Frequently Asked Questions

Non-Resident Borrowing in Malaysia	
Questions	**Answer**
1. Can a non-resident individual borrow in ringgit from his non-resident brother for any purpose?	• Yes, a non-resident individual is free to borrow any amount in ringgit or foreign currency from his resident or non-resident immediate family members (i.e. spouse, parents, children and siblings) for any purpose.
2. Can a non-resident borrow in ringgit from his non-resident brother in-law for any purpose?	• No, brother in-law is not immediate family members.
3. Can a non-resident obtain ringgit margin financing facility from a resident stock broking company to purchase shares of a Malaysian company listed on Bursa Malaysia?	• Yes.
4. Can a non-resident borrow in ringgit in Malaysia for any purpose?	• No. A non-resident can only borrow in ringgit to finance activities in the real sector in Malaysia, including the purchase of immovable property, except for purchase of land only.
5. Can a non-resident obtain ringgit trade financing to facilitate settlement of international trade with residents?	• Yes
6. Where can a non-resident source ringgit?	• A non-resident can obtain ringgit from the following sources: ✓ the non-resident's own external account maintained with a licensed onshore bank; ✓ sale of foreign currency for ringgit with: o a licensed onshore bank; o an appointed overseas office of a licensed onshore bank; or o a non-resident financial institution (for settlement of purchase of goods or services with a resident). ✓ ringgit trade financing facility from a licensed onshore bank.