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FUBON FINANCIAL HOLDING CO., LTD. **INTERNATIONAL BANK OF ASIA LIMITED**
(a company incorporated in Taiwan with limited liability) (a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

**EXTENSION OF FIRST LONG STOP DATE RELATING TO THE
SATISFACTION OF THE PRE-CONDITIONS
TO THE MAKING OF A VOLUNTARY CONDITIONAL OFFER BY
CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS ASIA LIMITED
FOR ON BEHALF OF
FUBON FINANCIAL HOLDING CO., LTD.
TO ACQUIRE THE WHOLE OF THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL
OF
INTERNATIONAL BANK OF ASIA LIMITED**

A revised First Long Stop Date has been agreed by Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd and Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C.) for the satisfaction or waiver of the Pre-Conditions. The terms of the Undertaking have been varied to permit the possible payment of a special interim dividend of up to HK\$0.26 per IBA Share. The special interim dividend will only be paid if the Offer proceeds.

Investors should be aware that if the Offer does not proceed, neither the Offer Price nor the special interim dividend will be paid to Shareholders. As the making of the Offer is subject to satisfaction or waiver of the Pre-Conditions, the Offer is just a possibility only and may or may not be made. Shareholders and potential investors are reminded to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of IBA.

BACKGROUND

On 8 September 2003 Fubon and IBA jointly announced that, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the Pre-Conditions, Citigroup would make a voluntary conditional offer on behalf of Fubon for all the issued share capital of IBA (the “**Joint Announcement**”).

Terms defined in the Joint Announcement have the same meaning when used in this announcement.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SATISFACTION OR WAIVER OF THE PRE-CONDITIONS

In the Joint Announcement Fubon and IBA announced that if Pre-Conditions (a), (b), (c) and (f) (the “**Relevant Pre-Conditions**”) were satisfied (or, if applicable, waived) on or before 8 December 2003 or such later date as Fubon and ABC (with the consent of the Executive) may agree, Fubon would issue a Further Announcement to indicate its firm intention to make the Offer as soon as practicable thereafter.

On 6 December, 2003 Fubon and ABC agreed to revise the First Long Stop Date (being the period in which the satisfaction or waiver of the Relevant Pre-Conditions is required to occur). The Executive has consented to the revision of the First Long Stop Date. **As at this stage the Relevant Pre-Conditions have not been fulfilled.** The revised First Long Stop Date will be 10 February 2004 or such later date as Fubon and ABC (with the consent of the Executive) may agree. Accordingly if the Relevant Pre-Conditions are satisfied (or, if applicable, waived) on or before such date, Fubon will issue a Further Announcement to indicate its firm intention to make the Offer as soon as practicable thereafter. Shareholders are reminded that the making of the Offer in conditional on the satisfaction or waiver of the Pre-Conditions as described in the Joint Announcement.

POSSIBLE SPECIAL INTERIM DIVIDEND

It is a term of the Undertaking that ABC will procure that IBA does not carry out or perform certain acts (from the time of signing the Undertaking until the First Closing Date of the Offer) including the declaration, payment or making of distributions other than the Interim Dividend (as defined and referred to in the Joint Announcement, which was paid on 24 October 2003). Fubon has agreed to vary the Undertaking such that IBA would not be prohibited from declaring and paying a special interim dividend of up to HK\$0.26 per IBA Share prior to the First Closing Date of the Offer. The special interim dividend will only be paid if the Offer proceeds. Other than as described in this announcement, the terms of the Joint Announcement are unchanged. The Undertaking is not conditional on the declaration, payment or making of a special interim dividend.

WARNING:

An announcement will be made by IBA following a decision by the board of IBA to declare a special interim dividend which will include the rate of the special interim dividend (if any) and the terms of the payment (if any).

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By order of the board of
Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd.
Richard Tsai

President and Co-Chief Executive Officer

By order of the Board of
International Bank of Asia Limited
Mike M. Murad

Vice Chairman, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 6 December 2003

The directors of Fubon and the directors of IBA jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information in this Announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, their opinions expressed in this Announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this Announcement the omission of which would make any of their statements in this Announcement misleading.