

#### [For Immediate Release]

#### **Melco announces 2012 Interim Results**

# Highlights

- Performance of Melco achieved significant growth of 135% in profit attributable to owners of the Company amounting to HK\$408.4 million as compared to HK\$173.8 million for the same period last year. Basic earnings per share was HK\$0.33.
- Core Gaming & Macau business units under the Group's major associate, Melco Crown Entertainment, delivered encouraging interim results with a net revenue of US\$1,965.4 million and an Adjusted EBITDA of US\$446.4 million for the first six months in 2012, an increase of approximately 11.3% and 32.2% respectively from the comparable period in 2011.
- The upcoming Studio City of Melco Crown Entertainment has successfully received the formal revised land grant approval and permit from the Macau Government to restart construction of the project in late July. This shall further expand and diversify the leisure and tourism offerings available to visitors to Macau and strengthen the Group's foothold in the region.
- Outside Macau, Entertainment Gaming Asia Inc., of which Melco holds 38.3% stake, opened its first casino project in May located at strategically important Cambodia-Thailand border crossings.
- Melco Crown Entertainment has also entered into a memorandum of agreement for the development and operation of an integrated casino, hotel, retail and entertainment resort in the Philippines in July.
- Continued to enrich its portfolio of gaming and entertainment offerings in Asia through its associate companies and is keeping a close watch for new opportunities elsewhere in the region.
- Maintained a strong balance sheet with a net asset value of HK\$7.6 billion of which HK\$646.2 million were bank deposits, cash and cash equivalents, and a low gearing ratio of 17% as of 30 June 2012.

(Hong Kong, 29 August, 2012) --- Melco International Development Limited ("Melco" or the "Group", HKEx Code: 200) today announced its unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2012. The Group has achieved significant growth of 135% in profit attributable to owners of the Company amounting to HK\$408.4 million as compared to HK\$173.8 million for the same period last year.

For the period under review, the Group continued to maintain a healthy balance sheet with a net asset value of HK\$7.6 billion of which HK\$646.2 million were bank deposits, cash and cash equivalents as of 30 June 2012. The gearing ratio, expressed as a percentage of total borrowings (including bank borrowings and convertible loan note) over shareholders' funds, was at a satisfactory level of 17%.



Mr. Lawrence Ho, Group Chairman and CEO of Melco, said: "I'm pleased to report solid growth in the first half of 2012, fully reflecting the Group's continued enhancement of its high-quality portfolio of assets and expansion of its reach in the Asia region. The Group's major gaming businesses associate, Melco Crown Entertainment, has delivered strong year-on-year improvements in operating fundamentals in its mass market. Also, we are excited to have successfully obtained the formal revised land grant approval and permit to restart construction of Studio City in July, paving the way for a more stable and profitable gaming mix for the Group to ensure sustainable growth.

"Outside of Macau, Entertainment Gaming Asia Inc. ("EGT") has also delivered a notable improvement in financial results and opened its first casino project in May. Further expanding the Group's reach in the region, Melco Crown Entertainment has also entered into a memorandum of agreement for the development and operation of an integrated casino, hotel, retail and entertainment resort in the Philippines in July.

"The Group expects to see continued healthy growth in Macau's gaming revenue and tourism market, supported by the demand for leisure and entertainment offerings in Macau from the huge population in mainland China, especially its rapidly expanding affluent middle class. Looking ahead, the Group will attract more visitors from mainland China by introducing a wider range of gaming and non-gaming offerings to cater to the untapped market sectors and in new markets in the region to enhance shareholder value and benefit our stakeholders and society at large."

## Significant growth momentum and enrichment in mass market offerings

Advancing towards the goal of optimizing the Group's current portfolio of assets and efficiently allocating resources, Melco Crown Entertainment recorded encouraging results for the first six months in 2012, with an adjusted EBITDA of US\$446.4 million, increase of 32.2% compared with the same period of 2011. The year-over-year increases were attributed to substantially improved revenues from the mass table games segment.

The Group's flagship property, City of Dreams, recorded an adjusted EBITDA increased by 61.1% to US\$382.3 million in the first half of 2012. Following the success of its unparalleled show, *The House of Dancing Water*, which continued to enjoy strong attendance during the period, this summer City of Dreams has brought Macau's first ever cabaret-style show, *Taboo*, which is an electrifying talk-of-the-town limited-run production. This new show fully utilizes Club Cubic space and provides another exciting entertainment offering to further differentiate City of Dreams.

The Group has also embarked on table optimization strategies in Altira Macau and City of Dreams, aiming to maximize table yields across the rolling chip and mass market table games segments.



During the period under review, Entertainment Gaming Asia Inc. has expanding its presence in Cambodia by opening its first casino project at important Cambodia-Thailand border crossings in May this year and developing another project expected to open in the first quarter of 2013. In July 2012, MPEL Projects Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Melco Crown Entertainment, entered into a Memorandum of Agreement for development and operation of an integrated casino resort located in Parañaque City in the Philippines. The Group will leverage its experience providing innovative leisure and entertainment projects in Macau in the new projects, further increasing the Group's market share and strengthening its presence in Asia.

## Government Support and Positive Outlook in Macau to ensure New Projects flourish

The Macau Government has always been supportive of the sustainable development of gaming and tourism industry. Currently planned infrastructure projects such as the Lotus Bridge are expected to draw more visitations to Cotai, Macau, benefiting both City of Dreams and the upcoming Studio City in particular which is perfectly situated adjacent to the Lotus Bridge immigration checkpoint connecting Hengqin Island and at a key stop on the planned light rail system.

Studio City in the Group's pipeline is a unique mass market proposition currently absent in Macau which targets a large demographic of the mass market, aiming to attract new crowds both from mainland China and elsewhere in Asia. With City of Dreams and Altira Macau currently focused on catering to the premium mass market and VIP market respectively, Studio City is expected to complement and create synergies with the existing properties by catering to the largest swath of the mass market, enabling the Group to welcome a broader spectrum of visitors and achieve a greater share of the market.

#### Other Awards and Achievements

During the period under review, the Group have received numerous awards in recognition for its commitment to maintaining high standards of corporate governance and CSR practices. For the seventh consecutive year, Melco has once again garnered the "Corporate Governance Asia Annual Recognition Award" presented by *Corporate Governance Asia* magazine in 2012. The Group has also been awarded the Caring Company Logo by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service for the seventh year running. Mr. Lawrence Ho was selected as one of the "Best CEOs in Hong Kong" by *FinanceAsia* magazine for the fourth year running and has also won the "Asian Corporate Director Recognition Awards" organized by *Corporate Governance Asia* magazine in 2012. The three hotels in City of Dreams have also been honoured with the Macao Green Hotel Award organized by the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA) and the Macau Government Tourist Office and has become the first and the only Macau casino-hotel operator to achieve the ISO 14001 Environmental Management Certification for its Environmental Management System.



## **About Melco International Development Limited**

Founded in 1910 and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in 1927, Melco was among the first one hundred companies established in the city. Today, under the leadership of its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Lawrence Ho, Melco is a dynamic New Generation Asian leisure and entertainment company focused on Gaming and Macau. Its promising performance and distinctive leadership in the industry are also well recognized worldwide. Melco has been honoured with the "Corporate Governance Asia Annual Recognition Award " by Corporate Governance Asia magazine for the seventh year in 2012. It is also the first entertainment company to receive the "Hong Kong Corporate Governance Excellence Awards 2009" by the Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies and the Centre for Corporate Governance and Financial Policy of the Hong Kong Baptist University. For more information about Melco, please visit www.melco-group.com.

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