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**RHB SHAREHOLDERS APPROVE FINAL DIVIDEND OF 10 SEN; TOTAL PAYOUT RATIO OF 31%**

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**Kuala Lumpur** – RHB Bank Berhad (“the Bank”) held its 52nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Royale Chulan Kuala Lumpur here today. All resolutions put forth by the Board of Directors to shareholders were adopted, in particular;

1. Approved a single-tier final dividend of 10 sen per share in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2017.
2. Re-election/Re-appointment of three Board members namely, Encik Abdul Aziz Peru Mohamed (Independent Non-Executive Director), Mr Mohamed Ali Ismaeil Ali Alfahim (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director), Ms Ong Ai Lin (Independent Non-Executive Director)
3. Reappointment of Messrs PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditors of the Company
4. Authority for Directors to Issue Shares

The Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended (“FYE”) 31 December 2017 were also received at the AGM.

“In line with the RHB Banking Group’s commitment to consistently deliver value to our shareholders, a final dividend of 10 sen, amounting to RM401.0 million has been approved. Together with the interim dividend of 5 sen paid in October 2017, total dividend for 2017 is 15 sen per share, representing a dividend payout ratio of 30.8% out of the Group’s net profit attributable to shareholders of RM1,950.1 million for the financial year 2017,” said Dato’ Khairussaleh Ramli, Group Managing Director, RHB Banking Group.

“We remained prudent in managing our costs in 2017 and our balance sheet remains strong, as capital and liquidity are at comfortable levels which puts us in a good position to support our new 5-year strategy, which comprises of three components namely Funding the Journey, Invest to Win and Transform the Organisation (FIT22) to position RHB as a top three bank in Malaysia in terms of performance,” he added.

### **Financial Performance**

RHB Bank Berhad (“the Group”) reported a net profit of RM1,950.1 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2017, compared with RM1,681.6 million recorded in 2016 an increase of 16.0%. The improved performance was largely driven by higher net funding income, lower loan loss impairment and lower impairment losses on other assets, partially offset by higher overheads and lower non-fund based income.

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### **About the RHB Banking Group**

*The RHB Banking Group, with RHB Bank Berhad as the holding company, is the fourth largest fully integrated financial services group in Malaysia. The Group's core businesses are structured into seven main business pillars, namely Group Retail Banking, Group Business & Transaction Banking, Group Wholesale Banking, RHB Singapore, Group Shariah Business, Group International Business and Group Insurance. Group Wholesale Banking comprises Corporate Banking, Investment Banking, Group Treasury & Global Markets, Asset Management and Private Equity. All the seven business pillars are offered through the Group's main subsidiaries – RHB Investment Bank Berhad, RHB Islamic Bank Berhad and RHB Insurance Berhad, while its asset management and unit trust businesses are undertaken by RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd. and RHB Islamic International Asset Management Berhad. The Group's regional presence now spans ten countries including Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong/China, Vietnam, Lao PDR and Myanmar.*

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