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中原銀行股份有限公司*
ZHONGYUAN BANK CO., LTD.*

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

(Stock Code of H Shares: 1216)

(Stock Code of Preference Shares: 4617)

**RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND
CHAIRMAN OF THE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Zhongyuan Bank Co., Ltd.* (the “**Bank**”) announces that on April 6, 2023, Mr. XU Nuojin (“**Mr. XU**”), the chairman of the Board of the Bank, an executive director of the Bank, tendered his resignation to the Board and resigned as the chairman of the Board of the Bank, an executive director of the Bank and the chairman of the Strategy and Development Committee of the Bank due to change of work arrangement.

Following the resignation of Mr. XU, in compliance with the relevant requirements of the Articles of Association of Zhongyuan Bank Co., Ltd., prior to the appointment of a new chairman, the vice chairman of the Board of the Bank, Mr. WANG Jiong, will temporarily act as the chairman of the Board and the legal representative of the Bank. The Board is in the process of identifying a suitable candidate to fill in the vacancy arising from Mr. XU’s resignation as soon as possible and will make further announcements in due course.

Mr. XU has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and there is no matter in relation to his resignation that needs to be brought to the attention of the Bank’s shareholders, creditors or The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The Board would like to express its sincere gratitude and respect to Mr. XU for his contributions to the Bank during his tenure in the Bank.

By Order of the Board
Zhongyuan Bank Co., Ltd.*
WANG Jiong
Vice Chairman

Zhengzhou, the People’s Republic of China
April 6, 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. WANG Jiong and Mr. LI Yulin 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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