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Finint Investments SGR Becomes First Italian-based Institution to Join Bond Connect

Bond Connect Company Limited (BCCL) warmly welcomes Finint Investments SGR (Finint SGR), an independent Italian asset management company belonging to Banca Finint group, to join the Bond Connect scheme as the 1st Italian-based institutional investor.

Bond Connect has witnessed robust momentum with compelling demand from international investors to enter the China interbank bond market via an access channel based on a developed-market design model. With the approval of Finint SGR, Italy has been added as the 31st jurisdiction that the scheme has penetrated globally, led by US with 33.8% of approved accounts and HK with 24.4%. 1289 global investors have been approved via Bond Connect as per date of writing. Trading activities have also accelerated substantially with August average daily trading volume reaching above RMB 15.4bn compared to RMB 3.58bn in FY 2018. Trade tickets executed daily have increased 10-fold from launch to a high of 300+.

Mauro Sbroggiò, CEO of Finint Investments SGR, commented: “Finint SGR is delighted to be the first Italian based institution to receive People’s Bank of China (PBoC) approval to use Bond Connect, facilitating trade flows in the rapidly growing Chinese market. We appreciate the support from Bond Connect Company Limited throughout the application process.”

“We are a specialized asset management company managing several funds with focus on real estate assets, investing in hotels, commercial and residential buildings, renewable energy and European fixed income asset. It is our intention to provide our investor a way to diversify into a strategic fixed-income market. The Chinese onshore market is the second largest fixed-income market after the US and has been recently included in the global benchmark by Bloomberg Barclays and will be included also in the JP Morgan benchmark emerging market index. We think the access to China onshore bond market could represent a big opportunity for all our investors”. He added.

Banca Finint Group, through its different divisions, has a remarkable experience in supporting its clients in asset management, structure finance and securitization capital markets, real estate investments, M&A and corporate finance advisory. The new focus on Chinese onshore market can offer additional opportunities to expand its activities into one of the biggest and most promising market.

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Finint Investments SGR (Banca Finint Group) is an Asset Management company authorised to set up, promote and manage alternative and ordinary investment funds. Finint Investments SGR distinguishes itself for its active management style starting from the analysis of the context and the reference market as well as a range of profitable financial instruments that focus on asset classes that stand out for their high degree of innovativeness. The expertise gained in managing alternative investment funds has also allowed to rapidly develop an innovative and dynamic specialization in creating ordinary investment funds. Finint Investments SGR qualifies as the ideal institutional instrument to promote, set up and manage investment funds and manage investment portfolios on behalf of institutional investors. www.finintsgr.com

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