

CHINA UNICOM (HONG KONG) Ltd
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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the Month of August 2017

Commission File Number 1-15028

China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

75/F, The Center,

99 Queen s Road Central, Hong Kong

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

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EXHIBITS

Exhibit
Number

1 Announcement dated August 11, 2017 in respect of Profit Alert.
FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such forward-looking statements may include, without limitation, statements relating to (i) the Company's plans and strategies and the ability to successfully execute these plans and strategies, including those in connection with mergers and acquisitions and capital expenditures; (ii) the Company's plans for network expansion, including those in connection with the build-out of mobile services and network infrastructure; (iii) the Company's competitive position, including the ability to upgrade and expand existing networks and increase network efficiency, to improve existing services and offer new services, to develop new technological applications and to leverage the Company's position as an integrated telecommunications operator and expand into new services and markets; (iv) the Company's future business condition, including future financial results, cash flows, financing plans and dividends; (v) the future growth of market demand of, and opportunities for, the Company's new and existing products and services; and (vi) future regulatory and other developments in the PRC telecommunications industry.

The words "anticipate", "believe", "could", "estimate", "intend", "may", "seek", "will" and similar expressions, as they relate to the Company, are intended to identify certain of these forward-looking statements. The Company does not intend to update any of these forward-looking statements and are under no obligation to do so.

The forward-looking statements contained in this announcement are, by their nature, subject to significant risks and uncertainties. In addition, these forward-looking statements reflect the Company's current views with respect to future events and are not a guarantee of the Company's future performance. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including, without limitation:

the Company's ability to effectively sustain its growth and to achieve or enhance profitability;

changes in the regulatory regime and policies for the PRC telecommunications industry, including without limitation, changes in the regulatory policies of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, and other relevant government authorities of the PRC;

changes in the PRC telecommunications industry resulting from the issuance of licenses for telecommunications services by the central government of the PRC;

changes in telecommunications and related technologies and applications based on such technologies;

the level of demand for telecommunications services, in particular, the fourth generation mobile telecommunications services;

competitive forces from more liberalized markets and the Company's ability to retain market share in the face of competition from existing telecommunications companies and potential new market entrants;

effects of restructuring and integration (if any) in the PRC telecommunications industry and any cooperation among the PRC telecommunications operators;

the availability, terms and deployment of capital and the impact of regulatory and competitive developments on capital outlays;

changes in the assumptions upon which the Company has prepared its projected financial information and capital expenditure plans;

costs and benefits from the Company's investment in and arrangements with China Tower Corporation Limited;

results and effects of any investigation by the relevant PRC regulatory authorities overseeing State-owned enterprises and their directors, officers and employees; and

changes in the political, economic, legal, tax and social conditions in China, including the PRC Government's policies and initiatives with respect to foreign exchange policies, foreign investment activities and policies, entry by foreign companies into the Chinese telecommunications market and structural changes in the PRC telecommunications industry.

Please also see the "Risk Factors" section of the Company's latest Annual Report on Form 20-F, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CHINA UNICOM (HONG KONG) LIMITED
(Registrant)

Date: August 14, 2017

/s/ Yung Shun Loy Jacky

By:

Name: Yung Shun Loy Jacky

Title: Company Secretary

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CHINA UNICOM (HONG KONG) LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 0762)

Profit Alert

This announcement is made by China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the Company, together with its subsidiaries, the Group) pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Inside Information Provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

In the first half of 2017, the Group fully deepened the implementation of Focus Strategy. The innovation in business model started to pay off and the Group maintained a robust overall development momentum. Service revenue for the first half of 2017 is expected to be approximately RMB 124.1 billion¹, up by about 3.2% year-on-year. Within that, mobile service revenue is expected to be approximately RMB 76.8 billion, up by about 5.2% year-on-year. Due to the intense competition in the fixed-line broadband market, our broadband access revenue is expected to decline year-on-year, resulting in a flat fixed-line service revenue of approximately RMB 46.6 billion¹ as compared to the same period of last year. Including the sales of telecommunications products, the Group's total revenue for the first half of 2017 is expected to be approximately RMB 138.2 billion, down by about 1.5% year-on-year. Total operating cost is expected to be approximately RMB 133.5 billion for the first half of 2017, down by about 2.5% year-on-year. Among others, selling and marketing expense and handset subsidy were both lower as compared to the same period of last year. In the first half of 2017, the Group's profitability substantially improved as planned. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) is expected to be approximately RMB 43.6 billion, up by about 5.5% year-on-year, with EBITDA as a percentage of service revenue being about 35.1%. The profit attributable to the equity shareholders of the Company for the first half of 2017 is expected to be approximately RMB 2.4 billion, up by about 68.9% year-on-year.

Looking ahead to the second half of this year, as the Group will cease to charge mobile domestic long-distance and roaming fee from 1 September 2017 onwards and market competition is expected to cyclically intensify, the Group expects that the Group's financial performance in the second half will face increasing pressure. Going forward, the Group will actively counter challenges, continue to deepen the implementation of the Focus Strategy and strive to steer the Group onto the path of healthy development.

- ¹ In order to better satisfy the internal operation and management requirements, revenue from sales of products associated with the ICT business, which was previously recorded as part of the fixed-line service revenue, has been reclassified as part of the revenue from sales of telecommunications products. The related figures for the first half of 2016 have also been restated.

Caution Statement

The Board wishes to remind shareholders and investors in the Company that the above estimated financial data are based on the preliminary assessment made by the management of the Company with reference to the information currently available and the unaudited management accounts of the Group, and have not been reviewed or audited by the auditors of the Company. Information to be disclosed in the announcement of the Company's 2017 interim results in August 2017 shall prevail. The Company's shareholders and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely on the above 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
Yung Shun Loy Jacky
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 11 August 2017

Certain statements contained in this announcement may be viewed as forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended). Such forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the actual performance, financial condition or results of operations of the Company to be materially different from any future performance, financial condition or results of operations implied by such forward looking statements. In addition, we do not intend to update these forward-looking statements. Further information regarding these risks, uncertainties and other factors is included in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and in the Company's other filings with the SEC.

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

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| Executive directors: | Wang Xiaochu, Lu Yimin, Li Fushen and Shao Guanglu |
| 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 |