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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)

PROPOSED CHANGE OF AUDITORS

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Zhongyuan Bank Co., Ltd.* (the “**Bank**”) hereby announces that as KPMG Huazhen LLP and KPMG (“**KPMG**”) have been engaged by the Bank for the provision of audit services for eight consecutive years, pursuant to the results of the tender selection and appointment conducted by the Bank in accordance with the notice of Ministry of Finance on the issuing of the Administrative Measures for Selection and Appointment of Accounting Firms by State-owned Financial Enterprises 《財政部關於印發〈國有金融企業選聘會計師事務所管理辦法〉的通知》 (Cai Jin [2020] No. 6), after considering the recommendation of the audit committee of the Board, on May 17, 2024, the Board resolved to propose that Baker Tilly China Certified Public Accountants and Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited shall provide the Bank with domestic and overseas statutory financial statements audit, interim financial statement review and agreed-upon procedure services of quarterly financial statements for the year of 2024. Their terms of office commence from the date on which such resolution is approved at the 2023 annual general meeting of the Bank until the date of the conclusion of the 2024 annual general meeting of the Bank. It is expected that the service fee of the auditors in 2024 is RMB5,180,000. The above proposed appointment is subject to the consideration and approval at the 2023 annual general meeting of the Bank.

The Bank has received a letter from KPMG confirming that there are no matters relating to their retirement that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Bank. The Board and the audit committee of the Board have also confirmed that there is no disagreement between KPMG and the Bank, and there are no other matters relating to the proposed change of auditors and KPMG’s retirement that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Bank.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to KPMG for their professional services to the Bank over the past years.

A circular containing, among other things, details of the above resolution, together with the notice of the 2023 annual general meeting, will be despatched to the H shareholders of the Bank in due course in the manner in which the H shareholders of the Bank selected to receive corporate communications, which will be available on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Bank at www.zybank.com.cn.

On behalf of the Board
ZHONGYUAN BANK CO., LTD.*
GUO Hao
Chairman

Zhengzhou, the People's Republic of China
May 17, 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. GUO Hao as executive director; Ms. ZHANG Qiuyun, Mr. FENG Ruofan and Ms. ZHANG Shu as non-executive directors; and Mr. XU Yiguo, Ms. ZHAO Zijian, Mr. WANG Maobin, Mr. PAN Xinmin and Mr. GAO Pingyang as independent non-executive directors.

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