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Investors and Wealth Advisers Now Have Access to Bonds and ETFs on iFAST Singapore

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Key highlights

- iFAST Singapore, the Singapore subsidiary of iFAST Corp, now distributes bonds on its Fundsupermart.com (B2C) and iFAST (B2B) platforms.
- iFAST B2B platform will also be distributing ETFs to the FA companies, banks and financial institutions using its platform.
- To help investors find useful research and information on bonds, iFAST Corp has launched a regional bond information portal, Bondsupermart.
- "While working on the launch of Bondsupermart, we have been guided by our mission statement, 'To help investors around the world invest globally and profitably', because we want every investor to have easy access to research and information to become a bond specialist," says Mr Lim Chung Chun, Chairman and CEO of iFAST Corp.
- "SGX welcomes iFAST Singapore's business expansion to include distribution of ETFs and bonds. The broadened product offering by iFAST Singapore and financial advisers will benefit the investing community," says Ms Jenny Chiam, Senior Vice President and Head of Securities at Singapore Exchange.

SINGAPORE (21 *May* 2015) – iFAST Financial Pte Ltd (iFAST Singapore), the Singapore subsidiary of SGX-ST Mainboard-listed iFAST Corporation Ltd. (iFAST Corp), has launched the distribution of bonds and Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), to add to unit trusts (funds) and Singapore Government Securities (SGS), which have so far been its main investment product offerings to investors and wealth advisers. iFAST Singapore has two business divisions, namely its Business-to-Consumer (B2C) division, Fundsupermart.com (FSM) which caters to Do-It-Yourself (DIY) investors, and its Business-to-Business (B2B) division, iFAST, which caters to financial advisory (FA) companies, banks and financial institutions.

DIY investors who prefer to do their own research into investment products and transact on their own, can now find information and buy from over 300 bonds on Bonds@FSM at Fundsupermart.com (www.fundsupermart.com). Likewise, wealth advisers using iFAST (www.ifastfinancial.com) can also find information on bonds and recommend them to clients as part of their wealth management advisory service. While bonds are distributed on both Bonds@FSM and iFAST, ETFs will, for a start, be



made available on the iFAST platform only. A total of 87 ETFs currently listed on the Singapore Exchange will be available for distribution on the iFAST platform.

"Bonds and ETFs are important investment products that can add value to an investor's portfolio. These two investment products will enhance our platform's product offerings, in addition to the funds and Singapore Government Securities that we have so far been distributing. We have also developed a regional bond information portal, Bondsupermart, to provide research and information, such as the prices and yields-to-maturity of over 300 bonds, for investors. This initiative to create a dedicated bond information portal is to help investors around the world find crucial bond information that has so far been difficult to obtain. While working on the launch of Bondsupermart, we have been guided by our mission statement, 'To help investors around the world invest globally and profitably', because we want every investor to have easy access to research and information to become a bond specialist," says Mr Lim Chung Chun, Chairman and CEO of iFAST Corp.

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Historically, it has been difficult for investors to source for information on bonds, be it the type of bonds available for them to buy, and the bonds' prices, fees, yields or credit rating. The lack of accessibility to such critical information has meant that bonds have not been a fixture in many an investor's portfolio. Bonds have often been exclusively distributed to institutional and high net worth investors.

With Bondsupermart (<u>www.bondsupermart.com</u>), iFAST Singapore intends to make bonds an easier-to-understand investment product, by providing comprehensive research on over 300 bonds, highlighting the background of the issuers, and the opportunities and risks associated with the different bonds. Investors and wealth advisers can now make use of bond analysis tools such as the Bond Selector to compare the yield-to-maturity of government bonds, corporate bonds, high yield bonds, and quasi-sovereign bonds from Singapore and other international markets. Investors visiting Bonds@FSM can also find research and information in both English and Chinese languages.

Bonds and ETFs have garnered extra attention recently in Singapore, as more initiatives have been introduced for investors to have access to simpler investment products. "Investors and wealth advisers can expect comprehensive research into bonds and ETFs, just as how we have put in resources to provide useful research and information on funds when we started our business 15 years ago. We will also be working actively on educating the public on the different investment products because



it can be overwhelming to study all of them," says Mr Lim Chung Chun.

About iFAST Corp and iFAST Singapore

iFAST Financial Pte Ltd (iFAST Singapore) is the Singapore subsidiary of SGX-ST Mainboard-listed iFAST Corporation Ltd. (iFAST Corp), which is present in Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia and China. iFAST Singapore holds the Capital Market Services licence and the Financial Advisers licence, issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore, and is also a Central Provident Fund-registered Investment Administrator.

iFAST Corp (stock code: AIY) is an Internet-based investment products distribution platform, with assets under administration (AUA) of approximately S\$5.75 billion as at 31 March 2015. Incorporated in the year 2000 in Singapore, iFAST Corp provides a comprehensive range of services, including investment administration and transactions services, research and trainings, IT services and backroom functions to financial advisory (FA) companies, banks, financial institutions, multinational companies, as well as investors in Asia.

iFAST Corp has two main business divisions, namely our Business-to-Consumer (B2C) website, Fundsupermart.com (FSM), which caters to DIY investors, and our Business-to-Business (B2B) platform which caters to the specialised needs of financial advisory (FA) companies, banks and financial institutions.

As at 31 March 2015 and across the jurisdictions iFAST Corp operates in, the Group has over 115 distribution agreements with global fund houses offering over 1,800 investment products (including over 1,600 funds) on the platform. Over 5,000 wealth advisers from more than 150 FA companies, banks and financial institutions use the regional iFAST B2B platform.

The Group's mission statement is, "To help investors around the world invest globally and profitably". The Group celebrates its 15th year anniversary in 2015.

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