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OCBC Hong Kong and Guotai Junan International complete Hong Kong and Mainland China's first Multi-Currency Sustainability-Linked Loan in securities brokerage industry

Hong Kong, 31 January 2024 – OCBC Bank (Hong Kong) Limited ("OCBC Hong Kong") and Guotai Junan International Holdings Limited ("Guotai Junan International"; Stock Code: 1788.HK) are pleased to announce the completion of Hong Kong and Mainland China's first multi-currency sustainability-linked loan in the securities brokerage industry.

OCBC Hong Kong is the sole lender and sustainability advisor of this HKD500 million (or USD/RMB equivalent) revolving credit facility, which is tied to a set of predetermined ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) targets of Guotai Junan International, including growing its fundraising business for projects with environmental impact and increasing ESG-themed training and development for employees, addressing material ESG issues in the securities brokerage industry.

Guotai Junan International will benefit from interest savings for the loan when the predetermined ESG targets are achieved. The annual performance of these ESG metrics will be verified by an external and independent reviewer, which is in line with the internationally recognised Sustainability-Linked Loan Principles.

Mr. Johnny Wei, Head of Wholesale Banking of OCBC Hong Kong, said, "This market-first multi-currency sustainability-linked loan in the securities brokerage industry affirms OCBC's strategy of innovating and supporting diversified industries on their ESG journeys. As a leading bank for sustainable finance across ASEAN and Greater China, we are delighted to support Guotai Junan International in setting an example for the sector. We continue to drive sustainable development together with clients and pioneer bespoke financing solutions that help clients achieve their sustainability aspirations."

Dr. Fung Yim, Chairman, Executive Director of Guotai Junan International, said, "Sustainability is an important element of our strategic development, we have been incorporating ESG concepts in daily operation and management. Being the first securities company in Hong Kong and Mainland China to secure a sustainability-linked loan, we have reaffirmed our determination and commitment to promote the sustainable development for ourselves, as well as the whole industry. At the same time, this industry-first sustainability-linked loan also demonstrates the advancement of Guotai Junan International's ESG development. We will continue to adhere to the concept of 'Achieving the Good with Finance' and strive to build a responsible comprehensive financial platform to create long-term value for investors and the entire society."

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About OCBC

OCBC is the longest established Singapore bank, formed in 1932 from the merger of three local banks, the oldest of which was founded in 1912. It is one of the world's most highly-rated banks, with Aa1 by Moody's and AA- by both Fitch and S&P. Recognised for its financial strength and stability, OCBC is consistently ranked among the World's Top 50 Safest Banks by Global Finance and has been named Best Managed Bank in Singapore by The Asian Banker.

OCBC is the second largest financial services group in Southeast Asia by assets. The Group offers a broad array of commercial banking, specialist financial and wealth management services, ranging from consumer, corporate, investment, private and transaction banking to treasury, insurance, asset management and stockbroking services.

OCBC's private banking services are provided by its wholly-owned subsidiary Bank of Singapore, which operates on a unique open-architecture product platform to source for the best-in-class products to meet its clients' goals. Its insurance subsidiary, Great Eastern Holdings, is the oldest and most established life insurance group in Singapore and Malaysia. Its asset management subsidiary, Lion Global Investors, is one of the leading asset management companies in Southeast Asia.

The Group's key markets are Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Greater China. It has more than 410 branches and representative offices in 19 countries and regions.

For more information, please visit www.ocbc.com.hk to learn more about OCBC Hong Kong.

About Guotai Junan International

Guotai Junan International Holdings Limited ("Guotai Junan International"; Stock Code: 1788.HK) is the market leader and first mover for internationalization of Chinese Securities Company as well as the first Chinese securities broker listed on the Main Board of The Hong Kong Stock Exchange through initial public offering. It has been included in FTSE4Good Index by London Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom. Based in Hong Kong, Guotai Junan International provides comprehensive, diversified and high-quality integrated financial services. Core business includes brokerage, corporate finance, asset management, loans and financing, financial products, which cover three dimensions including individual finance (wealth management), institutional finance (institutional investor services and corporate finance services) and investment management. Guotai Junan International has been assigned "Baa2" and "BBB+" long term issuer rating from Moody and Standard & Poor respectively. The controlling shareholder, Guotai Junan Securities Company Limited (Stock Code: 601211.SH; 2611.HK), is the comprehensive financial provider with a long-term, sustainable and overall leading position in the Chinese securities industry.

For more information about Guotai Junan International, please visit <http://www.gtjai.com>

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