## Zhongyu Energy Holdings Limited

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## Section I Group Overview



Developing clean energy, Achieving a better life
－Established in 2002，Zhongyu Energy Holdings Limited（＂Zhongyu Energy＂）is a pioneer in China＇s domestic gas industry，mainly engaged in urban gas，smart energy，energy trade，value－added business and new retail operations
－In 2022，the Company represented gas sales of 2．85bn cubic meters（up 1．3\％year on year），operating revenue of HK\＄12．99bn（up 14．6\％year on year），and net profit of HK\＄765mn
－The Company was listed on HKEx GEM in 2003 （ticker：8070．HK）and transferred to the main board in 2012 （ticker：3633．HK）
－In 2022，it officially became the Deputy Director Member of the Safety Management Committee of China Urban Gas Association

| 2006 | 2011 | 2016 | 2020 | 2022 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 projects in | 21 projects in | 55 projects in | 72 projects in | 75 projects in |
| 2 provinces | 5 provinces | 9 provinces | 9 provinces | 11 provinces |
| Startup (2002-2006) | Expansion （2006－2011） | Accelerated expansion （2011－2016） | Continued growth （2016－2020） | Strategic transformation （2020 to date） |
| －Entered the urban gas industry and started project construction in Henan <br> －Listed on HKEx GEM in 2003， ticker：8070．HK <br> －Large－scale pipeline network construction started．Connected to the main network of the West－East Gas Pipeline in 2003 <br> －Urban gas operations concentrated in Henan and Shandong <br> －Compressed natural gas filling station operations launched | －Started to construct the standardized management system and launched the objective of becoming＂the most valuable clean energy provider＂ <br> －Coverage expanded to Jiangsu， Fujian，Heilongjiang and other provinces <br> －The first player in Henan connected to the main network of West－East Gas Pipeline 2 <br> －Expanded to the upstream of the industrial chain，including gas source exploration and exploitation．So far，it has withdrawn from the upstream business <br> －Operating income exceeded HK\＄1bn | －Transferred to HKEx main board in 2012 （ticker：3633．HK） <br> －Merger with Harmony Gas，a US－listed company．Geographic coverage extended to Hebei， Anhui，and Jilin，etc． Transformed to a national gas player <br> －Winner of＂Outstanding Listed Company＂in Hong Kong． Included in the MSCI Global Small and Medium Stock Index <br> －Operating income exceeded HK\＄3．7bn | －Launch of the Company＇s 14th Five－Year Development Plan and＂30 billion＂goal based on its Shenzhen and Zhengzhou dual headquarters <br> －Comprehensive promotion of ＂coal to gas＂and＂replacing coal with electricity＂strategies in the context of China＇s smog control initiatives <br> －Further digitalization management and development of cloud data management platform <br> －Strategic layout of＂one body and three wings＂ <br> －Continuous development of value－added business，new retail business and energy trade business | －Establishment of Zhongyu Smart Energy Group to launch the＂two－wheel drive＂strategies <br> －Establishment of ESG committee to move towards sustainable growth <br> －In 2021，the Company＇s operating income exceeded HK\＄11．3bn <br> －The concession area expanded to inner Mongolia autonomous region and Jingxi province <br> －Qualified as national pipeline network shipper，laying the foundation for larger pipeline gas trade |

Focused on provinces with large population，strong economy and significant industrial presence


## Evolution of Zhongyu Group＇s development strategies

Ushering in a＂two－wheel drive＂development mode，Zhongyu Smart Energy Group was established in 2021 to strengthen cooperation between the gas group and the smart energy division，explore comprehensive energy development trend，focus on the mainstream business of the new energy market，and promote innovation in terms of project collaboration，market resource sharing，talent training and exchange，and management system setup，so as to realize the＂two－wheel drive collaborative development＂of its urban gas／smart energy operations




Source：Company information

## Performance review of core segments

＂Two－wheel drive＂of gas and smart energy，synergistic development of various business segments

## Gas supply in cities

As of the end of 2022
－Added 2 new gas concession projects year－over－year to 75 ，covering 11 provinces nationwide
－Retail pipeline gas sales increased by $1.3 \%$ year－on－year to 2.85 billion cubic meters
－The total length of gas pipeline network operated and maintained increased by 864 km or $3.3 \%$ year－on－year to 27，263km

## Value－added business and new retail <br> 中裕凤囯 <br>  <br> ゆ裕i家

As of the end of December 2022
－Cumulative number of registered members of Zhongyu iHome 2.0 platform has reached 800,000 ，with the number of products exceeding 70，000 SKUs
－Its private labels have covered 15 provinces，autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the central government
－Sub－brand OUGA has developed over 40 distributors




2022
－The Board of Directors set the goal of ＂Three－year Development Plan＂for smart energy and committed to the integrated construction of＂source， network，load and storage＂
－Smart Energy Group signed integrated smart energy investment and development agreements with 11 local governments（industrial parks）
－Integrated energy sales reached 117 million kwh，up 438．2\％year－on－year， with 43 new projects to 98

## Energy trade

－Scientific management of resource procurement，with China＇s big three－ PetroChina，Sinopec and CNOOC as the main source and unconventional gas as supplement， building a diversified gas supply model
－Signed a strategic cooperation agreement with a storage and transportation company，forming the interconnection of regional pipeline networks of Zhongyu member companies and improving the supply and deployment capacity of resources in winter
－Qualified as national pipeline network shipper，laying the foundation for larger pipeline gas trade

## Core segment：Gas supply in cities

Stable gas sales for commercial and industrial customers， steady increase for residential customers


## Cumulative user base


－Natural gas sales is the core business of Zhongyu Energy．Since its establishment in 2002，the company has been committed to the continuous expansion of urban gas supply and customer base
－Natural gas，as a clean energy source that China is vigorously developing，benefits from the national environmental protection policy and is of great significance to the continuous promotion of air pollution prevention and control．Benefiting from the industry development opportunities，Zhongyu Energy vigorously promotes gas market development and its gas sales business continues to grow
－The company has a stable and diversified customer base，with a diversified distribution of industrial and commercial customers and many well－known enterprises among the end－users

## Core segment：Smart energy

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Actively develop the smart energy business，realize the strategic transformation，and strive to become the most valuable integrated energy service provider

## Smart energy business scope



Clean energy microgrid and energy storage


Multi－energy supply（steam heating and cooling，and domestic hot water supply）


Clean and smart mobility （charging pile，fuel cells and vehicle－mounted systems，etc．）


Microgrid（incrementa
distribution grid）


Distributed natural gas generation（cogeneration of Heat，Power and Cooling）


Smart energy industrial chain investment and integration


Digital construction of integrated energy systems（Cloud Platform， A2，Internet＋，AOT）


Carbon asset management and operation（carbon rading，carbon negative emissions technology development and utilization）


Construction of Zero Carbon Smart Industrial Parks


Energy technology consulting and design，engineering and construction services and energy agency services


Energy saving services and energy management contracting（EMC

Smart energy projects have been completed and put into operation one after another，beginning to be profitable


Integrated energy sales in H1 2022 Year－on－year growth of 438．2\％

Total umber of projects in operation reached 98

Become an industry－recognized integrated energy service provider by 2025，with a cumulative installed capacity of 600 MW distributed solar PV

[^0]
## Core segment：Energy trade

Diversified gas sources，improved price management and energy trading segments will ensure stability of dollar margin and hedge operational risks from gas price fluctuations

| Internally <br> 1 Cost Center <br> －Gas supply guarantee：Secure supply in case of gas shortage by reaching out to more energy suppliers <br> －Optimize the interconnection and synergy capabilities among subsidiaries <br> －Adjust supply and demand ratios |  | Externally <br> 2 Profit Center <br> －Generate revenue and more profits <br> －Strengthen procurement and bargaining capabilities |  | YoY growth ${ }^{(2)}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Customer type（RMB／m3，excluding tax） | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |  |
| Average price of natural gas |  |  |  |  |
| Residential users | 2.44 | 2.49 | 2.53 | 1．6\％ |
| Industrial users | 2.58 | 2.95 | 3.85 | 30．5\％ |
| Commercial users | 3.08 | 3.34 | 3.87 | 15．9\％ |
| Wholesale users（LNG） | 2.22 | 3.07 | 4.15 | 35．2\％ |
| Gas filling station | 2.76 | 3.18 | 4.07 | 28．0\％ |
| Average purchase cost of natural gas ${ }^{(1)}$ | 2.06 | 2.33 | 2.97 | 27．5\％ |
| Average difference between the selling price and the purchase cost of gas | 0.48 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 6．0\％ |

－Effectively manage the purchase price and continuously improve the dollar margin
－Maximize the existing resources，improve the internal efficiency of procurement and distribution，and start to penetrate into the retail business

[^1]
## Core segment：Value－added business and new retail

Continuously focus on the large client base，deep dive into the value chain，extend its products and services，and successfully expand＂value－added business＂
－Zhongyu Phoenix is committed to becoming a full range of gas service provider，with nearly 200 high－quality gas appliances in many categories， including gas stoves，gas water heaters，gas wall ovens，range hoods，etc．
－Built a one－stop industrial model of R\＆D，manufacturing，sales， distribution and installation，and after－sales service，tailored for gas customers
－Expand into the gas appliance market outside the franchise area，with a total of 4 categories of sub－branded gas appliances and 23 products fully launched
－In 2022，our private brands have covered 15 provinces，autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the central government， Sub－brand OUGA has developed over 40 distributors

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－By integrating Zhongyu Phoenix＇s branded product and third－party＇s high－quality products，we have formed Zhongyu＇s own product portfolio and new retail supply chain system，which better meet customer demand， tap into customer value and enhance customer stickiness
－In the first half of 2022，connected to the JD－VOP，the Zhongyu iHome 2.0 new retail platform has sold over $\mathbf{7 0 , 0 0 0}$ SKUs on the shelves；with $\mathbf{2 5 0 , 0 0 0 +}$ new registered members and 800，000＋registered members


## Continuing to improve ESG and exploring cooperation opportunities in green finance

Constantly improve the corporate governance，implement the ESG principles，develop smart energy business，launch the sustainable finance，which underpin the Group＇s high－quality transformation and development



Standard Chartered Bank＇s $\$ 565$ million sustainably linked loan

## रे Social <br> 

－The Group values equal opportunities and builds a diverse workforce，promoting individual initiatives to achieve growth．It also continuously enriches training curriculum for employees to support their development
－The Group has comprehensively standardized the approval process and investment plan for community investments to actively give back to the community and fulfill its social responsibilities


## Corporate governance

－ESG Committee was established in February 2022，chaired by the Chairman of the Board and the core leadership
－The ESG Office under the ESG Committee reports directly to the ESG Committee and is responsible for supervising and implementing business units
－Improve the audit and accountability system to ensure that the Group is free from any form of corruption，bribery，extortion， fraud and money laundering in its operations


## Green awards and



Sustainability－linked loan framework（SLL）
certifications


Certificate in Green and Sustainable Finance


Pioneering Organisation in ESG Disclosure Enhancement


Outstanding Award for Green and Sustainable Loan Issuer傑出綠色和可持續貸款發行機構

Outstanding Award for Green and Sustainable Loan Issuer


## Section II Credit highlights

Pioneer in the gas industry－Deeply cultivating the urban gas industry for 20 years with rapid growth for consecutive years

Diversified business－Complete the strategic layout in provinces with large population and high industry proportion，and achieve sustainable growth via diversified business

Exclusive operation rights－Possess of operation rights with long－year tenor and high likelihood to roll over

Continuous optimization of the industrial chain－Expand the gas resources and enhance the operation efficiencies to continuously improve the price margin

Refined operation of the group－Continuously strengthen the talent pool and improve technical safety precautions to ensure safe and stable production and operation

Professional management team－Professional management team with rich industry experience and excellent track record

Policy tailwinds－The national economic and energy development policies favor the leading enterprises in the industry

## （e）Pioneer in the gas industry

Deeply cultivating the urban gas industry for 20 years with rapid growth for consecutive years


Zhongyu Energy has seized the development opportunity of the urban gas industry to meet the rapidly growing demand for natural gas in China，and achieved rapid growth since its establishment


[^2]
## Diversified business

Complete the strategic layout in provinces with large population and high industry proportion， which lays a solid foundation for the results

Zhongyu Energy＇s business is mainly distributed in four populous provinces （mn people）


Ranking of permanent resident population in each province in 2022

Zhongyu Energy＇s business is mainly distributed in four big industrial provinces
（RMB bn）


2022 Secondary industry GDP ranking of provinces

Zhongyu Energy＇s business is mainly distributed in four economically developed provinces
（RMB bn）


2022 provincial GDP ranking（ excl．municipalities ）

Zhongyu Energy operates in leading cities in the province

| The top five cities in Henan Province in terms of GDP1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Zhengzhou | Luoyang | Nanyang | Xuchang | Zhoukou |
| Covered by Zhongyu | （0） | （ 0 |  |  |  |
| The top five cities in Hebei Province in terms of GDP1 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Tangshan | Shijiazhuang | Cangzhou | Handan | Baoding |
| Covered by Zhongyu | （8） | （0） | （0） | （0） |  |

[^3]
## Diversified business

Diversified business supports sustainable growth
－The top 10 customers account for only $11 \%$ of total gas sales with low risk of customer concentration
－Major industrial and commercial customers are diversified in various industries，and the company is less affected by volatility in specific industries

Industrial clients：3，919

Forging


Chemistry



Ceramics


Refractory material

Mechanics


Glass


Commercial clients：20，045


The concentration of customers is low and diversified in various industries


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## Possess of operation rights with long-year tenor and high likelihood to roll over

- The remaining years of franchise rights for the vast majority of projects are more than 20 years
- As of the end of December 2022, the cumulative length of pipelines laid has reached 27,263 kilometers, and the average penetration rate of residential pipelines has continued to increase 69.6\% in 2022 from 55\% in 2015

Most projects have a remaining franchise life of 20+ years ${ }^{1}$


- < 10Y
- 10Y-20Y
>20Y+

The pipeline network construction in the concession area has continued to grow over the years and is now fully constructed ${ }^{3}$

The recurring income from the main business of gas sales maintained a high growth rate, and its proportion increased steadily

Achieve organic growth by continuously increasing the penetration rate of residential pipelines with huge room for future development ${ }^{4}$

The penetration rate of mature projects is about $90 \%$


Source: company information
Note:


1. As of Dec 2022, in terms of number of projects
2. Including sales of liquefied petroleum gas and operation of vehicle filling stations for compressed natural gas and LNG
3. Only medium and high pressure central pipeline network, excluding branch pipeline network


## Continuous optimization of industrial chair( <br> ZHONGYUENERGY

## Expand the gas resources and enhance the operation efficiencies to continuously improve the price margin

- Maintain a good long-term relationship with PetroChina, Sinopec and CNOOC ("Three Barrels of Oil"), and the proportion of direct supply and direct sales of gas sources is rising continuously
- With the increase in the proportion of direct supply and direct sales of "three barrels of oil", the procurement cost has been effectively controlled and the unit gross profit has been steadily increased
- A flexible price mechanism is established for gas consumption by national residents, and the sale price can be adjusted accordingly.

Diversified and stable gas source combination ${ }^{1}$. The proportion of direct supply and direct sales gas sources is increasing


## Supply-end

- Determine the procurement policy of oil companies represented by "three barrels of oil", supplemented by their own resources or non-oil companies, optimize the gas source, reduce the procurement cost
- Refine the gas source procurement management, lease the underground gas storage in the off-season or when the price policy is favorable, improve the resource guarantee ability and improve the economic efficiency
- Pay close attention to the gas sales policy of oil companies, seize the best procurement opportunity, strengthen procurement management, and timely adjust the natural gas procurement agreement with upstream manufacturers

- A flexible price mechanism is established for residential gas, and the natural gas sales price can be adjusted to be higher than the purchase price
-The urban gas projects in the franchise area of the company can be efficiently implemented at a favorable price for the residential users
- Industrial and commercial users implement the price linkage mechanism,

Source: Company information

1. Only the source of urban gas retail, excluding the wholesale part of energy trade
2. Excluding the average distribution cost of natural gas
3. Include tax, exclude gross difference of pipeline transportation cost, the weighted average volume of gas exclude wholesale gas

## Refined operation of the group

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Continuously strengthen the talent pool and improve technical safety precautions to ensure safe and stable production and operation

## Safety Management Platform



The proportion of configuration coverage of registered safety engineer subsidiaries in 2022


The coverage of subsidiary safety review reached
in the first half of 2022



I－The company attaches great importance to the problem of leakage in the process of gas transmission and distribution，and constantly strengthens the methane control work：
－Add online monitoring and alarm devices to strengthen risk control before the upgrade of aging pipelines
－Equipped with laser methane leak detection vehicles and drones
－To enhance the efficiency of leak detection，equip laser patrol electric vehicles
－Add pipe network sentry for high pressure pipeline，add hand－held laser detector，increase patrol frequency and prevent high pressure pipeline accidents
－Enable laser methane leakage monitoring system for key stations

## （II）Professional management team

## Professional management team with rich industry experience and excellent track record

## More than $\mathbf{2 0}$ years of

 experience in city gas industry in China and has a deep understanding of the industry

Wang Wenliang Chairman of Board
－Overall strategic development，formulation and
implementation of strategic plan
－More than 20 yers of experience in city gas and energy
－Exdustry
Executive director of China Gas Holdings Limited between 17 January 2003 and 10 June 2003
listincreased his shareholding several times since the shareholding

## Outstanding performance

in business growth，
profitability，customer
service，stable supply and
security record relationship with the local government，three major upstream suppliers and customers


## Lui Siu Keung

 CEOExecutive Director
－Joined the Company in 2003 and appointed as executive director in 2007
－Responsible for the general business operations，management and financia
financing and investor relationship activities
－More than 20 years of experience in corporate finance，accounting and auditing fields
－An associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants

## Jia Kun <br> Executive Director

－Appointed as executive director in February 2019
－Joined the company in 2003 and appointed as executive president
－More than 8 years of judicial experience and over 19 years of legal，risk management and administrative management experience

－With 12 years of international and domestic financial and investment experience，he has worked in Beijing，New York and Hong Kong for many years in charge of the corporate investment and financing strategic planning and industrial funds
－Joined for the first time in 2015 as Executive Assistant；left in 2016 and rejoined in June 2021， after which he was appointed as chief financial officer
－Current Senior Advisor of HOPU INVESTMENTS
－Worked in HOPU INVESTMENTS，Bank of China New York Branch and Great Wall Securities and Qianyi Huijin
－Practitioner Qualification of China Industry Association Fund


## Li Yan Executive

 Director－Appointed as executive director in February 2019
－Joined the company in 2003 and currently appointed as executive vice president －Senior economist in China，more than 30 years of accounting，finance and economics

## （2）Policy tailwinds

## The national economic and energy development policies favor the leading enterprises in the industry

The industry has entered a high－quality development stage with clear direction of policy support，to boost the growth of industry leader


The 14th Five－Year Plan for Natural Gas Development

| Items |  | Specific goals and contents |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
|  | Annual output | By 2025，the annual output of natural gas will reach more than $\mathbf{2 3 0}$ <br> billion cubic meters |
|  | Gas storage <br> capacity | By 2025，the nationwide gas storage capacity will reach $\mathbf{5 5}$ billion－60 <br> billion cubic meters，accounting for about 13\％of natural gas <br> consumption |
| goals |  |  |$\quad$| Infrastructure |
| :---: |
| construction |$\quad$| By 2025，the scale of the national oil and gas pipeline network will |
| :--- |
| reach about 210，000 kilometers |

The 14th Five－Year Plan for distributed photovoltaic development plan

| Items |  | Specific goals and contents |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | Urban coverage | During the 14th Five－Year Plan period，the installation rate of <br> distributed photovoltaic in new industrial parks and new large public <br> buildings reached more than $50 \%$ |
| Development <br> goals | Rural coverage | Build about 1，000 photovoltaic demonstration villages |
|  | Other scenarios | Focus on the use of idle land resources beyond the scope of land use <br> on both sides of railway slopes，highways，trunk channels，park <br> roads and rural roads to promote the distributed photovoltaic or <br> small－scale centralized photovoltaic development and construction |

The reform of natural gas market will help market leaders optimize gross margin and improve competitiveness
＂Nationwide network＂to construct the industrial chain model
of＂$X+1+X$＂


SASAC officially announced the establishment of the PipeChina
October 2020
The official transfer of relevant oil and gas pipeline network facilities to the PipeChina，including those of the ＂three barrels of oil＂，marking the effective of PipeChina＇s business
August 2021
The four major import strategic channels have been fully completed，the domestic pipe network framework has been formed，and the interconnection of trunk pipelines has been realized
August 2022
The total mileage of the main national natural gas pipeline reaches $116,000 \mathrm{~km}$
－Multi－agent and multi－channel supply of oil and gas resources：promote the diversification of market players in the fields of exploration，and oil and gas import implement the competitive transfer of mining rights，and fully liberalize the upstream competitive links
－Unified pipe network for efficient storage and transportation：PipeChina is mainly responsible for the investment，construction，and interconnection of oil and gas trunk pipelines，and unified national pipe networks deployment to form a＂nationwide network＂

## Mid－stream

 nckAccelerate the construction of infrastructure such as long－distance pipeline network and branch pipeline network，and ensure the stable supply of natural gas
－＂ $\mathrm{X}+1+\mathrm{X}$＂market system with full competition in the sales market：to ensure fair competition in the distribution of downstream natural gas，establish the upstream and downstream price linkage mechanism，and implement the seasonal price of natural gas； deepen the reform of＂release，management and service＂and establish an effective regulatory system

## Section III Financial Overview

## Financial Summary

The steady and sustainable income growth of core business，coupled with the coordinated development of value－added services and the three new business type of new retail，smart energy and energy trade， provide the Group with endogenous growth momentum


Gross Profit ${ }^{(3)}$


2020
2021

## EBITDA ${ }^{(4)}$



## Net Profit ${ }^{(5)}$



The net profit excludes the net gain and loss of foreign exchange

## Financial Summary（continued）

Sound and efficient expansion continuously improves the capital strength of the Group




Net Debt ${ }^{(3)}$
（HKDm）


[^4]
## Company Debt Summary

The company continued to take measures to reduce leverage to further improve solvency and credit

Net Debt ${ }^{(1)}$／LTM EBITDA
（x）


LTM EBITDA interest coverage ${ }^{(3)}$
（x）


Net Debt／Total Capital ${ }^{(2)}$
（\％）


Net Gearing Ratio ${ }^{(4)}$
（x）


## Source：Company information

Notes：
$(1)$
$(2)$
$(3)$
$(4)$
Net debt＝total debt＋total lease liabilities－bank balance and cash－pledged bank deposits Total capital＝total debt＋total shareholders＇equity（equity attributable to owners of the company） EBITDA interest coverage rate＝EBITDA／interest on borrowings and lease liabilities
Net gearing ratio＝net debt／total shareholders＇equity（including non－controlling interests）

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[^0]:    Source：Company information

[^1]:    Source：Company information
    Note：
    1）The amount does not include the average distribution cost of natural gas
    （2）YoY growth of 2022 vs．YoY growth of 2021

[^2]:    Source：company filing，National Bureau of Statistics

[^3]:    Source：company information，National Bureau of Statistics
    Henan Bureau of Statistics，Hebei Bureau of Statistics

[^4]:    Source：Company financial reports
    Notes：
    Notes
    （1）
    $(2)$
    $(3)$
    Net debt＝total debt－bank balance and cash－pledged bank deposits

