

# Fitch Ratings

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Dear Chairman Jiang,

**Re: Rating Verification for Horizon Securities Co., Ltd.**

This letter is provided in response to a request that Fitch (see definition below) verify the ratings of Horizon Securities Co., Ltd. As of today's date, Fitch verifies that the ratings for Horizon Securities Co., Ltd. are:

- National Long-Term Rating of '**BBB(twn)**'; Outlook Stable
- National Short-Term Rating of '**F3(twn)**'
- Withdrawn Support Rating
- Withdrawn Individual Rating

These ratings are listed and updated on Fitch's public website under <https://www.fitchratings.com/entity/horizon-securities-co-ltd-83546066>

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If we can be of further assistance, please contact Carol Liu, Associate Director at +86 21 68988001.

Sincerely,

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