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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)

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF UNDATED CAPITAL BONDS

References are made to (i) the announcement of Zhongyuan Bank Co., Ltd.* (the "**Bank**") dated August 5, 2022; (ii) the circular of the Bank dated August 5, 2022 regarding the issuance of undated capital bonds and the notice of the 2022 second extraordinary general meeting; and (iii) the announcement of the Bank dated August 25, 2022 on the poll results of the 2022 second extraordinary general meeting, in relation to, among other things, the proposed issuance of undated capital bonds by the Bank being considered and approved at the general meeting.

The board of directors (the "**Board**") of the Bank is pleased to announce that the Bank recently received the Affirmative Decision on Administrative License of the People's Bank of China (Yin Xu Zhun Yu Jue Zi [2023] No. 77), pursuant to which the Bank was approved to issue undated capital bonds in an amount not exceeding RMB10 billion in China national inter-bank bond market.

The Bank will perform its information disclosure obligations regarding the issuance of the undated capital bonds in accordance with the relevant regulatory requirements.

On behalf of the Board Zhongyuan Bank Co., Ltd.* GUO Hao Chairman

Zhengzhou, the PRC July 11, 2023

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

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