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## **City Developments Limited to Establish Singapore's Pioneer Islamic MTN Programme**

CIMB-GK appointed lead arranger for programme

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Singapore: City Developments Limited (CDL) today announced that it has appointed CIMB-GK Securities Pte Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIMB Group, as lead arranger of its proposed S\$1 billion unsecured Islamic multi-currency medium term notes (Islamic MTN) programme. CDL has also appointed CIMB-GK to act as dealer and lead manager of the first issuance of Sukuk (or trust certificates) under this programme, in accordance with the Shariah financing principle of Ijarah. Both the Islamic MTN programme and the Sukuk Ijarah represent pioneer corporate issues for Singapore's Islamic financial market.

CDL intends to apply to the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (SGX-ST) for permission to deal in and for the quotation of the first issuance of Sukuk Ijarah under this proposed Islamic MTN programme. <sup>(1)</sup>

At the signing ceremony to appoint CIMB-GK as arranger and dealer today, Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director, CDL said, "Over the past four decades, CDL has maintained our financial success and market leadership position by remaining nimble and innovative in our business approach. We are honoured to be pioneering Singapore's first Islamic MTN programme which will allow us to tap new investors via an alternative financing stream and to enjoy a first-mover advantage. While we already currently have a healthy balance sheet with a relatively low gearing, this fund-raising exercise adds another dimension to our financial strength and will further enhance our war-chest, enabling us to seize potential opportunities at the right time."

"We are proud that CDL has entrusted us to structure, advise and distribute this ground-breaking first Sukuk issuance under its Islamic MTN programme," said Dato' Mohd Shukri Hussin, Executive Director of Bumiputra-Commerce Holdings Bhd, the listed vehicle of CIMB Group. "Our global Islamic banking and finance franchise, CIMB Islamic, is recognised as a



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pioneer in the field, advising on landmark issues like the world's first Shariah-compliant exchangeable bonds and the largest sovereign Sukuk issue in the world. It is therefore apt that we now find ourselves the arranger for Singapore's first corporate Sukuk Ijarah issue," he added.

At the signing ceremony, Carol Fong, Chief Executive Officer of CIMB-GK, said: "We believe our knowledge and skills as a leading global Islamic capital market expert will be a significant contribution toward Singaporean corporates looking to raise Shariah-compliant financing and also toward the island state in its efforts to create a thriving Islamic financial sector."

"MAS is pleased to note continued growth of Islamic finance transactions in Singapore such as this first Islamic Sukuk-Ijarah financing arrangement. This reflects keen interest from market participants to leverage on Singapore's sound regulatory regime and strengths as an international financial centre to raise Shariah-compliant financing", said Angelina Fernandez, Director (Corporate Communications) of the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

The Islamic MTN programme is expected to raise CDL's profile and widen its reach amongst investors in the international Islamic capital markets, allowing it to connect with an alternative and fast-growing liquidity pool.

CDL will make further announcements on its proposed Islamic MTN programme, and of the proposed first issuance of Sukuk Ijarah under this Islamic MTN programme in due course, and when appropriate.

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<sup>(1)</sup> The SGX-ST assumes no responsibility for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed or reports contained herein. Admission to the Official List of the SGX-ST and quotation of any Sukuk Ijarah on the SGX-ST is not to be taken as an indication of the merits of CDL, its subsidiaries, their respective associated companies (if any), the Islamic MTN programme or such Sukuk Ijarah.

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### **About CDL**

A property pioneer since 1963, Singapore-listed City Developments Limited (CDL), is an international property and hotel conglomerate involved in real estate development and investment, hotel ownership and management, facilities management as well as the provision of hospitality solutions.

With a global presence in over 20 countries spanning Asia, Europe, North America and New Zealand / Australia, CDL has more than 250 subsidiaries and associated companies, with 5 listed companies on notable stock exchanges.

CDL is backed by a track record of some 22,000 luxurious and quality homes to its name, and is one of the biggest landlords in Singapore with over 4 million square feet of lettable office, industrial, retail and residential space. It also owns one of the largest land banks amongst private developers with over 4 million square feet that has the potential of being developed into almost 9 million square feet of gross floor area.

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc (M&C), the London-listed international hotel arm of CDL, is a dynamic hotel group that owns and operates over 110 hotels in 19 countries. M&C is also the sponsor for CDL Hospitality Trusts which is the largest Singapore hotel owner with over 2,300 rooms.

### **About CIMB-GK**

CIMB-GK is the international investment banking and securities franchise of CIMB Group. It offers institutional and retail broking, wealth management, investment banking and corporate advisory services in Singapore, Jakarta, Hong Kong, Bangkok, London and New York.

CIMB-GK's award-winning research team supports its business units with analysis of over 400 listed companies in Asia. Its established stockbroking business and distribution capabilities provide an extensive network that reaches top-tier institutional investors, mid-market investment funds, sophisticated high net worth individuals as well as retail investors in Asia.

CIMB-GK is a wholly owned subsidiary of CIMB Group, Malaysia's second largest financial services provider and one of Southeast Asia's leading universal banking groups. CIMB Group is owned by Bumiputra-Commerce Holdings Bhd, which is listed on Bursa Malaysia with a market capitalisation of over US\$10 billion. The Group has over 24,000 employees located in 9 countries.

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