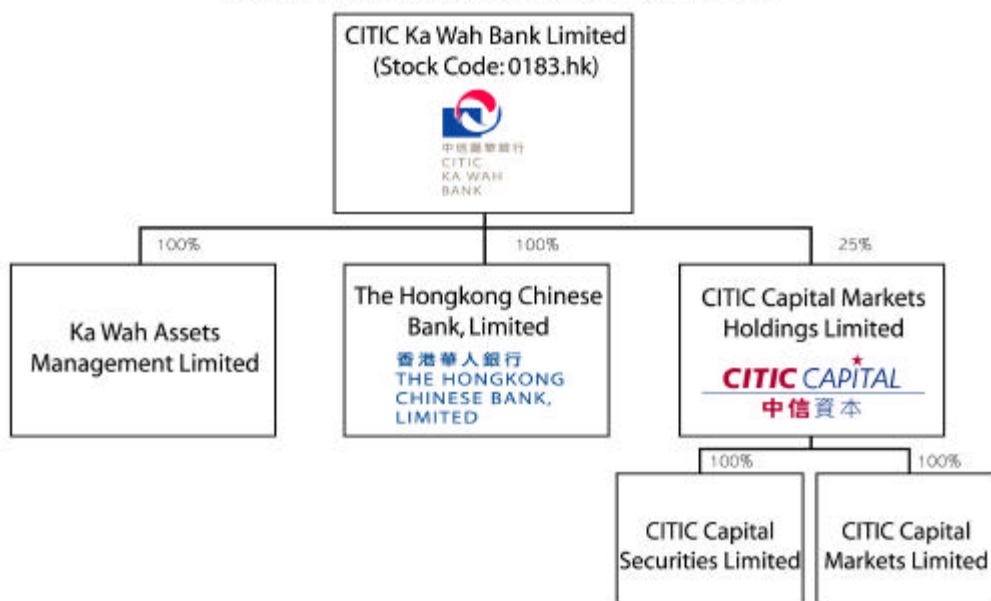


## CITIC International Financial Holdings becomes CITIC's Financial Flagship outside Mainland China

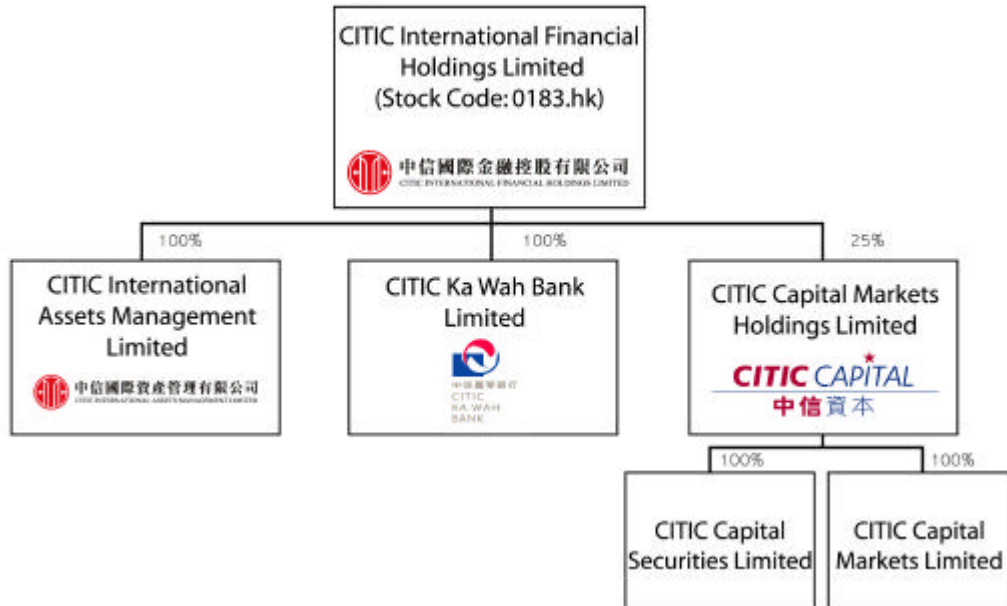
(Hong Kong: 25 November, 2002) The formation of CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited ("CIFH") as the financial flagship of CITIC outside Mainland China took place today following the successful re-organization of CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited ("CKWB"). Effective today, CIFH becomes the listed entity (stock code: 183) on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Pursuant to the CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited (Merger) Ordinance, the Board of CKWB determined 25 November, 2002 as the appointed day for transferring the bulk of the assets and liabilities of CKWB to HKCB. On 25 November, 2002, HKCB changed its name to CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited and continues to operate the integrated banking businesses, while CKWB changed its name to CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited ("CIFH"). CIFH becomes the holding company of the new CKWB, the seventh largest locally incorporated licensed bank in Hong Kong; and CITIC International Assets Management Limited ("CIAM"), an asset management company which was formerly known as Ka Wah Assets Management Limited. CIFH also holds 25% of CITIC Capital Markets Holdings Limited ("CITIC Capital"), a China-focused investment bank.

**Basic Group Structure Before Re-Organization**



### Basic Group Structure Effective 25 November 2002



The re-organization of the Group has resulted in new appointments at CIFH. Mr. Kong Dan, Vice Chairman and President of CITIC, has been elected as Chairman of CIFH. Mr. Chang Zhenming, Executive Director and Vice President of CITIC and Executive Vice Chairman of CKWB, will become Chief Executive Officer of CIFH. The Board of CIFH has also named five Managing Directors: Mrs. Doreen Chan Hui Dor Lam, President and Chief Executive Officer of CKWB as Managing Director, Banking; Mr. Kenneth Kong Siu Chee, Alternate Chief Executive Officer and Head of Corporate Banking of CKWB as Managing Director, Banking; Mr. Raymond Lee Wing Hung as Managing Director, Group Finance and Development; Mr. Kelvin Lo Wing Yat, Chief Executive Officer of CIAM and Head of Risk Assets Management of CKWB as Managing Director, Group Legal Counsel; and Mr. Zhang Yichen, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of CITIC Capital as Managing Director, Investment Banking. The above appointments became effective on 25 November, 2002.

Mr. Chang Zhenming, Chief Executive Officer of CIFH, said "CITIC International Financial Holdings was formed as a result of re-organizing CITIC Ka Wah's operations into three distinct business lines, namely, commercial banking, asset management and investment banking. The formation of CITIC International Financial Holdings increases the Group's overall competitiveness and provides CITIC Ka Wah and other

entities under the holding company greater strategic advantages and higher flexibility in collaborating with the CITIC group of companies.”

The change of name of CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited to CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited as the listed entity will not affect the rights of shareholders. All existing share certificates in issue bearing the name of CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited will continue to be effective as documents of title of the shares and will be valid for trading, settlement and registration purposes.

#### Notes to Editor:

##### The Transaction

CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited (‘CKWB’) announced its acquisition of The Hongkong Chinese Bank, Limited (‘HKCB’) on 1 November, 2001 for HK\$4.2 billion. The purchase price represents a multiple of 1.26 times of HKCB’s book value of HK\$3.32 billion as of 30 June 2001. The transaction, completed on 17 January, 2002, has propelled CKWB up the rankings to become Hong Kong’s seventh largest locally incorporated licensed bank by assets. The merger of the two banking businesses has been achieved through a Private Ordinance— the CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited (Merger) Ordinance, which was enacted on 19 July, 2002. Pursuant to the CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited (Merger) Ordinance, the bulk of the assets and liabilities of CKWB will be transferred to HKCB on the Appointed Day of the merger, which is 25 November, 2002. Upon the appointed day of the merger, HKCB will change its name to CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited and continue to operate the integrated banking businesses, while CITIC Ka Wah Bank will change its name to CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited which will continue to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

##### Biographies

**Mr. Kong Dan** was appointed as a Director of CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited and was elected Chairman of the Bank in January 2001. Mr. Kong is presently Vice Chairman and President of CITIC. He was elected as Chairman of CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited and Chairman of CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited on 25 November, 2002.

**Mr. Chang Zhenming** was appointed as a Director of CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited in May, 2001 and became President and Chief Executive Officer in July, 2001. Mr. Chang is presently an Executive Director and Vice President of CITIC, and a Director of

CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited, CITIC Capital Markets Holdings Limited and CITIC Pacific Limited. Mr. Chang assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer of CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited and Executive Vice Chairman of CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited on 25 November, 2002.

**Mrs. Doreen Chan Hui Dor Lam** joined CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited as Executive Vice President and Head of Retail Banking in April, 1998. She was appointed as a Director of CITIC Ka Wah Bank in May 2001 and Alternate Chief Executive Officer in July, 2001. She became Managing Director and Chief Executive of The Hongkong Chinese Bank, Limited in April, 2002 and is presently a Director of CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited. Mrs. Chan assumed the role of Managing Director, Banking, of CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited and President and Chief Executive Officer of CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited on 25 November, 2002.

**Mr. Kenneth Kong Siu Chee** joined CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited as Executive Vice President and Head of Corporate Banking in May, 1999. He was appointed as a Director of the Bank in May 2001 and became Alternate Chief Executive Officer in July, 2001. Mr. Kong is presently a Director of CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited and was appointed as Managing Director, Banking, of CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited and Alternate Chief Executive Officer of CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited on 25 November 2002.

**Mr. Raymond Lee Wing Hung** joined The Hongkong Chinese Bank, Limited as Managing Director and Chief Executive in 1999 and was appointed as a Director of CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited in March 2002. Mr. Lee is presently a Director of CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited and was appointed as Managing Director, Group Finance and Development, of CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited on 25 November, 2002.

**Mr. Kelvin Lo Wing Yat** joined CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited as Chief Group Counsel in October 1997 and was appointed as a Director in December of the same year. Mr. Lo is Chief Executive Officer of CITIC International Assets Management Limited, and a Director of CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited. Mr. Lo was appointed as Managing Director, Group Legal Counsel, of CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited on 25 November, 2002.

**Mr. Zhang Yichen** was appointed as a Director of CITIC Capital Markets Holdings Limited in May 2002 and became Deputy Chief Executive Officer in June of the same year. Mr. Zhang was appointed as Managing Director, Investment Banking, of CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited on 25 November, 2002.

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