

## BONDS AND SUKUK

# CAGAMAS ISSUANCES SURPASS TARGET

Total amount of RM15.8b for the year is highest in past decade, says company

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**T**HE National Mortgage Corp of Malaysia, Cagamas Bhd, yesterday announced a combined issuance of RM1.4 billion bonds and

sukuk, bringing the total issuance for the year to RM15.8 billion, which surpassed its initial target.

The latest issuance of RM1.4 billion comprises RM800 million Conventional Medium-Term

Notes (CMTNs), RM400 million Islamic Medium-Term Notes (IMTNs), RM100 million Conventional Commercial Papers (CCPs) and RM100 million Islamic Commercial Papers (ICPs).

The CMTN and IMTNs will mature in one year while the CPs and ICPs have a tenure of six months.

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*Cagamas Bhd says proceeds from its latest bond issuance will be used to fund the purchases of mortgage loans and Islamic home financing from the financial system.*

financing from the domestic financial system.

"We are pleased to have concluded the issuance as it brings the company's total aggregate issuances for the year to RM15.8 billion, marking the company's highest in the past decade.

"Despite a reduction in the primary supply of local currency corporate bonds within the domestic market of more than 10 per cent year-on-year, the overall amount issued by the company also marked an increase of more than RM400 million from the

year before," said chief executive officer Datuk Chung Chee Leong in a statement yesterday.

Despite concerns about Malaysia's debts, the company's issuances were well absorbed at competitive levels, which showed strength of the domestic market as well as investors' confidence in the company's credit profile.

"We remain optimistic as we usher in 2019 and will continue to fulfil our mandate as intermediation between the capital market and the housing sector," he said.

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