

Media Statement

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Khazanah acquires 9.9% percent stake in *Parkson Retail Group Limited*

Khazanah Nasional Berhad (“Khazanah”) is pleased to announce that, on 9 November 2005, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Pangkor Investments (Cayman Island) Limited, agreed to purchase 54,648,000 shares (or 9.9% of the enlarged issued share capital) of Parkson Retail Group Limited (Parkson).

The purchase forms part of the international placing in connection with the Hong Kong Public Offering of Parkson shares and will be at the offer price, which will be fixed on or before 23 November, 2005. Parkson has received approval to list on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited which is scheduled for the 30th of November 2005.

The stake in Parkson marks Khazanah’s first investment in the People’s Republic of China. Parkson operates and manages the largest network of foreign-owned department stores in China. Khazanah believes the investment in Parkson will present a strong platform to participate in one of Asia’s fastest growing economy and the broader retail and consumer industry in China.

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About Khazanah Nasional Berhad

Khazanah is the investment holding arm of the Government of Malaysia entrusted to manage the assets held by the Government and to undertake strategic investments. It has stakes in more than 40 companies with a combined market capitalization of more than RM150 billion (approximately USD40 billion). Khazanah's investments are in various sectors including finance, telecommunications, electric utilities, communication services, information technology and manufacturing.

About *Parkson Retail Group Limited*

Parkson is China's retailing division of the Lion Group. As one of the foreign pioneers in the departmental store retailing business, Parkson has grown from its first store in China in 1994, into one of the country's leading nationwide departmental store chains, covering 26 major cities in 18 provinces. Parkson has positioned itself at the middle to middle-upper end of the retail market in China, and has been widely recognized as the leader in bringing international brands to consumers in the country.