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HSBC COMPLETES FIRST SET OF TRADES UNDER SOUTHBOUND BOND CONNECT

HSBC has today completed the first set of trades for several mainland Chinese institutional clients under Southbound Bond Connect, making these among the market's first batch of deals under the new route.

The deals were closed on the back of today's launch of Southbound Bond Connect, a groundbreaking conduit which allows eligible mainland institutional investors to access the international bond market via Hong Kong.

David Liao, Co-Chief Executive of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, said: "We're extremely pleased to have successfully executed the first set of trades for our mainland clients under the Southbound Bond Connect this morning. The market is reacting very positively to the new route, and HSBC stands ready to support the institutional investor community to benefit from this opportunity. Bond Connect is part of a bigger story of Hong Kong's distinctive ability to connect the economy of the mainland and the rest of the world, and underlines the two-way benefits of working together to create a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts."

As the authorised market maker for the Southbound link, HSBC has assisted the mainland clients to trade overseas bonds, offering comprehensive solutions and market expertise in Hong Kong where HSBC is a leading market player.

HSBC is also a key market participant in the Northbound Bond Connect scheme, having completed the first third-party onshore Renminbi foreign currency (CNY FX) trade in Hong Kong. In mainland China, HSBC is one of the largest foreign banks connecting overseas investors to the China Interbank Bond Market (CIBM), and was the first foreign bank to trade and clear bond transactions for overseas institutional investors.

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