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RHB LAUNCHES FOCUS INCOME BOND FUND – SERIES 13, BROADENS ACCESS TO GLOBAL FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITIES

Three-year closed-ended fund designed to provide potential regular income distribution with exposure to AUD fixed income market

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Kuala Lumpur – RHB Banking Group ("RHB" or the "Group"), through RHB Asset Management Sdn Bhd (RHBAM), has launched the RHB Focus Income Bond Fund – Series 13 (RHB FIBF13), a three-year closed-ended fund designed to provide investors with income opportunities through a concentrated portfolio of global debt instruments, including exposure to the Australian Dollar (AUD) fixed income market. The Fund seeks to capture attractive bond yields amid geopolitical uncertainty while offering potential portfolio diversification.

The launch comes as global bond yields have climbed to multi-year highs on persistent inflation concerns and shifting central bank policy paths, while a renewed focus on portfolio resilience keeps fixed income central to long-term asset allocation. As investors look beyond domestic markets, global fixed income provides access to a broader range of issuers, sectors and markets.

The Fund will invest predominantly in a diversified portfolio of global debt instruments, including bonds, commercial papers, bankers' acceptances and credit-linked notes, with the flexibility to hold money market instruments and deposits for liquidity management. Its defined three-year tenure supports a disciplined investment approach focused on identifying attractive yields and potential capital appreciation.

"The Australian bond market is one of the region's more established fixed income markets outside of the US Bond Market, offering access to a broad range of issuers across government, financial and corporate sectors. Its depth and diversity make it an attractive market for investors looking to broaden their fixed income exposure," said Ng Chze How, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, RHBAM.

"Through RHB FIBF13, investors can gain access to a professionally managed portfolio of global debt securities through a single investment solution. Subject to the availability of distributable income and market conditions, the Fund aims to declare quarterly distributions at approximately 5.25% to 5.75% per annum over its three-year tenure," he added.

RHB FIBF13 is targeted at investors seeking exposure to global high grade fixed income investments and who are comfortable committing to a three-year investment horizon.

The launch reinforces RHBAM's continued efforts to expand its investment offerings and provide investors with access to a broader range of markets and asset classes. It also supports RHB's PROGRESS27 corporate strategy by strengthening the Group's retail wealth proposition and enhancing the range of wealth solutions available to clients. The Fund will be distributed through RHB's nationwide network of wealth and investment advisers.

For more information on RHB FIBF13, investors may visit www.rhbgroup.com/myinvest or speak to an authorised representative at the nearest RHB Bank branch.