

Bursa Plans Retail Bond Issue In 2nd Half Of 2012
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 29 (Bernama) -- Bursa Malaysia Bhd plans to come out with a retail bond issue especially for retail investors in the second half of 2012.

CEO Datuk Tajuddin Atan said the exchange-traded bonds could be bought through brokers just like equities. It would offer stability to retail investors and enable them to have exposure to interest rates, he said.

"Bonds are always traded on the over the counter (OTC) market and the participants have always been institutionals.

"My thinking is that, why not offer to retail investors that have more transparency and that can create liquidity and can give stability," he said after Bursa Malaysia's 35th annual general meeting here Wednesday.

He said the exchange was going through several issues and was looking at issuing the bonds in the second half of this year after putting a few things in place.

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