

# 中裕燃气控股有限公司 Zhongyu Gas Holdings Limited

(Stock Code: 3633.HK)

## **Annual Results Presentation**



**Gas Distribution** 



Gas Pipeline
Construction &
Connection



CNG/LNG Vehicle Filling Station



Sales of Stoves and Other Services

A leading player in clean energy in China with clear vision to achieve sustainable organic and M&A growth

## **Company Overview**



Stock Info			
Stock code	:	3633.HK	
Issued shares (as at 26-03-2019)	:	2,537,211,557	
Share price (as at 26-03-2019)	:	HK\$7.18	
Market cap (as at 26-03-2019)	:	18.1Billion	
Historical PE (as at 26-03-2019)	:	29.3x	
Net assets value per share	:	HK\$1.78	

#### **FY2018 Results Updates**

HK\$ mn	FY17	FY18	Change
Turnover	5,048	7,627	+51.1%
Gross profit	1,289	2,222	+72.4%
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	558	621	+11.2%
Adjusted net profit*	443	1,001	+125.9%
Basic EPS (HK cents)	22.10	24.52	+11.0%
Dividend per share (HK cents)	5.0	7.0	+40.0%
Gross margin	25.5%	29.1%	+3.6p.p.
Net profit margin	11.1%	8.1%	-3.0p.p.
Adjusted net profit margin	22.6%	28.6%	+6.0p.p.

<sup>\*</sup>excluding the net foreign exchange gain/loss and share option expenses

#### **About Zhongyu**

- A fast-growing piped natural gas operator with exclusive rights riding on the robust demand for clean energy in the PRC
- Core businesses:
  - 1. Sales of natural gas
  - 2. Gas pipeline construction and connection
  - 3. CNG/LNG vehicle filling station
  - 4. Sales of stoves and other services
- Core advantages:
  - Deeply-rooted in provinces such as in Henan, Hebei, Shandong and Jiangsu which have heavy demand for natural gas
  - Dual growth strategy: fast expansion with organic growth and M&As
  - 3. Beneficiary of favorable government policies and the implementation of the "coal-to-gas" conversion
  - 4. Stable operating cash inflow
  - 5. Experienced management team
  - 6. Stable and reliable gas supply

#### **Investment Highlights**

- Favorable policies to promote use of clean energy
- Rapid growing demand in operational areas
- Continuous growth in piped gas businesses (2018)
  - 1. Sales of piped natural gas increased by 43.3%
  - Turnover from gas pipeline construction increased by 82.3%





% of turnover for the year ended 31 December 2018

63.9%

29.5%

4.5%

2.0%

0.1%



#### Sales of Gas (Mostly natural gas)

 61 exclusive projects in cities in Henan, Hebei, Jiangsu, Shandong, Anhui, Jilin, Zhejiang, Heilongjiang and Fujian



# Gas pipeline construction & connection

- Pipeline connection for existing projects
- One-off connection fee charged to customers



## CNG/ LNG vehicle filling stations

 62 filling stations for vehicles in Henan, Shandong, Jilin and Fujian



Sales of Stoves and Related Equipment



Sales of liquefied petroleum gas

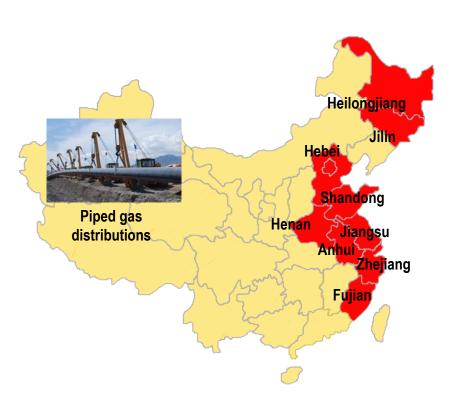


#### **Growth drivers**

- 1. "Coal-to-gas" conversion projects among residential, industrial and commercial users, driven by the PRC environmental policies
- 2. M&As to penetrate into other regions: two new projects with exclusive rights added in 2019
- 1. Deepen penetration in covered areas and acquire new users in "Coal-to-gas" projects
- 2. Further penetration of own retail brand in the residential user base of approx. 2.9 million households

## **Major Contributor: Piped Gas Distribution**





No. of operating locations	
Henan Province	24
Hebei Province	19
Jiangsu Province	6
Shandong Province	4
Jilin Province	2
Fujian Province	1
Heilongjiang Province	1
Zhejiang Province	2
Anhui Province	2
Total	61

#### **Customer coverage**

Numbers of Connected Users	As at 31 Dec 17	As at 31 Dec 18	Change
Residential Users	2,159,526	2,878,103	+33.3%
Industrial Users	1,646	2,135	+29.7%
Commercial Users	8,256	10,386	+25.8%



## **2018 Business Review**



**Turnover** 

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+51.1% yoy

to HK\$7.63bn

Acquired 100% interest of Gaoyuan Gas (Mengzhou) & Gaoyuan Gas (Wen

**EBITDA** 

+62.9% yoy

to HK\$2.05bn

A constituent of Hang Seng Composite Index Series (Mid-Cap) and Hang Seng Stock Connect Series



Sales volume of gas

+21.7% yoy

to 1.62bn m<sup>3</sup>

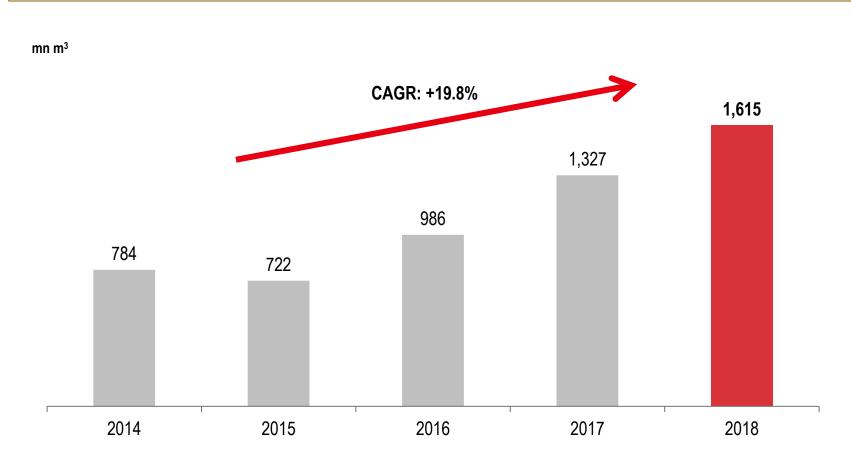
An eligible Southbound stock for trading through Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Connect







### 5-year CAGR for sales volume of piped gas: 19.8%

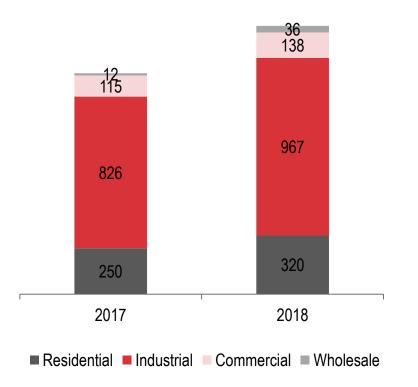


## Sales Volume of Piped Gas (by Type of Customers)



# Sales volume of piped gas to industrial customers increased by 17.2% yoy

 $mn \, m^3$ 



# Growth in sales volume of piped gas ( by type of customers )

Change
+206.4%
+19.8%
+17.2%
+27.8%
+21.5%

## **Gas Pipeline Construction and Connection**



#### No. of new connection

	FY2017	FY2018	Change
Residential households	365,178	668,577	+83.1%
- "Coal-to-gas" projects	111,126	445,324	+300.7%
- Non "Coal-to-gas" projects	254,052	223,253	-12.1%
Industrial	475	489	+2.9%
Commercial	2,200	2,130	-3.2%

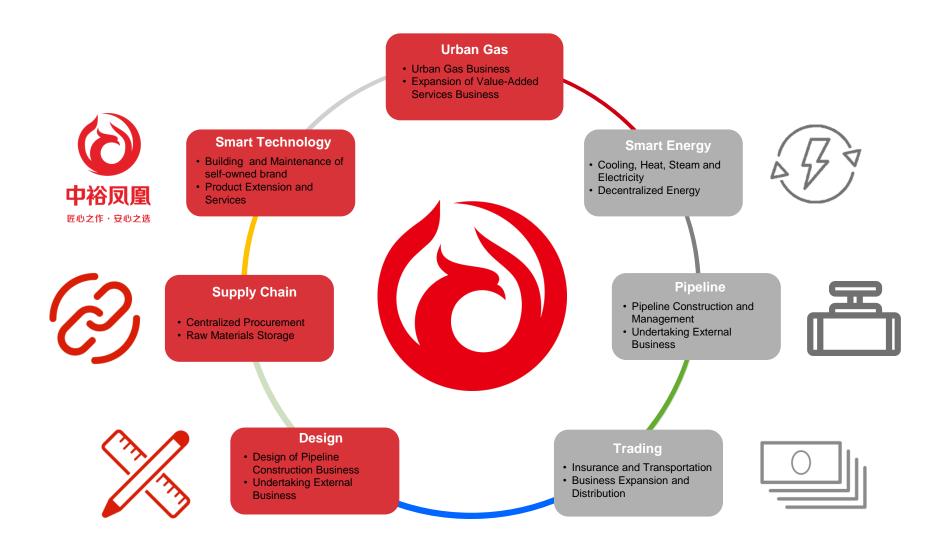
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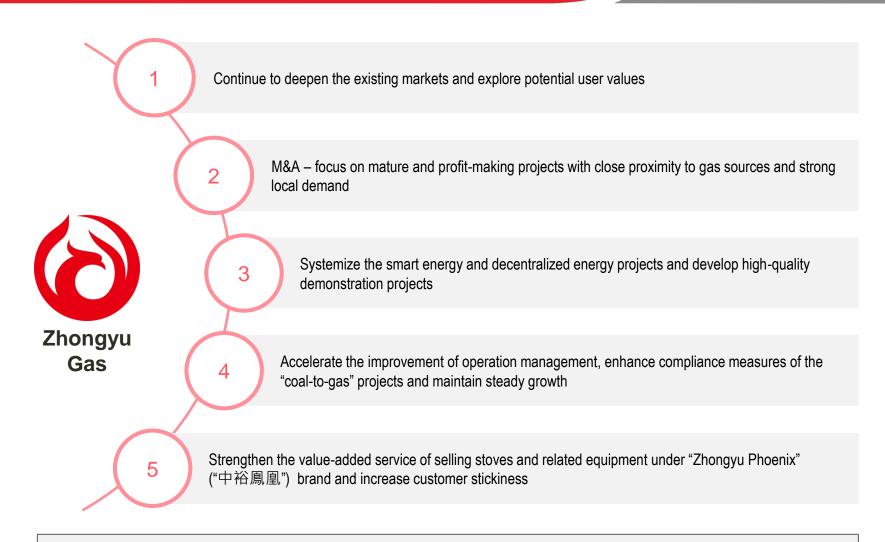


# **Development Strategies**





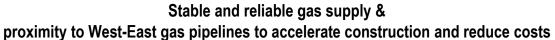


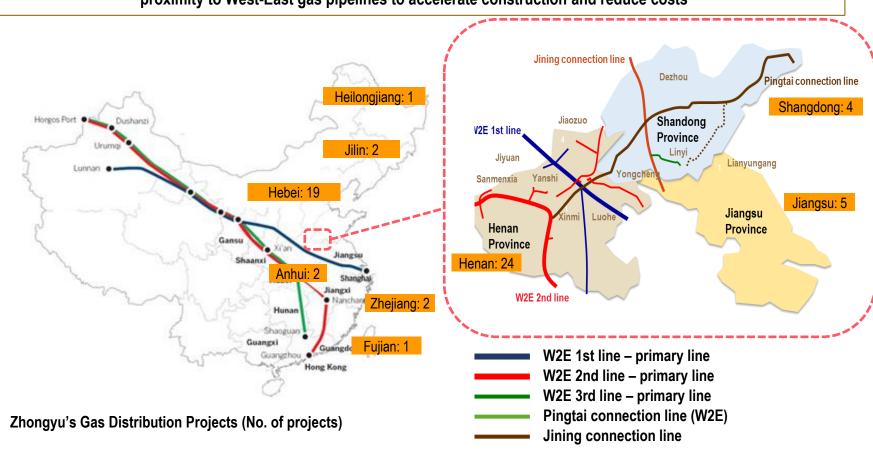


Zhongyu Gas aims to become the most valuable integrated energy service provider in China and a first-tier player in the energy industry

## **On-going Development of Greenfield Projects**

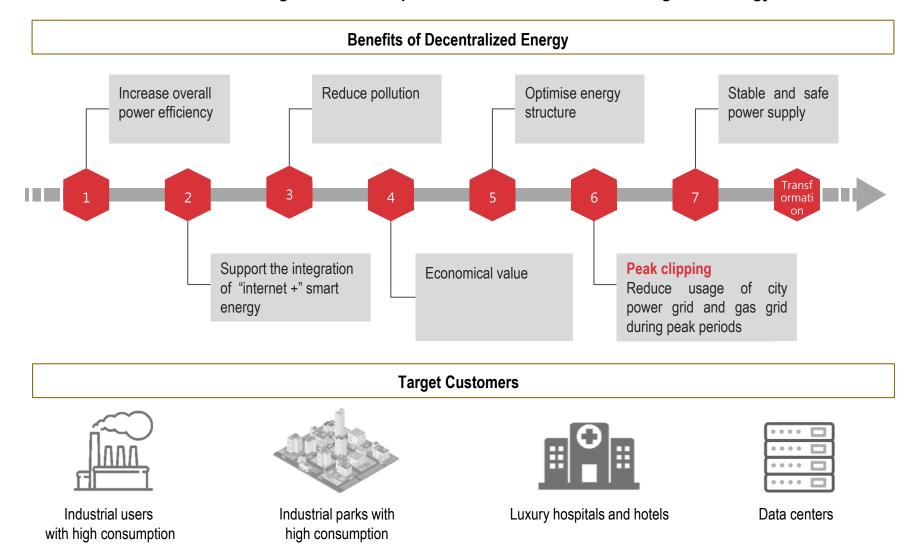








#### Strive to Becoming the Most Competitive Service Providers for Integrated Energy





### **Project overview**

Status	Project	Scale
In planning	Decentralized Energy Project in the Urban-rural Integration Demonstration Zone, Luohe City, Henan	<ul> <li>Five power stations and one special power station</li> <li>Total capacity of 55.8mW</li> <li>Support cooling, heating, electricity and domestic hot water for a total area of 173 sq. km</li> </ul>
In construction	Decentralized Energy Project in the Maternal and Child Health Hospital, Xinmi City, Henan	<ul> <li>One 526kW decentralized power station</li> <li>Support cooling, heating, domestic hot water and partial electricity supply for a total area of over 50,000 sq. meters</li> </ul>
Will commence operation soon	Urban Charging Pile Project of Luohe City, Henan	<ul> <li>24 units of 120kW pile with constant current of 167A</li> <li>Able to fill a car in 40 - 90 minutes</li> <li>Target customers: Hongyun public electric buses (宏运集团电动公交车)</li> </ul>



## Value-added Service to Residential Customers





- Natural gas as the foundation fuel
- Vertical expansion to up and downstream industries
- Horizontal expansion to peripheral industries







#### **Business Scope**

Upstream gas equipment and products

End user applications and related products and services

**Extended products and utility service** 



Company expects promising growth in the value-added service





## **2018 Annual Results**

## **Financial Highlights**



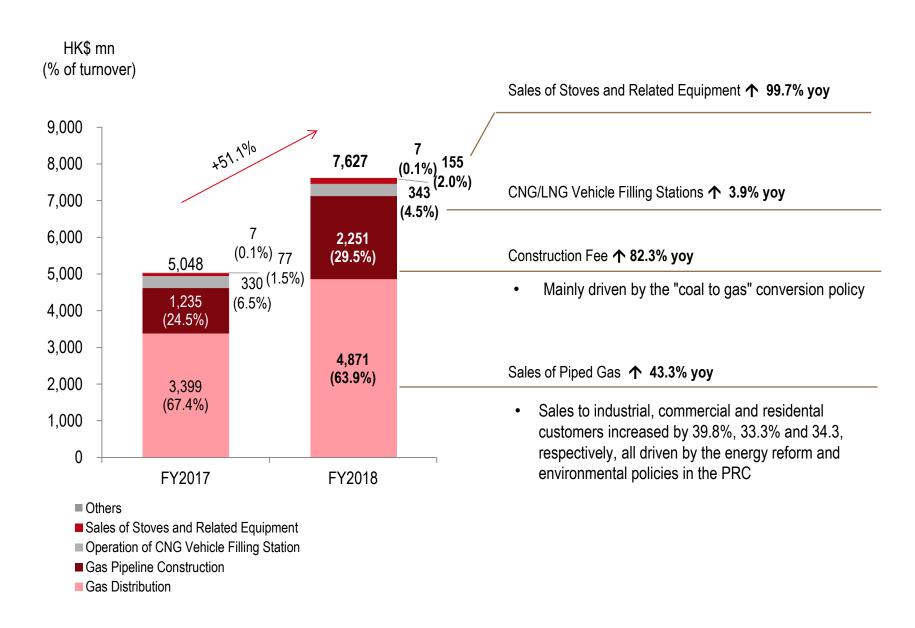
HK\$ '000				
ΤΙΚΦ 000	FY2017	FY2018	change	
Turnover	5,048,100	7,627,088	+51.1%	
Gross profit	1,289,102	2,221,873	+72.4%	
EBITDA*	1,257,947	2,048,801	+62.9%	
Profit Attributable to Owners of the Company	557,959	620,684	+11.2%	
Adjusted profit attributable to owners of the Company**	443,212	1,001,436	+125.9%	
Gross Profit Margin	25.5%	29.1%	+3.6p.p.	
EBITDA Margin	24.9%	26.9%	+2.0p.p.	
Net Profit Margin	11.1%	8.1%	-3.0p.p.	
Adjusted Net Profit Margin **	8.8%	13.1%	+4.3p.p.	
Weighted Average Number of Ordinary Shares ('000)	2,525,008	2,530,877		
Basic Earnings Per Share (HK cents)	22.10	24.52	+11.0%	
Proposed Final Dividend per share (HK cents)	5.0	7.0	+40.0%	
Payout ratio	23%	29%	+6p.p.	

<sup>\*</sup>including the share option expenses

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## **Turnover Breakdown by Business Segments**

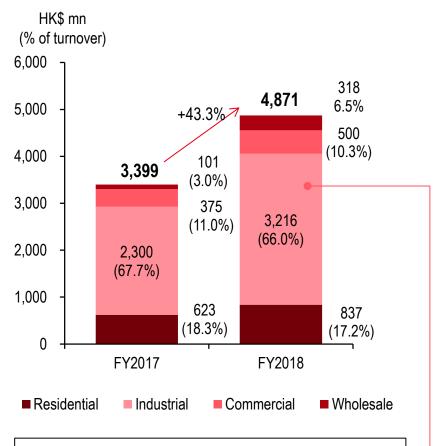




## **Turnover Analysis: Gas Distribution**



### Sales of gas by customer



#### Driven by the "coal to gas" policy:

- Sales of industrial customer increased by 39.8% yoy
- Sales of commercial customer increased by 33.3% yoy
- Sales of residential customer increased by 34.3% yoy

### **Pre-tax ASP of natural gas**

RMB per m <sup>3</sup>	FY2017	FY2018	Change
Residential	2.13	2.20	+3.3%
Industrial	2.38	2.77	+16.4%
Commercial	2.81	3.05	+8.5%
Wholesale	1.89	2.25	+19.0%
Average cost (excluding tax)	2.11	2.46	+16.6%

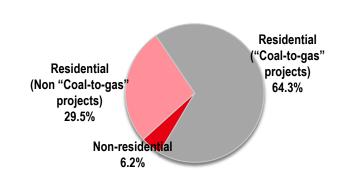
### Unit of piped natural gas sold

mn m³	FY2017	FY2018	Change
Residential	250	320	+27.8%
Industrial	826	967	+17.2%
Commercial	115	138	+19.8%
Wholesale	12	36	+206.4%
Total	1,203	1,461	+21.5%

### **Turnover Analysis: Gas Pipeline Construction and Connection**



#### Turnover for gas pipeline construction breakdown



Turnover of HK\$2,251mn for 2018 (↑82.3%yoy)

#### **Connection Fee**

Customer Tariffs (pre-tax) (RMB)	FY2017	FY2018	Change
Residential households			
- "Coal-to-gas" projects	2,656	2,745	+3.9%
- Non "Coal-to-gas" projects	2,558	2,510	-1.9%
Non-residential	Case by case		

#### No. of New Connection

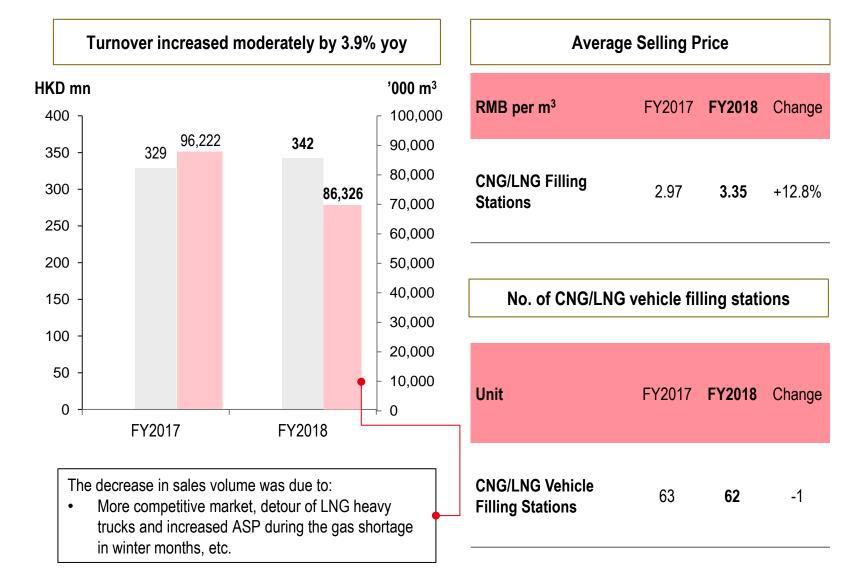
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Industrial	475	489	+2.9%
Commercial	2,200	2,130	-3.2%
Penetration			

	FY2017	FY2018	Change
Connectable Urban Population ('000)*	11,885	15,527	+30.6%
Household Penetration Rate*	63.6%	64.9%	+1.3p.p.
Total Existing Intermediate & Main Pipelines (km)	12,342	14,928	+21.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Organic growth in the number of residential households in the operation regions, together with further market penetration and promotions of gas use

## **Turnover Analysis: CNG/LNG Vehicle Filling Stations**

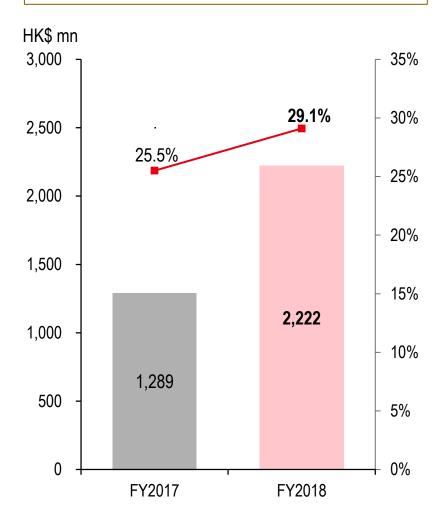




## **Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin Analysis**



#### **Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin**



#### **Gross Margins of Major Business Segments**

	FY2017	FY2018	Change
Sales of Piped Natural Gas	12.0%	8.1%	-3.9p.p.
Gas Pipeline Construction & Connection	69.7%	77.3%	+7.6p.p.
Operation of CNG/LNG Vehicle Filling Stations	4.1%	9.3%	+5.2p.p.

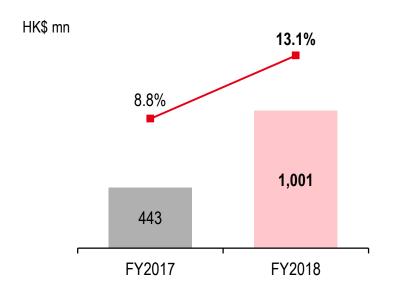
- The gross profit margin for the sales of piped natural gas reduced as a result of limited supply of natural gas and hence increased average cost
- The gross profit margin for the gas pipeline construction increased was mainly due to cost reduction after integration and improvement of design, material procurement and construction processes
- The gross profit margin for the operation of CNG/LNG vehicle filling stations increased due to increased ASP and good performance in northern China

## **Net Profit and Margin Analysis**



### **Adjusted Net Profit and Margin**

HK\$ mn	FY2017	FY2018	Change
Adjusted Net Profit *	443.2	1,001.4	+125.9%



- A significant gain in turnover
- Turnover of the gas pipeline construction and connection business from industrial customers increased significantly

### **Key Expenses**

% of Turnover	FY2017	FY2018	Change
Selling and Distribution Costs	2.2%	1.9%	-0.3p.p.
General Administrative Expenses	6.2%	4.9%	-1.3p.p.
Finance Costs	4.8%	3.6%	-1.2p.p.

<sup>\*</sup>excluding the net foreign exchange gain/loss and share option expenses

## **Financial Positions**



Financial Positions			
HK\$ '000	As of 31 Dec 2017	As of 31 Dec 2018	Change
Property, Plant and Equipment	7,124,176	8,880,175	+24.6%
Total Assets	11,800,731	16,281,354	+38.0%
Bank Balances and Cash	464,347	1,595,157	+243.5%
Borrowings and Obligations under Finance Lease	5,705,741	8,477,473	+48.6%
Shareholder's Equity	3,173,952	3,938,519	+24.1%
Net Gearing Ratio*	1.41	1.52	+0.11
Interest Coverage Ratio#	5.22	6.79	+1.57
Current Ratio	0.5	0.6	+0.1

## Operating Cash Flows, Inventory, Receivable And Payable Turnover Days

	FY2017	FY2018	Change
Inventory Turnover Days	20 days	22 days	+2 days
Average Trade Receivable Turnover Days	37 days	56 days	+19 days
Average Trade Payable Turnover Days	63 days	65 days	+2 days

<sup>\*</sup>Net Gearing Ratio= Net debt / equity value #Interest Coverage Ratio = EBITDA / financing costs

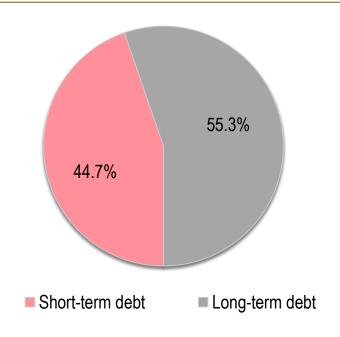


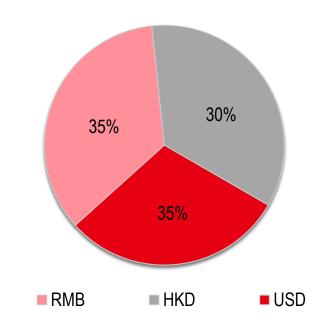
- As of 31 December 2018, total borrowings and obligation under finance lease were HK\$ 8.48 billion
- The Group's financing cost were approximately 4.8% and majority of total debt carried interest at floating rates

Majority of total borrowings and obligation under finance lease were evenly distributed into long and short-term debts

(as of 31 December 2018)

Debt has evenly distributed into RMB, HKD and USD, reducing foreign exchange risk
(as of 31 December 2018)

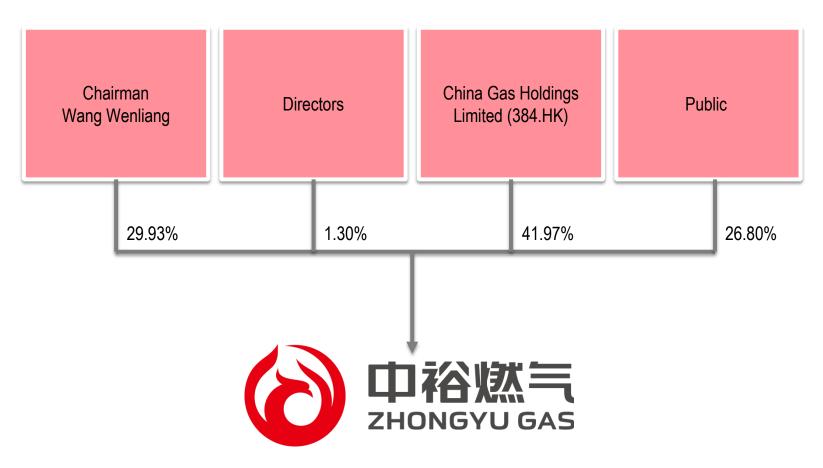






# **Appendix**





Number of issued shares (as at 26 March 2019): 2,537,211,557 shares

## **Experienced Management**





Mr. Wang Wenliang 王文亮 先生

Chairman and Executive Director

 Overall strategic development, making and implementation of strategic plans

Over 20 years of experience in energy, aluminum, property industries.



Mr. Lui Siu Keung 吕小强 先生

Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director

- Responsible for the general business operations and management as well as the financial, financing and investor relations activities
- Over 20 years experience in corporate finance, accounting and auditing. Associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants



Mr. Lu Zhaoheng 鲁肇衡 先生

**Executive Director** 

- Planning, design and consultation regarding natural gas projects
- Over 30 years experience in NG industry, a leading member in the City Planning Design Institute of Henan Province



Mr. Li Yan 黎岩 先生

**Executive Director** 

- Appointed as Executive Director at February 2019
- Joined the Group in 2003 and currently serves as its executive vice president, senior economist in China with over 30 years of experience in accounting, finance and economics



Mr. Jia Kun 贾琨 先生

**Executive Director** 

- Appointed as Executive Director at February 2019
- Joined the Company in 2003 and currently serves as its vice president
- Over 8 years of judicial experience and 19 years of legal, risk management and administrative management experience

### Milestone



#### 2003 2005 2008 2011 2013 2017 2019 The basic Downstream Entered into its 10th Harmony Gas Acquired 100% interest of Project Natural gas Gaoyuan Gas (Mengzhou) framework of constructions sales gas sales anniversary. became a were under volume wholly-owned & Gaoyuan Gas (Wen future volume Downstream gas development reached reached sales volume reached County) progress in subsidiary 574.5 million 875.2 million m<sup>3</sup>. was formed full swing approximat Downstream A constituent of Hang Seng $m^3$ . ely 170.8 Number of CNG Composite Index Series gas sales million m3. vehicle filling stations volume (Mid-Cap) and Hang Seng reached 27 reached Stock Connect Series 1.203million An eligible Southbound $m^3$ stock for trading through Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Connect 2004 2007 2009 2012

- The name of the Company was changed to Zhongyu Gas **Holdings Limited** and started pipeline natural gas business
- Commenced CNG vehicle filling stations business and tapped into the upstream CBM market in the PRC
- Introduced modern management tools and optimized business structure
- Successfully transferred its listing from the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange to the Main Board of the Stock Exchange under the new stock code "3633" on 11th July, 2012
- 2014 Successfully acquired 50% of

Harmony Gas

 Commenced decentralized energy projects

#### 2018

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#### Straight-forward business and pricing model for visible profitability

#### **Natural Gas**

## **Zhongyu Gas Holdings Limited**

**End Users** 

Supplier:



Via West-East Gas Pipeline (1st & 2nd line) & other long distance gas pipeline



CNOOC



Gas Distribution  Obtain projects through tendering/ M&As

Generally own 30 years of exclusive rights for each project

Piped Gas & LNG

Gas Pipeline Construction





Residential:2,878,103 households

Commercial: 10,386 customers

Industrial: 2,135 customers

CNG/LNG Vehicle Filling Stations

 Obtain projects via public tendering



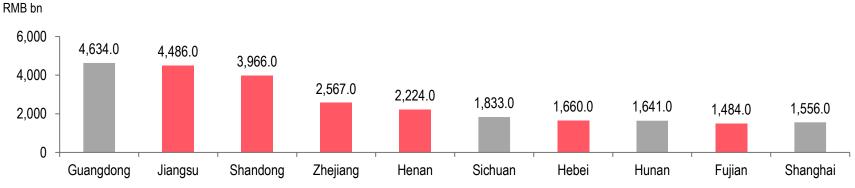
- Public transportation
- Heavy trucks
- Private vehicles

## Core Markets with Strong Demand for Natural Gas



#### Top 10 Provinces with the Highest Industrial Output in 1H2018

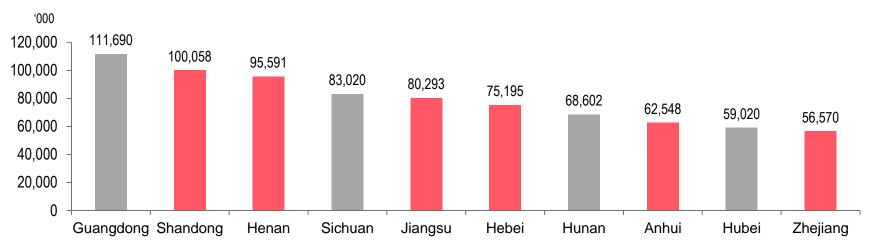
• Zhongyu has strong presence in 6 of the top 10 provinces



#### Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China

#### **Population Distribution in 2017**

Pipeline network also connected to 6 of the top 10 most populated province



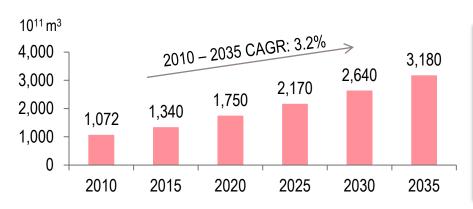
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## **Favorable Government Policies for Clean Energy**



- In China's 13<sup>th</sup> Five-year Plan: Energy
  - Clean energy and energy conservation continue to be the key investment areas to tackle smog and air pollution problem
  - Natural gas consumption target: 360 billion m<sup>3</sup> per annum by 2020
  - Gas penetration in urban cities target: 57.0% by 2020
- In the "Action Plan of Energy in China 2014 2020", the PRC aimed to increase the proportion of natural gas among other energy consumption from less than 6% in 2014 to 10% in 2020 and 15% by 2030

#### **IEA Prediction on China Natural Gas Output Trend**





According to the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and National Energy Administration (NEA),
 the China government also has a clear target on the network expansion of natural gas pipeline to increase the accessibility of natural gas across the nation, extending the pipeline to 104,000 km by 2020 and 123,000 km by 2025.

## Thank you

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