

## **QNB Finance Ltd**

**Issue of U.S.\$740,000,000 Zero Coupon Notes due 8 September 2060 (the "Notes")**

**Guaranteed by Qatar National Bank (Q.P.S.C.)**

**under the U.S.\$22,500,000,000**

**Medium Term Note Programme**

Issue Price: 100 per cent.

Issue Date: 8 September 2020

This information package includes the prospectus dated 18 March 2020 and the supplements thereto dated 14 April 2020 and 7 August 2020 in relation to the U.S.\$22,500,000,000 Medium Term Note Programme of QNB Finance Ltd (the "**Issuer**") (the "**Prospectus**") and the Pricing Supplement dated 28 August 2020 in respect of the Notes (the "**Pricing Supplement**", together with the Prospectus, the "**Information Package**").

The Notes will be issued by the Issuer and guaranteed by Qatar National Bank (Q.P.S.C.).

Application is expected to be made by the Issuer for the Notes to be listed on the Taipei Exchange ("**TPEX**") in the Republic of China (the "**ROC**").

The Notes will be traded on the TPEX pursuant to the applicable rules of the TPEX. Effective date of listing of the Notes on the TPEX is on or about 8 September 2020.

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The Notes have not been, and shall not be, offered, sold or re-sold, directly or indirectly, to investors other than "professional institutional investors" as defined under Paragraph 2, of Article 4 of the Financial Consumer Protection Act of the ROC, which currently includes: (i) overseas and domestic banks, securities firms, futures firms and insurance companies (excluding insurance agencies, insurance brokers and insurance surveyors), the foregoing as further described in greater detail in Paragraph 3 of Article 2 of the Organisation Act of the Financial Supervisory Commission; (ii) overseas and domestic fund management companies, government investment institutions, government funds, pension funds, mutual funds, unit trusts, and funds managed by financial service enterprises pursuant to the ROC Securities Investment Trust and Consulting Act, the ROC Futures Trading Act or the ROC Trust Enterprise Act or investment assets mandated and delivered by or transferred for trust by financial consumers; and (iii) other institutions recognised by the Financial Supervisory Commission of the ROC. Purchasers of the Notes are not permitted to sell or otherwise dispose of the Notes except by transfer to aforementioned professional institutional investor.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"). Subject to certain exceptions, the Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined under the Securities Act), except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

There are no manufacturers for the purposes of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "**MiFID II**"). Any person offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "**distributor**") should consider (i) the target market for the Notes to be eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in MiFID II, and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients to be appropriate. However, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the target market) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

## ROC TAXATION

*The following summary of certain taxation provisions under ROC law is based on current law and practice and that the Notes will be issued, offered, sold and re-sold, directly or indirectly, to professional institutional investors as defined under Paragraph 2 of Article 4 of the Financial Consumer Protection Act of the ROC only. It does not purport to be comprehensive and does not constitute legal or tax advice. Investors (particularly those subject to special tax rules, such as banks, dealers, insurance companies and tax-exempt entities) should consult with their own tax advisers regarding the tax consequences of an investment in the Notes.*

### *Interest on the Notes*

As the Issuer of the Notes is not an ROC statutory tax withholding, there is no ROC withholding tax on the interest or deemed interest to be paid on the Notes.

ROC corporate holders must include the interest or deemed interest receivable under the Notes as part of their taxable income and pay income tax at a flat rate of 20 per cent. (unless the total taxable income for a fiscal year is under NTD 120,000), as they are subject to income tax on their worldwide income on an accrual basis. The alternative minimum tax ("**AMT**") is not applicable.

### *Sale of the Notes*

In general, the sale of corporate bonds or financial bonds is subject to a 0.1 per cent. securities transaction tax ("**STT**") on the transaction price. However, Article 2-1 of the Securities Transaction Tax Act of the ROC prescribes that STT will cease to be levied on the sale of corporate bonds and financial bonds from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2026.

Therefore, the sale of the Notes will be exempt from STT if the sale is conducted on or before 31 December 2026. Starting from 1 January 2027, any sale of the Notes will be subject to STT at 0.1 per cent. of the transaction price, unless otherwise provided by the tax laws that may be in force at that time.

Capital gains generated from the sale of bonds are exempt from ROC income tax. Accordingly, ROC corporate holders are not subject to income tax on any capital gains generated from the

sale of the Notes. However, ROC corporate holders should include the capital gains from the sale of the Notes in calculating their basic income for the purpose of calculating their AMT. If the amount of the AMT exceeds the ordinary income tax calculated pursuant to the Income Basic Tax Act (also known as the AMT Act), the excess becomes the ROC corporate holders' AMT payable. Capital losses, if any, incurred by such holders could be carried over five years to offset against capital gains of same category of income for the purposes of calculating their AMT.

#### ROC SETTLEMENT AND TRADING

Investors with a securities book-entry account with an ROC securities broker and a foreign currency deposit account with an ROC bank may request the approval of the Taiwan Depository & Clearing Corporation (the "**TDCC**") for the settlement of the Notes through the account of TDCC with Euroclear or Clearstream and if such approval is granted by TDCC, the Notes may be so cleared and settled. In such circumstances, TDCC will allocate the respective book-entry interest of such investor in the Notes to the securities book-entry account designated by such investor in the ROC. The Notes will be traded and settled pursuant to the applicable rules and operating procedures of TDCC and the TPEx as domestic bonds.

In addition, an investor may apply to TDCC (by filling in a prescribed form) to transfer the Notes in its own account with Euroclear or Clearstream to the TDCC account with Euroclear or Clearstream for trading in the domestic market or vice versa for trading in overseas markets.

For such investors who hold their interest in the Notes through an account opened and held by TDCC with Euroclear or Clearstream, distributions of principal and/or interest for the Notes to such holders may be made by payment services banks whose systems are connected to TDCC to the foreign currency deposit accounts of the holders. Such payment is expected to be made on the second Taiwanese business day following TDCC's receipt of such payment (due to time difference, the payment is expected to be received by TDCC one Taiwanese business day after the distribution date). However, when the holders will actually receive such distributions may vary depending upon the daily operations of the ROC banks with which the holder has the foreign currency deposit account.

#### ADDITIONAL RISK FACTOR

Application is expected to be made for the listing of the Notes on the TPEx. No assurance can be given as to whether the Notes will be, or will remain, listed on the TPEx. If the Notes fail to or cease to be listed on the TPEx, certain investors may not invest in, or continue to hold or invest in, the Notes.

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