

# **Mega Financial Holding Company Limited**

## **Articles of Incorporation**

### **CHAPTER I**

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **ARTICLE 1**

The Company is organized under the Financial Holding Company Act and the Company Act, and its name shall be 兆豐金融控股股份有限公司 in the Chinese language, and Mega Financial Holding Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") in the English language to enhance the economic scale, achieve synergy of the financial holding company and promote the development of the financial market.

##### **ARTICLE 2**

The Company shall establish its head office at Taipei, Taiwan, the Republic of China and may set up branch offices as deemed necessary for its business operations.

The establishment, dissolution and change of status of branches as referred to in the preceding Paragraph shall be executed pursuant to the resolutions to be adopted by the Board of Directors.

### **CHAPTER II**

#### **SCOPE OF BUSINESS**

##### **ARTICLE 3**

The scope of business of the Company shall be financial holding company (business code H801011).

##### **ARTICLE 4**

The Company shall engage in the following business:

1. To invest in the following industry:

- (1) financial holding company;
- (2) banks;
- (3) bills finance company;
- (4) credit card company;
- (5) trust company;
- (6) insurance company;
- (7) securities company;
- (8) futures company;
- (9) venture capital company;

- (10) foreign financial company approved by the competent authority; and
  - (11) other financial related company recognized by the competent authority
2. To manage the investment of the aforesaid company invested
  3. To apply to the competent authority to invest in industry not specified in the first Paragraph of this Article but not involved in the operation of the company invested
  4. To conduct other business approved by the competent authority

## **ARTICLE 5**

The Company is a professional investment company. The total amount of investments made by the Company may exceed forty percent of the amount of its own paid-up capital without being subject to the requirement set out in Paragraph 2, Article 13 of the Company Act.

## **CHAPTER III CAPITAL STOCK**

## **ARTICLE 6**

The total authorized capital of the Company is two hundred twenty billion New Taiwan Dollars (NT\$220,000,000,000), divided into twenty two billion (22,000,000,000) shares at par value of ten New Taiwan Dollars (NT\$10.00) per share. The shares are issued in installments, and part of the shares may be preferred shares.

When the Company issues new shares, employees meeting certain specific requirements, of the subsidiaries are entitled to subscribe new shares reserved for subscription by employees in accordance with applicable laws.

## **ARTICLE 6-1**

The rights, obligations and other important issuance terms of preferred shares of the Company are as follows:

- I. The Company's annual earnings are first subject to taxation and reimbursement of previous years' losses, in accordance with laws. A legal reserve shall also be set aside in accordance with laws. Then, a special reserve shall be set aside or reversed in accordance with laws or actual needs. Remaining earnings, if any, may be distributed first to the dividends of preferred shares as the respective year's dividends.
- II. The dividend rate of preferred shares is limited to 8% per annum on issue price, and the dividends will be distributed annually in cash. After the financial statements have been approved by the general shareholders' meeting, the Board of Directors will determine the record date to pay the distributable dividends of the previous year. In the year of issuance and redemption, the distribution of payable dividends is calculated based on the actual number of days preferred shares remained outstanding in that year.
- III. The Company has solo discretion over the distribution of dividends of preferred shares. The Company may resolve not to distribute dividends of preferred shares if there are no earnings or earnings insufficient to distribute dividends of preferred shares, or the

distribution of dividends of preferred shares will cause the capital adequacy ratio fall below than the minimum requirement stipulated by laws or competent authority or other necessary consideration. The shareholders of preferred shares shall not object to the decision. If the preferred shares issued are non-cumulative, the undistributed dividends or the deficit of dividends will not be cumulated for deferred payment in the subsequent years with earnings.

- IV. Except for the dividends prescribed in Subparagraph 2 of this Paragraph, preferred shares are not eligible for the dividend entitlements of common shares, including cash or stock dividends derived from earnings or capital reserves.
- V. In terms of allocation priority on the residual property of the Company, the preferred shares shall have a higher priority than common shares. The different types of preferred shares of the Company shall rank *pari passu* and the payment shall not exceed the issue amount.
- VI. The shareholders of preferred shares do not have voting rights or election rights at the general shareholders' meeting. However, they have voting rights at preferred shareholders' meeting or at the general shareholders' meeting with respect to the rights and obligations of the shareholders of preferred shares.
- VII. Preferred shares shall not be converted to common shares, and the shareholders of preferred shares do not have the rights to request the Company to buy back their preferred shares.
- VIII. If the Company issue perpetual preferred shares, the Company may redeem all or a portion of preferred shares anytime on the next day after 7 years of issuance on issue price. The remaining preferred shares shall remain the rights and obligations of issuance terms prescribed in this Article. In the year of redemption, the dividends shall be calculated based on the actual number of days if the general shareholders' meeting decides to distribute dividends.
- IX. If the Company issue non-perpetual preferred shares, the issuance period shall not be shorter than 7 years. Upon expiry date of the issuance period or on the next day after 5 years of issuance, the Company may, pursuant to the issue price and relevant issuance terms, redeem such shares in cash, or redeem such shares in other manners permissible by laws. If the Company cannot redeem all or a portion of the preferred shares due to objective factors or force majeure by that time, the rights of the remaining preferred shares shall remain the issuance terms until fully redemption by the Company.

The Board of Directors is authorized to determine the name, issuance date and terms of preferred shares in accordance with market conditions and investors' expectation, in accordance with the Articles and laws and regulations.

## **ARTICLE 7**

Prior to the reunification of the country, all shares held by shareholders in mainland China are treated as reserved shares according to the law. Such reserved shares are not entitled to vote at any shareholders' meeting of the Company, and the number of such reserved

shares is not counted in the total number of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

All share certificates of the Company shall indicate thereon the name of the shareholder thereof.

For the shares to be issued by the Company, the Company may be exempted from printing any share certificate for the share issued, while the Company shall register the issued shares with a centralized securities depository enterprise and follow the regulations of that enterprise.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

Each of the shareholders shall submit to the shareholders' registrar retained by the Company his/her/its seal specimen card. Shareholders applying to the shareholders' registrar retained by the Company for processing of share matters or exercise of shareholders' rights in writing should sign or affix the seal as shown in the specimen card.

The shareholders' registrar referred to in the preceding Paragraph shall provide the relevant information of the shareholders upon the Company's request.

#### **ARTICLE 10**

Any juristic person or a government agency shareholder may be elected as a Director; provided, however, that it shall appoint a natural person to act on its behalf.

#### **ARTICLE 11**

Share registrar matters shall be handled pursuant to the Guidelines Governing Share Registrar Matters of Public Companies, as promulgated by the competent authority, and other relevant laws and regulations.

### **CHAPTER IV MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS**

#### **ARTICLE 12**

The meeting of shareholders shall be convened by the Board of Directors unless the Company Act shall require otherwise.

The shareholders' meetings are of the following two kinds:

1. Regular meetings of the shareholders: to be convened at least once a year; and
2. Special meetings of the shareholders: to be convened whenever necessary.

Regular meetings of the shareholders shall be convened within six months after the close of each fiscal year.

The preferred shareholders' meeting may be convened in accordance with laws and regulations when necessary.

## **ARTICLE 12-1**

The company convened shareholders meetings, they shall convene a virtual shareholders meeting or other methods disclosed by competent authority.

The company convened a virtual shareholders meeting, they should comply with other laws and Mega Financial Holding Company Rules of Procedures for Shareholders' Meetings.

## **ARTICLE 13**

The entries in the shareholders' book shall be closed in a period from 60 days prior to the convening date of a regular shareholders' meeting, from 30 days prior to the convening date of a special shareholders' meeting, or from 5 days prior to the record date set by the Company for distribution of dividends, bonus or other benefits.

## **ARTICLE 14**

A shareholder who is unable to attend a shareholders' meeting may appoint a proxy to attend a shareholders' meeting in his/her/its behalf by executing a power of attorney printed by the Company stating therein the scope of power authorized to the proxy.

A shareholder may only execute one power of attorney and appoint one proxy only. Except for trust enterprises or stock agencies approved by the competent authority, when a person who acts as the proxy for two or more shareholders, the number of voting power represented by him/her shall not exceed 3% of the total number of voting shares of the Company, otherwise, the portion of excessive voting power shall not be counted.

When the government or a juristic person is a shareholder, its proxy shall not be limited to one person.

## **ARTICLE 15**

Unless otherwise required by laws and regulations, each share holding by the shareholders shall have one vote.

A shareholder who has conflict of interest in the matter under discussion at a shareholders' meeting, which will likely impair the interest of the Company, shall not vote nor exercise the voting right on behalf of other shareholders.

## **ARTICLE 16**

A written notice to convene a regular meeting of shareholders shall be sent to each shareholder no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. In case of a special meeting of shareholders, a meeting notice shall be sent to each shareholder no later than 15 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. The agenda of a meeting of shareholders shall be stated in the meeting notice to be sent to shareholders. A public notice to shareholders holding less than 1000 shares may be placed instead of a written notice.

The aforesaid agenda of a meeting may be proposed by "extemporary motions"; provided, however, that matters which shall be stated in the meeting notice in accordance with relevant laws and regulations may not be proposed by "extemporary motions".

The first Paragraph of this Article shall not apply to the situation where the meeting of shareholders resolves to postpone or reconvene the meeting within five days.

#### **ARTICLE 17**

Unless otherwise required by law, resolutions of the shareholders' meeting shall be adopted by a majority of the issued shares held by the shareholders present at the meeting (quorum), and a majority of shareholders present at the meeting vote for such resolution.

#### **ARTICLE 18**

Resolutions adopted at a shareholders' meeting shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting which shall be affixed with the signature or seal of the chairman of the meeting and shall be distributed to all shareholders of the Company within 20 days after the meeting. The distribution of the minutes of shareholders' meeting may be made by means of public announcement. The minutes of shareholders' meeting shall record the date and place of the meeting, the name of the Chairman, the method of adopting resolutions, and a summary of the essential points of the proceedings and the results of the meeting. The minutes shall be kept persistently throughout the life of the Company.

The attendance list bearing the signatures of shareholders present at the meeting and the proxies shall be kept by the Company for at least one year. However, if a lawsuit has been instituted by any shareholder in accordance with the provisions of Article 189 of the Company Act, the above documents shall be kept by the Company until the legal proceedings of the foregoing lawsuit have been concluded.

### **CHAPTER V BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **ARTICLE 19**

The Company shall have a Board of Directors composed of fifteen to twenty one Directors. Starting from 2013, the candidate nomination system is adopted for directors; the shareholders shall elect directors from a list of the candidates. The term of office of a director is three years, and may be eligible for re-election.

Among the directors prescribed in the preceding Paragraph, at least five independent directors and a number of independent directors no less than 1/3 of the board seats shall be included.

The independent directors' professional qualifications, restrictions on shareholdings and concurrent positions held, assessment of independence, method of nomination and election, and other compliance requirements shall be handled in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.

The remuneration of the independent directors of the Company shall be determined by the Board, considering degrees of participation and value of contribution of said directors in business operation of the Company, as well as based on levels of remuneration generally

adopted by the same industry. The total number of the shares held by all the Directors shall not be less than that required by the competent authority in charge of securities affairs. The Company may purchase liability insurance for Directors with respect to their liabilities resulting from exercising their duties during their terms of occupancy.

#### **ARTICLE 19-1**

The Fifth Term of the Board of Directors of the Company starts to set up the audit committee, composed entirely of independent directors. It shall be no less than three in number, one of whom shall serve as the convener, and at least one of whom shall have accounting or finance expertise. The exercise of powers, organizational charter, and other compliance requirements of the audit committee shall be handled in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, as well as the Company's internal guidelines.

#### **ARTICLE 19-2**

The Company shall set up a remuneration committee in accordance with the laws, and may set up other functional committees. Organizational charter of such committees shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE 20**

The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be elected by and among the directors and shall hold such office for a period corresponding to the term of director.

The remuneration of the Chairman of the Board of Directors is calculated based on 1.25 times the remuneration of the President of the Company.

The pension or severance pay of the Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be calculated in accordance with the relevant pension provisions of the Labor Standards Act, but not being subject to restrictions on age and seniority.

#### **ARTICLE 21**

Business operations of the Company shall be executed pursuant to the resolutions to be adopted by the Board of Directors, except for the matters the execution of which shall be effected pursuant to the resolutions of the shareholders' meeting as required by the Company Act or the Articles of Incorporation of the Company. The powers of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- (1) To review and approve the business policies and plans of the Company;
- (2) To review and approve the regulations with respect to the organization structure and unit functions of the Company;
- (3) To review and approve the budget and the financial statements of the Company;
- (4) To appoint or discharge a financial, accounting, internal auditor or senior officers;
- (5) To review and approve important rules and regulations of the Company and contracts entered into by the Company;
- (6) To review and approve the increase or reduction of the capital, and the issuance of

- the stocks of the Company;
- (7) To review and approve a material asset transaction;
  - (8) To determine the date for regular or special meetings of shareholders;
  - (9) To determine the proposals for earning distribution or loss off-setting;
  - (10) To determine the proposal for buying back of the stocks of the Company;
  - (11) To appoint or discharge the directors and supervisors of subsidiaries of the Company;
  - (12) To retain or release a certifying CPA, or the compensation given thereto;
  - (13) To review and approve the organizational charters of functional committees;
  - (14) To conduct any other business pursuant to the laws and the authorization of the shareholders' meeting.

The Board of Directors consists of one Chief Secretariat, Secretariats and staffs, handling the proposal, documents of the meeting of the Board of Directors and other secretariat related matters.

## **ARTICLE 22**

The Board of Directors' Auditing Department organized under the Board of Directors, consists of one Chief Auditor and Auditors, handling internal auditing and related matters. Divisions can be set up in need to engage in different business.

## **ARTICLE 23**

The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall internally chair the shareholders' meeting and the meeting of the Board of Directors; and shall externally represent the Company. In case the Chairman of the Board of Directors is absent or cannot exercise his power and authority for any cause, the Chairman of the Board of Directors shall designate one of the Directors to act on his behalf. In the absence of such a designation, the Directors shall elect from among themselves an acting Chairman of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 24**

A meeting of the Board of Directors shall, unless otherwise provided for in relevant laws and regulations, be convened by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise provided in laws, resolutions of the Board of Directors shall be adopted by the approval of a majority of the Directors at a meeting of the Board of Directors, attended by a majority of all the Directors.

Directors shall attend the meetings of the Board of Directors in person. In the event a Director is unable to attend the meeting for cause, he may execute a power of attorney appointing another Director as his proxy, stating therein the scope of his authorities with reference to the items on the agenda. The aforesaid proxy may serve as proxy for one Director only.

In case a meeting of the Board of Directors is proceeding via video conference, then the Directors attending such video conference shall be deemed to have attended the meeting in



person.

#### **ARTICLE 25**

Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held once a month in principle. In the case of emergency, the meeting of the Board of Directors may be convened at any time. The notice of the Board meeting may be served in writing by mail, E-mail or fax.

The procedure for meetings of the Board of Directors shall be governed by the relevant laws and regulations, the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, and the rules otherwise adopted by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE 26**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors shall be prepared to record all resolutions passed at said meetings.

Article 18 hereof shall apply mutatis mutandis to the preparation and safekeeping of the minutes referred to in the preceding Paragraph.

### **CHAPTER VI MANAGERIAL OFFICERS**

#### **ARTICLE 27**

The Company shall have a President and several Executive Vice Presidents, Senior Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents, all of whom shall be nominated by the Chairman for the consent of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE 28**

The President shall, pursuant to the instructions of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, manage all the business of the Company, implement all the resolutions adopted at the meeting of Board of Directors.

The Executive Vice President(s) shall assist the President in the matters referred to in the preceding Paragraph. In the event that the President is unable to perform his duties for cause, one of the Executive Vice Presidents shall be appointed by the Chairman to act on behalf of the President.

### **CHAPTER VII ACCOUNTING**

#### **ARTICLE 29**

The fiscal year of the Company shall be from January 1 to December 31 of every year.

#### **ARTICLE 30**

At the close of each fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall prepare the following

statements and reports, and shall submit the same to the regular meeting of shareholders for ratification in accordance with the legal procedures:

1. the business report;
2. the financial statements; and
3. the earning distribution or loss off-setting proposals.

After the ratification of the statements and reports mentioned in the preceding Paragraph by the regular meeting of shareholders, the Board of Directors shall announce or distribute to each shareholder the ratified financial statements and the resolutions on the earning distribution and/or loss offsetting.

### **ARTICLE 31**

After paying all taxes and covering its accumulated losses of the previous years in accordance with the laws, the Company shall set aside a legal reserve in accordance with the laws. Aside from the aforesaid legal reserve, the Company may set aside or reserve special reserve in accordance with laws or its actual needs, and may distribute dividends of preferred shares. The remaining balance plus prior years' accumulated undistributed earnings are earnings available for distribution, for which the Company may appropriate 30% to 100% as earnings distribution subject to the Board of Directors' decision to propose a distribution plan and to be submitted to the general shareholders' meeting for approval.

At least 50% of the shareholders' dividends in the above Paragraph shall be paid in cash, and the rest paid by stock dividend. However, the percentage of cash dividend and stock dividend may be adjusted by resolution of the general shareholders' meeting.

### **ARTICLE 31-1**

The current year's earnings (pre-tax income before deducting the remuneration to employees and Directors) of the Company shall first be applied to cover all its accumulated losses, and the remaining balance shall be appropriated 0.02% to 0.15% as remuneration to employees; and not more than 0.5% as remuneration to Directors.

The employees' remuneration mentioned in the preceding Paragraph of this Article shall be distributed in cash or stock. Employees of the affiliated companies meeting certain specific requirements may be entitled to the employees' stock remuneration, subject to the rules set forth by the Board of Directors.

## **CHAPTER VIII**

### **ADDENDUM**

### **ARTICLE 32**

Any matters not otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation of the Company shall be governed by the Financial Holding Company Act, the Company Act and other applicable regulations.

### **ARTICLE 33**

These Articles of Incorporation were promulgated on December 19, 2001. The first amendment was made on June 12, 2002, the second amendment was made on November 11, 2002, the third amendment was made on June 6, 2003, the fourth amendment was made on June 11, 2004, the fifth amendment was made on June 23, 2006, the sixth amendment was made on June 13, 2008, the seventh amendment was made on June 19, 2009, the eighth amendment was made on June 23, 2010, the ninth amendment was made on June 28, 2011, the tenth amendment was made on June 15, 2012, the eleventh amendment was made on June 24, 2014, the twelfth amendment was made on June 24, 2016, the thirteenth amendment was made on June 21, 2019, the fourteenth amendment was made on June 17, 2022, the fifteenth amendment was made on June 16, 2023, the sixteenth amendment was made on June 21, 2024.