Announcement

Issuance of Additional Tier 1 Capital Securities

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Further to its announcements dated 28 August 2018 and 14 December 2018 with respect to the issuance of €220 mn in principal amount of Additional Tier 1 Capital Securities (the “Capital Securities”), Bank of Cyprus Holdings Public Limited Company (“BOCH” and, together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) announces that the issue and settlement of the Capital Securities occurred today, 19 December 2018.

The proceeds of the issue of the Capital Securities have been on-lent by BOCH to its subsidiary, Bank of Cyprus Public Company Limited (the “Bank”), and will be used by the Bank for general corporate purposes. The on-loan is intended to qualify as Additional Tier 1 capital for the Bank under Regulation (EU) No 575/2013. The issuance is expected to strengthen the Total Capital ratio of the Group by c.140 bps.

1 Based on the latest published Group financial results for the nine months ended 30 September 2018.