

China CITIC Bank International completes first-batch interest rate swap transactions on official launch day of Northbound Trading of Swap Connect as first-batch offshore market maker

(Hong Kong: 15 May 2023) China CITIC Bank International Limited (“CNCBI”), as one of the first-batch offshore market makers in Northbound Trading of Swap Connect, the mutual access between mainland China and Hong Kong interest rate swap markets, completed its first-batch interest rate swap transactions on the official launch day of Northbound Trading of Swap Connect today.

Northbound Trading of Swap Connect facilitates the extension of mutual access between mainland China and Hong Kong markets into the over-the-counter derivatives market, underscoring the important status of Hong Kong as an international financial centre.

CNCBI completed interest rate swap transactions with various mainland financial institutions on the launch day of Northbound Trading of Swap Connect on the Bloomberg and Tradeweb platforms. The counterparties included China interbank market makers encompassing Chinese and foreign banks as well as brokerage firms, with transactions covering those with reference to the 7-day fixing repo rate and Shanghai Interbank Offered Rate (Shibor).

In 2022, the People's Bank of China and Hong Kong Monetary Authority issued a joint announcement on the commencement of mutual access. Since then, CNCBI has been active at the initial preparation and fostered links between the two regions, laying a solid foundation for the Bank's Swap Connect transactions on the launch day. This contributed also to the connectivity between the onshore and offshore financial markets, and provided the Bank a more effective market instrument for the Bank to manage interest rate risk.

CNCBI's successful rollout of the related business on Northbound Trading of Swap Connect's official launch demonstrated the Bank's experience and professionalism in cross-border derivatives products. It also underpinned the enormous synergy between CNCBI and parent bank China CITIC Bank. CNCBI will ride on Northbound Trading of Swap Connect to further foster connectivity with mainland China and unleash the Bank's cross-border advantage to tap business opportunities and create more value for customers by raising the Bank's service to a standard that is more international, comprehensive and professional through close examination of the value chain of the Bank's product suite .

China CITIC Bank International Limited

China CITIC Bank International Limited (“CNCBI”), a major offshore platform of commercial banking business of the CITIC Group, is 75%-owned by CITIC International Financial Holdings Limited (“CIFH”), which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of China CITIC Bank Corporation Limited (“CNCB”).

China CITIC Bank International’s footprint in Greater China includes 24 branches and two business banking centres in Hong Kong, as well as presence in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Macau, and overseas branches in New York, Los Angeles and Singapore.

Across a century, China CITIC Bank International has grown together with its employees, customers and partners since 1922 and will continue to move towards its vision of “Agile. Professional. Simple.” in adherence to the 4C (Culture, Customer, Collaboration, Cyberspace) core values while driving actively its missions to “create value for customers, seek happiness for employees, make profit for shareholders, perform responsibility for society”.

More information about China CITIC Bank International can be found on its website at www.cncbinternational.com.

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