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Sirius makes partial exit of HKSE-listed Ajisen (China)

HONG KONG – 4 November 2008 – **Sirius Investment Inc** has made a partial exit of its stake in **Ajisen (China) Holdings Limited** (“Ajisen (China)”), a leading fast casual restaurant chain operator in the PRC and Hong Kong.

Sirius played an instrumental role in the successful listing of Ajisen (China) on the mainboard of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on 30 March 2007. The Group invested in Ajisen (China) in early 2005, and exited by way of a share placement in end April 2008. The investment generated an internal return of about 12 times.

Sirius continues to be a shareholder of Ajisen (China). Sirius’ Director, Mr Eugene Wong also sits on the board of Ajisen (China) as a non-Executive Director.

“Ajisen (China) was the first PRC-based fast casual restaurant chain listed in Asia. Since then, it has paved the way for the F&B business in this region to an attractive investment sector. Our investment and partnership with Ajisen (China) not only brought the restaurant chain to a new level of growth, but also produced good returns for our LPs,” said Mr Wong.

Ajisen (China)’s US\$210 million IPO was awarded the “Best Mid-Cap Equity Deal” by Finance Asia last year. The Company also topped Business Week’s 2007 Asia Hot Growth ranking of the region’s top 100 small and mid-size companies.

Most recently, Ajisen (China) made it to Forbes Asia's "Best Under a Billion" list, which features the best 200 Asia-Pacific companies with less than US\$1 billion in sales. Companies which made the cut were sifted out of a possible 24,155 publicly-listed companies. Consistent growth in both sales and profits over three years was the key criteria for the list.

Ajisen (China) listed in March 2007 with 122 stores in China. By the end of June 2008, Ajisen (China) had a restaurant portfolio totaling 255 Ajisen restaurants.

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