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中原銀行股份有限公司*
ZHONGYUAN BANK CO., LTD.*

(A joint stock limited liability company incorporated in the People's Republic of China)

(Stock Code of H Shares: 1216)

(Stock Code of Preference Shares: 4617)

**APPROVAL FROM CSRC ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE
NON-PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF H SHARES OF THE BANK**

References are made to the announcements of Zhongyuan Bank Co., Ltd. (the “**Bank**”) dated 26 January 2022 and 10 March 2022 (the “**Announcements**”), and the circular (the “**Circular**”) of the Bank dated 18 February 2022, in relation to, among others, the Bank’s proposed issuance of no less than 3,105,000,000 H Shares and no more than 3,205,000,000 H Shares under the Specific Mandate, which has been approved by the relevant Shareholders of the Bank at the EGM and the relevant Class Meetings on 10 March 2022, and approved by CBIRC Henan Office on 22 March 2022. Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Circular.

The Board is pleased to announce that, on 28 April 2022, the Bank received the Approval on the Issuance of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares by Zhongyuan Bank Co., Ltd. (Zheng Jian Xu Ke [2022] No. 889) (《關於核准中原銀行股份有限公司發行境外上市外資股的批覆》(證監許可[2022] 889號)) from CSRC dated 26 April 2022 and CSRC has approved the Bank’s proposed non-public issuance of H Shares under the H Share Placement. Details of the above CSRC’s approval on the non-public issuance of H Shares under the H Share Placement are as follows:

1. The Bank is approved to issue not more than 3,205,000,000 new overseas listed foreign shares with a nominal value of RMB1 each, all of which are ordinary shares.
2. Within 15 business days after the completion of the issuance of H Shares, the Bank shall report the results of the issuance of H Shares to CSRC in writing.
3. The approval on the issuance of H Shares shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of the approval.
4. During the process of the issuance of H Shares, the Bank shall strictly comply with relevant domestic and overseas laws, regulations and rules.

The Bank has not entered into any definitive agreement in relation to the H Share Placement, and the listing of the new H Shares under the H Share Placement is still subject to the approval of the Stock Exchange to be obtained by the Bank. At the same time, various factors such as market conditions are outside of the control of the Bank, therefore the H Share Placement may or may not proceed. The Bank will proceed with the matters in relation to the H Share Placement in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, and the Bank will make further announcement(s) on the progress of the H Share Placement in due course.

Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Bank.

By order of the Board
ZHONGYUAN BANK CO., LTD.*
Xu Nuojin
Chairman

Zhengzhou, the PRC
28 April 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. XU Nuojin, Mr. WANG Jiong, Mr. LI Yulin and Mr. WEI Jie as executive Directors; Ms. ZHANG Qiuyun and Mr. MI Hongjun as non-executive Directors; Ms. PANG Hong, Mr. LI Hongchang, Mr. JIA Tingyu and Mr. CHAN Ngai Sang Kenny as independent non-executive Directors.

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