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## RHB Investment Bank Issues 10 New Call Warrants Over Companies Listed In Hong Kong

**Kuala Lumpur** – RHB Investment Bank Berhad ("RHBIB"), the investment banking arm of RHB Banking Group, has issued 10 new call warrants over some of the world's biggest Hong Kong and China companies. Popular names among our local investors include the likes of Tencent Holdings, Geely Automobile, CK Hutchison, Bank of China and the recently listed Xiaomi Corporation. The others are Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Ping An Insurance, Sands China, Country Garden and China Mobile.

Tencent Holdings ("Tencent") is currently the largest company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange with a market capitalization of over HKD2.5 trillion. Its gaming arm, Tencent Games, is the world largest gaming company in terms of revenue, which brought in approximately USD18 billion in 2017. Tencent is also well known for its mobile application called WeChat, also known as China's "app for everything" because of its wide range of functions and platforms. WeChat has just passed the billion-user milestone earlier this year.

Geely Automobile ("Geely") manufactures and sells passenger vehicles primarily in China. As reported in Bloomberg, Geely surpassed its top 3 Japanese rivals to become the third-largest carmaker in China, reporting a 54% jump in net income for the 6 months through June 2018. Its parent company, Zhejiang Geely Holdings is one of the world's largest auto makers with an output of 1.24 million units last year.

"RHBIB continuously strive to meet investors demand via product innovation. Last year, we have successfully listed 16 physical-settled call warrants over Malaysian stocks. This year, with the listing of these 10 new Hong Kong stock call warrants, it will provide the local investors an opportunity to gain exposure to the biggest Hong Kong companies without having to leave Bursa Malaysia," said Robert Huray, Chief Executive Officer, RHB Investment Bank Berhad.

"These Hong Kong stock warrants will allow the local investors to diversify their investment portfolio, gaining leverage exposure to large corporations like Tencent Holdings with just a small fraction of the underlying share price," added Robert.

Currently RHBIB is the only warrant issuer to list foreign stock warrants on Bursa Malaysia Berhad. Working closely with Bursa Malaysia, RHBIB is targeting to list up to 30 Hong Kong stock warrants by the end of 2018, adding more variety to the Malaysian stock market.

The 10 new Hong Kong call warrants will be listed and traded on Bursa Malaysia starting on Oct 18, 2018. For further enquiries with regards to the structured warrants, please contact our warrants team at 603-9200 2185.

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