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Convenience Retail Asia Limited

利亞零售有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

**NOTICE OF LISTING ON
The Growth Enterprise Market of
The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
BY WAY OF
PLACING AND PUBLIC OFFER**

Number of Shares under the Share Offer	: 163,900,000 (subject to Over-allotment Option)
Number of Placing Shares	: 131,120,000 (subject to reallocation)
Number of Public Offer Shares	: 32,780,000 (subject to reallocation)
Offer Price	: not more than HK\$1.15 per Offer Share (payable in full on application and subject to refund)
Nominal value	: HK\$0.10 each
GEM stock code	: 8052

Global Coordinator, Sponsor and Bookrunner

BNP PARIBAS PEREGRINE

Lead Manager

BNP PARIBAS PEREGRINE

Co-Lead Managers

INDOSUEZ W.I. CARR SECURITIES

BOCI ASIA LIMITED

Co-Managers

ABN AMRO Rothschild

DBS ASIA CAPITAL LIMITED

KA WAH CAPITAL LIMITED

Application has been made to the Growth Enterprise Market (“GEM”) Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) for the listing of and permission to deal in the shares of HK\$0.10 each (the “Shares”) in the share capital of Convenience Retail Asia Limited (the “Company”) in issue and to be issued as described in the prospectus of the Company dated 9th January, 2001 (the “Prospectus”) and any Shares which may fall to be issued upon the exercise of options granted under the Company’s share option schemes. Dealings in the Shares on the GEM of the Stock Exchange are expected to commence on 18th January, 2001. Subject to the granting of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares on the GEM of the Stock Exchange as well as compliance with the stock admission requirements of Hongkong Clearing, the Shares will be accepted as eligible securities by Hongkong Clearing for deposit, clearance and settlement in the Central Clearing and Settlement System (“CCASS”) with effect from the commencement date of dealings in the Shares on GEM, or such other date as may be determined by Hongkong Clearing. All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time.

The Share Offer (as defined in the Prospectus) is conditional on the fulfilment of the conditions stated in the paragraph headed “Conditions of the Share Offer” in the section headed “Structure of the Share Offer” of the Prospectus. If the Share Offer does not become unconditional on or before 7th February, 2001 and thereby lapses, all application monies received from applicants under the Share Offer will be refunded, without interest, on the terms set out in the section headed “Refund of your money” on the relevant application forms.

The Public Offer (as defined in the Prospectus) comprises 32,780,000 Public Offer Shares (as defined in the Prospectus), representing approximately 20 per cent. of the Offer Shares (as defined in the Prospectus) being offered in the Share Offer.

If the Public Offer is not fully subscribed, BNP Paribas Peregrine Securities (on behalf of the Underwriters) has the authority to re-allocate all or any unsubscribed Public Offer Shares originally included in the Public Offer to the Placing in such proportions as it deems appropriate.

BNP Paribas Peregrine Securities (on behalf of the Underwriters) also has the authority to re-allocate all or any unsubscribed Placing Shares under the Placing to the Public Offer in such proportions as it deems appropriate.

Pursuant to the Placing Underwriting Agreement, the Company intends to grant to BNP Paribas Peregrine Securities (on behalf of the Placing Underwriters) the Over-allotment Option, exercisable within 28 days from the date of the Prospectus, to require the Company to issue up to an aggregate of 24,584,000 additional Shares, representing about 15% of the number of Shares initially available under the Share Offer.

Applications for the Public Offer Shares will only be considered on the basis of the terms and conditions set out in the Prospectus and the related application forms. Applicants under the Public Offer who would like to be allocated Public Offer Shares in their names should complete and sign the **WHITE** application forms or apply through an eIPO Service Provider (as described below). Applicants under the Public Offer who would like to have the Public Offer Shares issued in the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited and deposited directly into CCASS for credit to their investor participant stock accounts or their designated CCASS participants’ stock accounts

maintained in CCASS should either apply through an eIPO Service Provider (as described below) or complete and sign the **YELLOW** application forms, copies of which, together with the Prospectus, may be obtained during normal business hours from 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 9th January, 2001 until 12:00 noon on Friday, 12th January, 2001 at the depository counter of Hongkong Clearing at 2nd Floor, Vicwood Plaza, 199 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong or the Customer Service Centre of Hongkong Clearing at Upper Ground Floor, V-Heun Building, 128-140 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong. **WHITE** application forms, together with copies of the Prospectus, may be obtained during normal business hours from 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 9th January, 2001 until 12:00 noon on Friday, 12th January, 2001 from:

Any participant of the Stock Exchange; or

- (1) **BNP Paribas Peregrine Securities Limited**
36th Floor, Asia Pacific Finance Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- (2) **Indosuez W.I. Carr Securities Limited**
44th Floor, One Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong;
- (3) **BOCI Asia Limited**
35th Floor, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
- (4) **ABN AMRO Rothschild**
40th Floor, Cheung Kong Centre, 2 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong;
- (5) **DBS Asia Capital Limited**
16th Floor, Man Yee Building, 68 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- (6) **Ka Wah Capital Limited**
Unit 6310-6312, 63rd Floor, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong; and

any of the following 20 branches of Standard Chartered Bank:

Hong Kong Island:	1. The Landmark Branch	The Landmark, 15 Queen's Road Central
	2. Des Voeux Road Branch	Standard Chartered Bank Building, 4-4a Des Voeux Road, Central
	3. CIG Building Branch	Shop B, Ground Floor, CIG Building, 141 Des Voeux Road Central
	4. Leighton Centre Branch	Shop 12-16, Upper Ground Floor, Leighton Centre, 77 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay
	5. Causeway Bay Branch	1 Sugar Street, Causeway Bay
	6. Taikoo Place Branch	Ground Floor, 969 King's Road, Quarry Bay
	7. North Point Centre Branch	284 King's Road, North Point
	8. Aberdeen Branch	Shop 4A, Aberdeen Centre, Site 5, 6-12 Nam Ning Street, Aberdeen

Kowloon:	9. Kwun Tong Branch	88-90 Fu Yan Street, Kwun Tong
	10. Mongkok Bank Centre Branch	Bank Centre, 630-636 Nathan Road, Mongkok
	11. Tsimshatsui Branch	10 Granville Road, Tsimshatsui
	12. Cheung Sha Wan Branch	828 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Cheung Sha Wan
	13. Yaumatei Branch	546-550 Nathan Road, Yaumatei
	14. San Po Kong Branch	10-20 Ning Yuen Street, San Po Kong
	15. Oterprise Square Branch	Shop No 3, Ground Floor and Shop No 1, 1 st Floor, 26 Nathan Road, Tsimshatsui
	16. New Mandarin Plaza Branch	Shop 12-19, New Mandarin Plaza, 12 Science Museum Road, Tsimshatsui East
New Territories:	17. Tsuen Wan Branch	Basement 1 st Floor, Emperor Plaza, 263 Sha Tsui Road, Tsuen Wan
	18. Shatin Centre Branch	Shop 32C, Level 3, Shatin Centre, 2-16 Wang Pok Street, Shatin
	19. Tai Po Branch	23 and 25 Kwong Fuk Road, Tai Po
	20. Yuen Long Branch	140 Yuen Long Main Road, Yuen Long

Both **WHITE** and **YELLOW** application forms, completed in all respects (to which cheques or banker's cashier orders should be securely stapled), should be deposited in the special collection boxes provided at any one of the branches of Standard Chartered Bank referred to above during the following times:

Tuesday, 9th January, 2001 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, 10th January, 2001 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday, 11th January, 2001 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Friday, 12th January, 2001 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Prospectus and the application forms relating thereto, applications made on **WHITE** or **YELLOW** application forms, by using an eIPO Service Provider or by giving electronic application instructions to Hongkong Clearing must be received by not later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 12th January, 2001 (or such later date as may apply in the case of a tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above or a "black" rainstorm warning signal being in force as described in the section headed "How to apply for the Public Offer Shares" of the Prospectus).

Investors may instruct an **eIPO Service Provider** to act as their agent to apply for the Public Offer Shares on their behalf. Instead of applying for the Public Offer Shares using either a **WHITE** or a **YELLOW** Application Form or by giving electronic application instructions to Hongkong Clearing, an investor may instruct an eIPO Service Provider to act as his/her agent to apply for the Public Offer Shares on his/her behalf. A list of the names of the persons who may act as eIPO Service Providers in relation to the Public Offer may be obtained on the website of the

Company (www.cr-asia.com). Application details may be submitted to an eIPO Service Provider which may provide such services at any time from 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 9th January, 2001 to 12:00 noon on Friday, 12th January, 2001. There is no assurance that using an eIPO Service Provider to apply for the Public Offer Shares will result in a valid application being submitted. Investors are urged to evaluate carefully the services offered by eIPO Service Providers.

A **CCASS Investor Participant** may give electronic application instructions through the CCASS Phone System by calling 2979 7888 (using the procedures contained in “An Operating Guide for Investor Participants”, as in effect from time to time) or go to Hongkong Clearing’s Customer Service Centre at Upper Ground Floor, V-Heun Building, 128-140 Queen’s Road Central, Hong Kong and complete an input request form.

A **non-CCASS Investor Participant** may instruct a broker or custodian who is a CCASS Broker Participant or a CCASS Custodian Participant to give electronic application instruction via CCASS terminal to apply for the Public Offer Shares on his behalf.

Time for inputting electronic application instructions via CCASS terminals or CCASS Phone System

CCASS Participants can input electronic application instructions at the following times:

Tuesday, 9th January, 2001 – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 10th January, 2001 – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 11th January, 2001 – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 12th January, 2001 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

The level of indications of interest in the Placing and the results of the applications under the Public Offer and the basis of allocation of the Public Offer Shares are expected to be announced in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) and on the GEM website on Wednesday, 17th January, 2001.

Multiple or suspected multiple applications are liable to be rejected. Please see the paragraph headed “How many applications you can make” in the section headed “Terms and Conditions of the Public Offer” of the Prospectus.

This announcement and a copy of the Prospectus referred to above will appear on the GEM website.

By order of the board
Convenience Retail Asia Limited
Richard Yeung
Executive Director

Hong Kong, 9th January, 2001

This announcement and a copy of the Prospectus will remain on the GEM website at www.hkgem.com for 7 days from the day of its posting.