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Dear Sir/Madam

QBE ANNOUNCES PROPOSED ISSUE OF PERPETUAL FIXED RATE CAPITAL NOTES, INTENDED TO BE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH QBE'S GENDER EQUALITY BOND FRAMEWORK

Please find attached an announcement for release to the market.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn Scobie", written over a horizontal line.

Carolyn Scobie
Company Secretary

Attachment



MARKET RELEASE

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QBE is pleased to announce that it has mandated Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, HSBC Bank plc and Cr dit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank in connection with a proposed issue of Perpetual Fixed Rate Capital Notes to be issued by QBE under its U.S.\$4,000,000,000 Medium Term Note Programme.

Notes are intended to be issued in accordance with QBE's Gender Equality Bond Framework. QBE has developed a gender equality bond framework to guide the issuance of notes to further its commitment to gender equality in the workplace ("**Gender Equality Bond Framework**"). The Gender Equality Bond Framework is available on QBE's website at www.group.qbe.com/corporate-governance/background-documents. Compliance with QBE's Gender Equality Bond Framework is neither a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities nor a credit rating.

If a transaction eventuates, pricing and further details in relation to the Notes will be the subject of a further announcement.

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