

## Lianhe Global - TMA “Development and Outlook of Chinese USD Bond Market under the Interest Rate Hike Cycle” Seminar Was Successfully Held

On 23 February 2023, Lianhe Ratings Global Limited (“Lianhe Global”) was invited to host a Continuous Professional Development (“CPD”) face-to-face seminar in Hong Kong organized by the Treasury Markets Association (“TMA”) for its members and subscribers. In this 1.5-hour seminar, Ms. Joyce Chi, the Head of Business Development at Lianhe Global, and Mr. Toni Ho, the Director at Lianhe Global, shared the overview of the Chinese USD bond market, and the rating methodology, industry review and outlook of the local investment and development companies (“LIDCs”) sector with around 70 senior representatives from financial institutions in Hong Kong.



Ms. Joyce Chi firstly introduced Lianhe Global, the comparison of the key foreign and Chinese international rating agencies in the market, and the overview and structure of the Chinese offshore bond issuance. Mr. Toni Ho, shared the overview and structure of the Chinese LIDC offshore bond issuance, some recently active types of non-traditional infrastructure issuers in the LIDC sector and the outlook of the LIDC sector. He highlighted the concentrated debt maturity schedule of the LIDC sector in 2023-2025 and the growing proportion of the offshore bond issuance by the issuers at the county and district levels. He also illustrated that more and more LIDC issuers issued offshore bonds with standby letter of credits (“SBLCs”). He also talked about the overview and outlook of the Chinese real estate sector. He found that the monthly contractual sales shrank by about 20% year-on-year in 2022. He expected that this trend would continue as the market sentiment remained volatile. Lastly, Toni emphasized the continued growth momentum of the green and sustainable offshore bond issuance in Hong Kong and a series of incentives announced by the Hong Kong government to develop the green and sustainable bond market.

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