

Independent auditor's report



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To the Shareholders of Li & Fung Limited
(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

Opinion

What we have Audited

The consolidated financial statements of Li & Fung Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") are set out on pages 147 to 235, which comprise:

- the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2016;
- the consolidated profit and loss account for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

Our Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2016, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("the Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matters identified in our audit are summarised as follows:

- Impairment assessment of intangible assets including goodwill
- Valuation of contingent consideration payable for business acquisitions

Key Audit Matter	How our Audit Addressed the Key Audit Matter
<p>Impairment assessment of intangible assets including goodwill</p> <p>Refer to <i>Notes 1.6, 2(A), 2(B) and 11</i> to the consolidated financial statements</p> <p>Included on the balance sheet is an intangible assets balance of US\$3,897 million as of 31 December 2016, which relates to goodwill of US\$3,557 million, and system development, software, other license costs and other intangible assets of US\$340 million which arose mainly from past acquisitions.</p> <p>The Group is required to, at least annually, perform impairment assessments of goodwill and intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life. For intangible assets with useful lives, the Group is required to review these for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable, and at least annually, review whether there is any change in their expected useful lives.</p> <p>For the purpose of performing impairment assessments, all intangible assets including goodwill have been allocated to groups of cash generating units ("CGUs"). The recoverable amount of the underlying CGUs is supported by value-in-use calculations which are based on future discounted cash flows. Management concluded that the intangible assets including goodwill were not impaired as of 31 December 2016.</p> <p>We focused on this area as the assessments made by management involved significant estimates and judgments, including sales growth rates, gross profit margin, net profit margin and perpetual growth rates used to estimate future cash flows and discount rates applied to these forecasted future cash flows of the underlying CGUs. These estimates and judgments may be affected by unexpected changes in future market or economic conditions or discount rates applied.</p>	<p>We understood, evaluated and validated management's key controls over the impairment assessment process.</p> <p>We compared the methodology used (value-in-use calculations based on future discounted cash flows) by the Group to market practice.</p> <p>We obtained management's future cash flow forecasts, tested the mathematical accuracy of the underlying value-in-use calculations and agreed them to the approved one-year financial budget and future forecasts. We also compared historical actual results to those budgeted to assess the quality of management's forecasts.</p> <p>We also assessed the reasonableness of key assumptions used in the calculations, comprising sales growth rates, gross profit margin, net profit margin, perpetual growth rate and discount rates. When assessing these key assumptions, we discussed them with management to understand and evaluate management's basis for determining the assumptions, and compared them to external industry outlook reports and economic growth forecasts from a number of sources. We also engaged our valuation experts to assist us in assessing the reasonableness of the discount rates used by management by comparing the discount rates used to entities with similar risk profiles and market information.</p> <p>We obtained and tested management's sensitivity analysis around the key assumptions, to ascertain that selected adverse changes to key assumptions, both individually and in aggregate, would not cause the carrying amount of intangible assets including goodwill to exceed the recoverable amount.</p> <p>We evaluated management's assessment on whether any events or change in circumstances indicate there may be a change in the expected useful lives of intangible assets.</p> <p>We found the Group's estimates and judgments used in the impairment assessment and review of useful lives of intangible assets to be supported by the available evidence.</p>

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<p>Valuation of contingent consideration payable for business acquisitions</p> <p>Refer to <i>Notes 2(D), 4, 27, 35(c)</i> and 37 to the consolidated financial statements</p> <p>As at 31 December 2016, the Group had contingent consideration payables of US\$162 million, which are due to be payable from 2017 to 2022.</p> <p>The Group recognized consideration for acquisition at fair value (estimated at the date of acquisition) for each contingent consideration arrangement. These fair value measurements require management's estimation and significant judgment on post-acquisition performance of the acquired businesses and discount rates used.</p> <p>Contingent consideration payables are remeasured at fair value at each reporting date, and may be affected by changes in the estimation of post-acquisition performance of the acquired businesses. Any resulting gain or loss is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account. For the year ended 31 December 2016, no gain or loss was recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account.</p> <p>We focused on this area as the assessment made by management involved significant estimates and judgments in relation to the post-acquisition performance of individual businesses and discount rates applied, which may be affected by unexpected changes in future market or economic conditions or significant events or circumstances related to the acquired businesses.</p>	<p>We understood, evaluated and validated management's key controls over the contingent consideration payable assessment process.</p> <p>We checked the contingent consideration payable calculation prepared by management against the formula stated in the sales and purchase agreement for each of the acquired businesses.</p> <p>We evaluated performance forecasts used in the contingent consideration payable calculation and tested the mathematical accuracy of the underlying calculation of consideration payable and agreed them to the financial projection prepared by management for the specific financial period stipulated by the sales and purchase agreement. We also analysed the key assumptions adopted by management with reference to their business plan and historical actual results to assess the quality of management's financial projection.</p> <p>We compared the discount rates used by management against market information and internal data.</p> <p>We found the Group's estimates and judgments used in the valuation of contingent consideration payables as at 31 December 2016 to be supported by the available evidence.</p>

Other Information

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Directors and the Audit Committee for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 90 of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Audit Committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Cheng Woon Yin Michael.

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Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 29 March 2017