



招商銀行股份有限公司

CHINA MERCHANTS BANK CO., LTD.

(A joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock code: 3968)

**OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT
ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING OFFICIAL COMMENCEMENT OF
BUSINESS OF NEW YORK BRANCH**

This announcement is made by China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. (the “Company”) pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The New York Branch of the Company will officially commence business on 8 October 2008 (United States Eastern time). The New York Branch of the Company will engage in wholesale deposit-taking, lending, trade finance and other banking services.

By order of the Board of Directors of
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd.

Chairman

Qin Xiao

8 October 2008

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Ma Weihua, Zhang Guanghua and Li Hao; the non-executive directors of the Company are Qin Xiao, Wei Jiafu, Fu Yuning, Li Yinquan, Hong Xiaoyuan, Ding An Hua Edward, Sun Yueying, Wang Daxiong and Fu Junyuan; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Wu Jiesi, Yan Lan, Yi Xiqun, Chow Kwong Fai, Edward, Liu Yongzhang and Liu Hongxia.