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## **Haitong International won Multiple Awards by Major Institutions**

**Hong Kong, 22 December 2022** – Haitong International Securities Group Limited ("Haitong International" or "the Group"; 665.HK) has won multiple significant awards delivered by various authoritative institutions and key international media, namely:

- Bloomberg Businessweek (Chinese Edition)— "ESG Investing"
- Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency ("HKQAA") — "Outstanding Award for Green and Sustainable Bond Lead Manager (Local State-owned Enterprises) - Largest Amount of Green and Sustainability Bonds" and "Pioneering Organisation in ESG Disclosure Enhancement"
- The Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies ("CHKLC") and the Centre for Corporate Governance and Financial Policy, Hong Kong Baptist University ("CCGFP") — "Honourable Mention in Corporate Governance"
- HR Asia — "Best Companies to Work for in Asia (Hong Kong)"

Riding on the capabilities in green investment banking and sustainable finance, Haitong International won the "ESG Investing" award for the second consecutive year. The Group, taking advantage of its unique role of being the capital intermediary in investment, financing, financial advisory and equity research, actively incorporates sustainability elements into its business management framework and demonstrates strength in all-round ESG investment strategy in various judging criteria including "investment strategy", "investment evaluation and selection", "risk management" and "investment disclosure". Haitong International accelerates the sustainable development of clients' businesses, upholding the Group's ESG philosophy in sustainable finance.

Throughout the HKQAA's award covering period, Haitong International completed 12 green and sustainable bond issuance projects for local state-owned enterprises, accounting for an approximate market share of 50%. The Group participated in various landmark projects, amongst them, it assisted Guangzhou Development District Holdings Group Co., Ltd. ("Guangzhou Development") in issuing green bonds of a total amount of USD 490 million. It was the first green bond issuance project by a state-owned enterprise in the region raising funds through overseas financing channels, the first US-dollar bond simultaneously listed in Hong Kong, Macau and Singapore, as well as the first project in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange.

Haitong International continually strives to integrate its ESG philosophy into every part of the businesses and operations. The Group incorporates key elements like sustainable-



related risks and climate risks into its core operations of "governance", "strategy", "risk management" and "indicators and targets"; and strengthens its information disclosure with reference to guidelines/frameworks issued by international organisations and local regulatory authorities. Haitong International was recognised as a "Pioneering Organisation in ESG Disclosure Enhancement" by HKQAA.

For the first time, Haitong International won the "Honourable Mention in Corporate Governance" from CHKLC and CCGFP. With a sound corporate governance structure and achievements, the judging panel commented that "Haitong International has a well-balanced corporate governance structure to effectively manage its business risks. There are committees under the board of directors, which clearly states its terms of reference and division of labour. The Company attaches great importance to the Board Diversity Policy to promote its sustainable and balanced development; and has a high level of transparency in the disclosure of financial information," demonstrating recognition from professional bodies and academic institutions.

Haitong International was named the "Best Companies to Work for in Asia (Hong Kong Edition)" for the fifth consecutive year. The Group treasures employees as the most important asset and continue to devote resources to nurturing talents, with the aim of building a capable team to align with its strategic development objectives. Haitong International launches its Management Trainee Development Programme every year and Graduate Trainee Programme since 2021, to select and cultivate competent university graduates. Coupled with a comprehensive promotion mechanism, the Group has also launched the "Sail Programme" to nurture the leader-to-be and build a talent pool. HR Asia follows three main factors: CORE, SELF and GROUP in determining the staff satisfaction through an employee survey, in which Haitong International rates above the industry's average scores in every individual category.

In 2022, in recognition of its outstanding achievement in ESG and corporate governance, Haitong International was included to the FTSE4Good Index by FTSE Russell of the London Stock Exchange; MSCI, the internationally recognised Index Agency, also affirmed HTI's ESG rating at A level, ranking top among its sector.

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Haitong International is well positioned to serve corporate, institutional, as well as high-net worth clients worldwide. Its well-established financial services platform provides a full spectrum of financial offerings including private wealth management, corporate finance, asset management and global markets (key businesses include sales and trading of both equity and fixed income products, prime brokerage and risk management solutions, and research advisory) businesses. Haitong International possesses a sound risk management system that is in line with international standards. The Company has been assigned a "Baa2" long-term issuer rating by Moody's and a "BBB" long-term credit rating by Standard and Poor's. Haitong International is also a high performer in terms of ESG and corporate governance. It has been assigned "A" in ESG rating by MSCI and included in the FTSE4Good Index by FTSE Russell. Haitong International has a global financial servicing network covering the world's major capital markets including Hong Kong, Singapore, New York, London, Tokyo, Mumbai and Sydney, thereby making it a world-class Chinese financial institution with international competitiveness, systemic importance and brand influence.

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