

## **Lianhe Global has assigned ‘AAAmf’ Rating to Guotai Junan USD Money Market Fund**

HONG KONG, 8 May 2025 – Lianhe Ratings Global Limited (“Lianhe Global”), an international credit rating company, has assigned ‘AAAmf’ money market fund (“MMF”) rating to Guotai Junan USD Money Market Fund (“the Fund”), a USD-denominated MMF, established in April 2023, domiciled in Hong Kong, and managed by Guotai Junan Assets (Asia) Limited (“GJAA”). The Fund’s primary investment objective is to achieve a return in USD in line with prevailing money market rates.

### **Key Rating Rationales**

The ‘AAAmf’ rating reflects the Fund’s fairly strong ability to provide liquidity and preserve principal, supported by the fund’s well managed asset quality, strong liquidity profile and low exposure to market risk.

The Fund primarily invests in USD-denominated and settled short-term deposits and high-quality money market instruments. Its credit quality met Lianhe Global’s criteria for ‘AAAmf’ rated MMFs, with asset-weighted average credit quality equivalent to a high-investment-grade international rating (‘BBB+’ or above), during the review period since March 2024. Concentration risk was also well managed by limiting large exposures to strong credit quality assets or short tenor assets.

In addition, the Fund had a strong liquidity profile, supported by sufficient daily and weekly liquidity and its adequate mechanism in managing fund flows. Its weighted average maturity and weighted average life were below 60 days and 120 days, respectively, which limited the Fund’s exposure to market risk. Derivatives (if employed) is only for hedging purposes and the manager will hedge non USD-denominated investments into USD in order to manage any material currency risk.

GJAA, the Fund’s management company, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Guotai Junan International Holdings Limited (“GTJAI”, 1788.HK), a Hong Kong-listed and direct majority-owned subsidiary of Guotai Haitong Securities Co, Ltd. (“GTHT”, 601211.SS, 2611.HK). GJAA provides diversified asset management services to corporate, institutional and individual investors. GTJAI is an integrated financial service provider with diversified businesses, including brokerage, corporate finance, asset management, loans and financing, financial products, market making and investments.

### **Rating Sensitivities**

Material adverse and continued development in the Fund’s credit quality, maturities, liquidity profiles, and/or other deviations from Lianhe Global’s rating guidelines may lead to a negative rating action.

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## Principal Methodology Applied

Money Market Funds Rating Criteria (published on 1 February 2024)

The methodology can be found at the website [www.lhratingsglobal.com](http://www.lhratingsglobal.com).

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