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HSBC BANK PLC ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST INTERNATIONAL RMB BOND

HSBC Bank Plc this morning announced that it will issue an international RMB bond, the first RMB bond to be launched outside of Chinese sovereign territories.

Stuart Gulliver, Group Chief Executive said: “We are proud to be able to issue this bond. It represents another step in London's development as a premier international trading centre for the renminbi and is an early sign of the huge potential that this market represents.”

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HSBC Bank plc

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HSBC Holdings plc

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