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# COUNTRY GARDEN HOLDINGS COMPANY LIMITED 碧桂園控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2007)

# ISSUE OF US\$350,000,000 5.625% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2026

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The estimated net proceeds of the Notes Issue, after deduction of underwriting discount and other estimated expenses in connection with the Notes Issue, will amount to approximately US\$346.6 million, which the Company intends to use for refinancing certain of the Group's existing indebtedness and for general working capital purposes.

Approval in-principle has been received for the listing and quotation of the Notes on the SGX-ST. The SGX-ST assumes no responsibility for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed in this announcement. Approval in-principle for the listing and quotation of the Notes on the SGX-ST is not to be taken as an indication of the merits of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors, their associated companies or the Notes. The Notes will not be designated for trading in the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.'s PORTAL market.

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### THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

### **Parties to the Purchase Agreement**

- (a) the Company as the issuer;
- (b) the Subsidiary Guarantors who will guarantee the Company's obligations under the Notes;
- (c) the Subsidiary Guarantor Pledgors who will pledge the capital stock of other Subsidiary Guarantors held by them to secure the obligations under their respective Subsidiary Guarantees; and
- (d) the Initial Purchasers.

Goldman Sachs and J.P. Morgan are the joint global coordinators and BNP Paribas, BOC International, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, Huarong Financial and J.P. Morgan are the joint lead managers and joint bookrunners of the Notes Issue. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, each of BNP Paribas, BOC International, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, Huarong Financial and J.P. Morgan is an independent third party and not a connected person of the Company and its connected persons.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act. The Notes will only be offered outside of the United States to non-U.S. persons in compliance with Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act. The Notes will not be offered to the public in Hong Kong or be placed to any connected persons of the Company.

#### **Principal terms of the Notes**

Issuer: the Company

Aggregated principal amount: US\$350,000,000

Offer price: 100% of the principal amount of the Notes and accrued interest, if

any

Settlement date: 15 December 2016

Interest rate: 5.625% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on 15 June and

15 December of each year, commencing on 15 June 2017

Maturity: 15 December 2026

Subsidiary Guarantees: guarantees will be provided by the Subsidiary Guarantors

The Notes are general obligations of the Company and guaranteed by the Subsidiary Guarantors on a senior basis. The Notes are senior in right of payment to any existing and future obligations of the Company expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Notes and rank at least *pari passu* in right of payment with all other unsecured, unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company (subject to any priority rights of such unsubordinated indebtedness pursuant to applicable law). The Notes are also effectively subordinated to all existing and future obligations of the subsidiaries of the Company other than the Subsidiary Guarantors.

#### **Covenants**

The Notes, the Indenture and the guarantees to be provided by the Subsidiary Guarantors will limit the Company's ability and the ability of its restricted subsidiaries to, among other things:

- (a) incur or guarantee additional indebtedness and issue disqualified or preferred stock;
- (b) declare dividends on its capital stock or purchase or redeem capital stock;
- (c) make investments or other specified restricted payments;
- (d) issue or sell capital stock of restricted subsidiaries;
- (e) guarantee indebtedness of restricted subsidiaries;
- (f) sell assets;
- (g) create liens;
- (h) enter into sale and leaseback transactions;
- (i) enter into agreements that restrict the restricted subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends, transfer assets or make intercompany loans;
- (j) enter into transactions with shareholders or affiliates; and
- (k) effect a consolidation or merger.

#### **Events of default**

The events of defaults under the Notes include, among other things:

- (i) defaults in the payment of principal;
- (ii) defaults in the payment of interest;

- (iii) defaults in the performance of or breaches of any other covenant or agreement in the Indenture or under the Notes;
- (iv) there occurs with respect to any indebtedness of the Company or any restricted subsidiary having an outstanding principal amount of US\$20,000,000 or more in the aggregate for all such indebtedness (a) an event of default that has caused the holder of such indebtedness to declare such indebtedness to be due and payable prior to its stated maturity and/or (b) the failure to make a principal payment when due;
- (v) one or more final judgments or orders for the payment of money are rendered against the Company or any of its restricted subsidiaries and are not paid or discharged;
- (vi) involuntary bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings commenced against the Company or any restricted subsidiary;
- (vii) voluntary bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings commenced by the Company or any restricted subsidiary; and
- (viii) default by the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor Pledgor in the performance of any of its obligations under the security provided in relation to the Notes.

## Redemption

At any time, the Company may at its option redeem the Notes, in whole but not in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes plus the applicable premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to (but not including) the redemption date. The Company will give not less than 30 days' nor more than 60 days' notice of any redemption.

At any time, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes with the proceeds from sales of certain kinds of the Company's capital stock at a redemption price of 105.625% of the principal amount of the Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to (but not including) the redemption date, provided that at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes originally issued remains outstanding after each such redemption and any such redemption takes place within 60 days after the closing of the related sale of the Company's capital stock and subject to certain conditions.

#### Repurchase at the option of the holders

Holders of the Notes may, at their option, require the Company to repurchase for cash all of their Notes, or any portion of their Notes that is in minimum denominations of US\$200,000 and integral multiples of US\$1,000 in excess thereof, on 15 December 2021 at the repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest to (but not including) 15 December 2021.

To exercise the put option, holders of the Notes must deliver a written put option exercise notice to the paying agent during the period beginning at any time from the open of business on the date that is the sixtieth (60) business day prior to 15 December 2021 until the close of business on the forty fifth (45) business day immediately preceding 15 December 2021.

## Proposed use of proceeds

The estimated net proceeds of the Notes Issue, after deduction of underwriting discount and other estimated expenses in connection with the Notes Issue, will amount to approximately US\$346.6 million, which the Company intends to use for refinancing certain of the Group's existing indebtedness and for general working capital purposes.

### Listing

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### **Ratings**

The Notes have been provisionally rated Ba1 by Moody's Investors Services and BB+ by Fitch Ratings.

### **Proposed Facility**

The Company is currently in discussion with certain lenders for the grant of a term loan facility in an aggregate amount of approximately US\$1.0 billion to US\$1.5 billion (in United States dollars and/or other currencies). The term loan facility may or may not be granted and drawn prior to the issuance of the Notes.

# ABOUT COUNTRY GARDEN

The Group is one of the leading integrated property developers in the PRC, with substantially all of the Group's assets and operations based in the PRC. The Group's primary business is the development of large-scale residential community projects and the sale of various types of properties, including townhouses, apartment buildings, parking spaces and retail shops. As an integrated property developer, the Group's lines of business also include construction, installation, fitting and decoration as well as property management. Ancillary to the Group's projects, the Group also develops and manages hotels within some of the Group's projects to enhance their potential for value appreciation. The residential home projects of the Group are generally located in suburban areas of first-tier cities, and in the newly urbanized town centers of second- and third-tier cities in the PRC. The Group has expanded its operations into Malaysia and Australia in 2011 and 2013, respectively.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, the following expressions shall have the meanings set out below unless the context requires otherwise:

"BNP Paribas" BNP Paribas;

"BOC International" BOCI Asia Limited;

"Board" the board of Directors;

"Company" Country Garden Holdings Company Limited, a company

incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange (Stock

Code: 2007);

"connected person" has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules;

"Directors" the directors of the Company;

"Goldman Sachs" Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C.;

"Group/Country Garden" the Company and its subsidiaries;

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC;

"HSBC" The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited;

"Huarong Financial" Huarong International Securities Limited;

"Indenture" the indenture to govern the Notes;

"Initial Purchasers" BNP Paribas, BOC International, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, Huarong

Financial and J.P. Morgan;

"J.P. Morgan" J.P. Morgan Securities plc;

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

Exchange;

"Notes" the US\$350,000,000 5.625% senior notes due 2026 to be issued by

the Company;

"Notes Issue" the issue of the Notes by the Company;

"PRC" the People's Republic of China, excluding Hong Kong, Macau

Special Administrative Region and Taiwan for the purpose of this

announcement;

"Purchase Agreement" the agreement dated 7 December 2016 entered into between, among others, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors, the Subsidiary

Guarantor Pledgors and the Initial Purchasers in relation to the

Notes Issue;

"SGX-ST" Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited;

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;

"Subsidiary Guarantees" guarantees to be provided by the Subsidiary Guarantors;

"Subsidiary Guarantors" certain existing subsidiaries of the Group providing guarantees for

the Notes;

"Subsidiary Guarantor each a Subsidiary Guarantor that will pledge the capital stock of Pledgors"

other Subsidiary Guarantors held by it to secure the obligations of

such Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee;

"US\$" United States dollar, the lawful currency of the United States of

America:

"U.S. Securities Act" the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended; and

"%" per cent.

# By order of the Board **Country Garden Holdings Company Limited WU** .Jianbin

Executive Director

#### Foshan, Guangdong Province, the PRC, 7 December 2016

As of the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. YEUNG Kwok Keung (Chairman), Ms. YANG Huiyan (Vice Chairman), Mr. MO Bin (President), Mr. ZHU Rongbin (Associate President), Mr. WU Jianbin (Chief Financial Officer), Ms. YANG Ziying, Mr. SU Rubo, Mr. OU Xueming, Mr. YANG Zhicheng, Mr. XIE Shutai, Mr. SONG Jun, Mr. LIANG Guokun and Mr. SU Baiyuan. The independent non-executive Directors are Mr. LAI Ming, Joseph, Mr. SHEK Lai Him, Abraham, Mr. TONG Wui Tung, Ronald, Mr. HUANG Hongyan, Ms. HUANG Xiao, Mr. MEI Wenjue and Mr. YEUNG Kwok On.