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Key Financial and Performance Indicators for the First Three Quarters of 2018

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- Overall service revenue amounted to RMB 200,013 million, up by 6.5% year-on-year.
- Mobile service revenue amounted to RMB 125,424 million, up by 7.2% year-on-year.
- Fixed-line service revenue amounted to RMB 73,223 million, up by 5.2% year-on-year.
- Revenue from industrial Internet business amounted to RMB 17,249 million, up by 35.7% year-on-year.
- EBITDA amounted to RMB 66,246 million, up by 1.3% year-on-year.
- The profit attributable to the equity shareholders of the Company amounted to RMB 8,780 million, up significantly by 116.6% year-on-year. It included an increase of RMB 1,474 million in the Group’s share of net profit of associates resulting from the change in the Group’s shareholding percentage in China Tower after its listing and new share issuance.

To enable shareholders, investors and the general public to better appraise the operational performance of the Group, the board of directors (the "Board") of China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Company", together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") announces certain selected unaudited key financial and performance indicators of the Group for the first three quarters of 2018.

Financial Data (Extracted from financial records prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards)

Unit: RMB millions

	For the nine months ended 30 September	
	2018	2017
Total service revenue	200,013	187,880
Sales of telecommunications products	19,699	17,898
Revenue	219,712	205,778
Interconnection charges	(9,898)	(9,592)
Depreciation and amortisation	(57,421)	(58,007)
Network, operation and support expenses	(41,605)	(39,876)
Employee benefit expenses	(35,998)	(31,463)
Costs of telecommunications products sold	(19,884)	(18,655)
Other operating expenses	(46,082)	(40,808)
Finance costs	(1,451)	(4,741)
Interest income	1,305	1,164
Share of net profit of associates	2,284	766
Share of net profit of joint venture	435	424
Other income – net	108	550
Profit before income tax	11,505	5,540
Income tax expenses	(2,677)	(1,470)
Profit for the period	8,828	4,070
Profit attributable to:		
Equity shareholders of the Company	8,780	4,054
Non-controlling interests	48	16
	As at	As at
	30 September 2018	31 December 2017
Total assets	548,690	571,983
Total liabilities	236,160	267,636
Total equity¹	312,530	304,347

¹ The Group adopted IFRS/HKFRS 15 “Revenue from contracts with customers” and IFRS/HKFRS 9 (2014) “Financial Instruments” from 1 January 2018. For IFRS/HKFRS 15, the Group elected to use the cumulative effect transition method which resulted in an increase of the opening balance of retained profits at 1 January 2018 by approximately RMB1.75 billion. The Group applied IFRS/HKFRS 9 (2014) retrospectively and has taken the advantage not to restate the comparative information for prior periods with respect to the classification and measurement requirements, which resulted in a decrease in the opening balance of retained profits at 1 January 2018 by approximately RMB0.85 billion.

Business Data

	As at 30 September 2018/ For the period from 1 January 2018 to 30 September 2018	As at 30 September 2017/ For the period from 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2017
Mobile billing subscribers (Million)	309.826	276.866
of which 4G subscribers (Million)	213.850	160.284
Net addition of mobile billing subscribers (Million)	25.663	13.044
of which net addition of 4G subscribers (Million)	38.974	55.733
Mobile handset data traffic (Billion MB)	15,009.40	4,701.79
Mobile voice usage (Billion Minutes)	613.23	617.15
Fixed-line broadband subscribers (Million)	80.347	77.406
Net addition of fixed-line broadband subscribers (Million)	3.808	2.170
Fixed-line local access subscribers (Million)	56.825	61.760
Net loss of fixed-line local access subscribers (Million)	(3.172)	(4.889)

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Facing intense competition in the fixed-line broadband market, the Group adhered to the strategy of “big integration, big bandwidth and big video” and continued to optimise the array of integrated products. It focused on promoting high-bandwidth and contents driven products and continuously enriched quality video content. The Group’s fixed-line broadband business continued to report improvements. The number of fixed-line broadband subscribers reached 80.35 million, representing a net addition of 3.81 million as compared to the end of last year. For the first three quarters of 2018, fixed-line broadband access revenue reached RMB 32,039 million, which was largely stable as compared to the same period last year. On the other hand, the Group accelerated the efforts in sharpening the core capability in innovative product platforms and products, established system and mechanism segregated from its fundamental services, and proactively expanded business and capital

cooperation with strategic investors from mixed-ownership reform, so as to drive new breakthroughs in its innovative business. For the first three quarters of 2018, revenue from industrial Internet business amounted to RMB 17,249 million, up by 35.7% year-on-year. Driven by the rapid growth of the innovative business, the Group's fixed-line service revenue reached RMB 73,223 million, up by 5.2% year-on-year. Overall service revenue amounted to RMB 200,013 million, up by 6.5% year-on-year.

In the first three quarters of 2018, the Group proactively deepened the reform of incentive systems and strengthened performance-linked incentives while at the same time stepping up recruitment of talents in innovative business to boost new energy for innovative development. Employee benefit expenses increased by 14.4% year-on-year. Other operating expenses increased by 12.9% year-on-year mainly due to the increasing costs associated with the rapid growth in ICT, higher loss on disposal of fixed assets and appropriately increased marketing spending to counter keen market competition. Due to the substantial reduction in interest-bearing debts, finance costs decreased by 69.4% year-on-year during the period. In August 2018, China Tower Corporation Limited ("China Tower"), an associate company of the Group, was listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong and issued new shares, leading to a change in the Group's shareholding percentage in China Tower. It caused the Group's share of net profit of associates accounted for under equity method to increase by RMB 1,474 million. For the first three quarters of 2018, the Group's EBITDA amounted to RMB 66,246 million, up by 1.3% year-on-year. EBITDA as a percentage of service revenue was 33.1%. The profit attributable to the equity shareholders of the Company amounted to RMB 8,780 million, up significantly by 116.6% year-on-year. It included the aforementioned increase in the Group's share of net profit of associates.

Market competition may intensify cyclically in the fourth quarter this year. The Group will actively cope with challenges and persistently deepen the execution of its Strategy of Focus, Innovation and Cooperation. It will accelerate the establishment of China Unicom's "Five New" and persevere in the implementation of the Internet-oriented operation. Seizing opportunities afforded by the mixed-ownership reform, the Group will deepen strategic cooperation and further advance the system and mechanism reform, accelerating the delivery of benefits from the reform and comprehensively enhancing the Group's overall competitive strengths. It will appropriately step up investments in innovative businesses and talents development, in order to proactively nurture future growth engines and drive high-quality sustainable growth in full-force.

Caution Statement

The Board wishes to remind shareholders of the Company and investors that the above financial and business data are based on the Group's internal records and management accounts and have not been reviewed or audited by the auditors. The Company's shareholders and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely on such data. In the meantime, the Company's shareholders and investors are advised to exercise caution in dealing in the securities of the Company.

By order of the Board
China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited
Wang Xiaochu
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 22 October 2018

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As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises:

Executive Directors:	Wang Xiaochu, Li Guohua, Li Fushen, Shao Guanglu and Zhu Keping
Non-executive Director:	Cesareo Alierta Izuel
Independent Non-executive Directors:	Cheung Wing Lam Linus, Wong Wai Ming, Chung Shui Ming Timpson and Law Fan Chiu Fun Fanny