

GTJAI Officially Launches Tokenised Securities Business

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(Hong Kong, 12 May 2025) Guotai Junan International Holdings Limited (“GTJAI”, the “Company” or the “Group”, stock code: 1788.HK), a subsidiary of Guotai Haitong Group, actively responded to the market trend by submitting its business plans for the distribution business of tokenised securities and digital bond issuance business in accordance with the “Circular on Intermediaries Engaging Tokenised Securities-related Activities” issued by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, which have been confirmed by the regulatory authority on no further questions, marking the milestone of the Group's opening of the digital securities business.

Wealth Management: expanding distribution of tokenised securities and providing advice services

GTJAI filed a wealth management-related business plan with the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission on 21 January 2025, intending to distribute and advise clients on tokenised securities on top of the original securities trading basis. The types of tokenised securities covered by the plan include structured products linked to multiple underlying assets (e.g., structured notes and over-the-counter derivatives), SFC-approved funds and other funds and bonds. The Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission issued a confirmation email on 7 May 2025 with no further questions on the plan.

Debt Capital Markets: exploring the full chain of tokenised bond issuance services

In order to better meet the market development and provide alternative issuance solutions to clients, GTJAI has submitted to the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission a business plan for digital bond issuance based on the original bond issuance business, and will be able to serve clients as the overall coordinator, syndicated capital market intermediary or settlement agent in digital bond issuance projects in the future. The Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission has confirmed on 2 April 2025 that it has no further questions on the plan.

Empowering traditional business with technology to strengthen market competitiveness

Tokenisation generally involves the process of recording claims on assets that exist on a traditional ledger onto a programmable platform, which includes the use of distributed ledger technology (DLT e.g., blockchain) in the security lifecycle.

GTJAI's launch of the tokenised securities business demonstrates its forward-looking strategy and outstanding professional capabilities as a leading Chinese financial institution in Hong Kong, which is an important move for the Group to embrace innovative financial technology and respond to market demand. Through deep integration of DLT technology into the entire process of securities issuance, trading and custody, the Group will not only upgrade the intelligence of its business processes and enhance operational efficiency and transparency, but also create customized asset allocation solutions for investors with different risk preferences, thereby continuously enhancing the Group's competitiveness in the market through differentiated and innovative products.

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About GTJAI

Guotai Junan International (“GTJAI”, Stock Code: 1788.HK), a subsidiary of Guotai Haitong Group, 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. Based in Hong Kong with subsidiaries in Singapore, Vietnam and Macau, GTJAI’s business covers major markets around the world, offering high-quality and diversified comprehensive financial services for clients’ overseas asset allocation. 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) and investment management. GTJAI has been assigned “Baa2” and “BBB+” long term issuer rating from Moody and Standard & Poor respectively, as well as an MSCI ESG “A” rating, Wind ESG “A” rating and SynTao Green Finance “A” rating in ESG. Additionally, its S&P Global ESG score leads 84% of its global peers. The controlling shareholder, Guotai Haitong Securities (Stock Code: 601211.SH; 2611.HK), is the comprehensive financial provider with a long-term, sustainable and overall leading position in the China’s capital markets. For more information about GTJAI, please visit <https://www.gtjai.com>