

Lianhe Global has affirmed ‘A+’ global scale Long-term Issuer and Issuance Credit Rating of Zhongyuan Asset Management Co., Ltd.; Issuer Rating Outlook Stable

HONG KONG, 27 June 2025 – Lianhe Ratings Global Limited (“Lianhe Global”), an international credit rating company, has affirmed ‘A+’ global scale Long-term Issuer Credit rating of Zhongyuan Asset Management Co., Ltd. (“Zhongyuan AMC” or “the company”); The Outlook is stable.

Lianhe Global has also affirmed ‘A+’ global scale Long-term Issuance Credit Rating of the senior unsecured USD Notes issued by Zhongyuan AMC at the same time. A full list of affirmed issuance rating is included in this press release.

Key Rating Rationales

The Issuer Credit Rating reflects a high possibility that the People’s Government of Henan Province (“the Henan government”) would provide strong support to Zhongyuan AMC if needed. This considers its indirectly majority ownership of Zhongyuan AMC and the company’s strategic position as a major financial assets management company in Henan. The linkage between the Henan government and Zhongyuan AMC is strong, including management supervision, strategic alignment and ongoing operational and financial support. In addition, the Henan government may face significant negative impact on its reputation and financing activities should Zhongyuan AMC encounter any operational or financial difficulties.

Located in central China, Henan Province (“Henan”) serves as a vital hub for transportation, holding a critical strategic position and significant economic importance in China. Its GDP ranked 6th nationwide and 1st among the central provinces. In 2024, Henan’s GDP grew by 5.1% to RMB6,359.0 billion while its budgetary revenue decreased by 2.6% to RMB439.9 billion.

The Stable Outlook reflects our expectation that Zhongyuan AMC’s strategic importance would remain intact while the Henan government will continue to ensure Zhongyuan AMC’s stable operation.

Rating Sensitivities

We would consider downgrading Zhongyuan AMC’s rating if (1) there is perceived weakening in support from the Henan government, particularly due to its reduced strategic importance with diminished government functions, or (2) there is a significant reduction of the Henan government’s ownership of Zhongyuan AMC, or (3) there is a downgrade in our internal credit assessment on the Henan government.

We would consider upgrading Zhongyuan AMC's rating if (1) there is strengthened support from the Henan government, or (2) there is an upgrade in our internal credit assessment on the Henan government.

Any rating action on Zhongyuan AMC's rating would result in a similar rating action on its senior unsecured bonds.

Full List of Issuance Ratings

- USD100 million 5.7% senior unsecured notes due 2028 affirmed at 'A+'

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Principal Methodology Applied

China Local Investment and Development Companies Criteria (published on 31 July 2024)
The methodology can be found at the website www.lhratingsglobal.com.

Note: The above Issuer/Issuance Credit Ratings are solicited at the request of the rated entity or a related third party. None of the aforementioned entities nor its related parties participate in the rating process aside from providing information requested by Lianhe Global.

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