GTJAI Participated in the Green Deposit Project, Actively Driving Green and Low-carbon Development

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[22 May 2024, Hong Kong] Guotai Junan International Holdings Limited ("Guotai Junan International", the "Company" or "GTJAI", stock code: 1788.HK) announced that the Company has recently completed a green deposit transaction with Chong Hing Bank Limited ("Chong Hing Bank"). The deposit funds will be used to support projects for the development of green buildings, renewable energy, energy efficiency, pollution prevention and control, and clean transportation.

This green deposit transaction marks the Company's inaugural green deposit project, aiming at collaborating with various sectors of society to address climate and environmental challenges and promote the transition of the economy towards low-carbon and sustainable development. The green deposit has received independent limited assurance verification from the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) to ensure that the deposited funds are used for eligible green projects and align with Chong Hing Bank's "Green, Social and Sustainability Deposit Framework". GTJAI's participation in Chong Hing Bank's green deposit project follows the Company's recent signing of the first multi-currency sustainabilitylinked loan with OCBC Bank, further demonstrating its commitment and dedication to promoting sustainable development through green finance. This initiative highlights the Company's determination and commitment in the environmental, social, and governance (ESG). As a responsible financial institution, GTJAI has always placed a high emphasis on the concept of sustainable development and integrated it into its corporate development strategy. In the future, GTJAI will continue to actively respond to the national "dual carbon" development strategy, strengthen innovation in green finance and responsible investment, actively explore diverse solutions for ESG development, and create long-term sustainable value for clients and society.

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About Guotai Junan International

Guotai Junan International ("GTJAI", 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. GTJAI is based in Hong Kong and has set up subsidiaries in Singapore, Vietnam and Macau to provide comprehensive, diversified and high-quality integrated financial services. Core business includes brokerage, corporate finance, asset management, loans and finance, financial products, which cover three dimensions including individual finance (wealth management), institutional finance (institutional investor services and corporate finance service) and investment management. GTJAI has been assigned "Baa2" and "BBB+" long term issuer rating from Moody and Standard & Poor respectively, and MSCI ESG "BBB" rating. Meanwhile, the Company's S&P Dow Jones Index ESG score leads nearly 80% of its global peers. 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 GTJAI, please visit <u>http://www.gtjai.com</u>