

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## BANK OF SINGAPORE STRENGTHENS ITS GREATER CHINA TEAM WITH TWO SENIOR HIRES

Singapore, 20 December 2011 – Bank of Singapore today announced the appointment of two seasoned bankers, Ms Pauline Chung and Mr Arthur Fong, to its Greater China team. Both individuals have been appointed Managing Director and Market Head for Greater China, with Pauline Chung based in Hong Kong and Arthur Fong in Singapore. Pauline is also the Head of Strategy for the Greater China business. They report to Mr Sermon Kwan, Managing Director, Head of Greater China and Chief Executive of Bank of Singapore's Hong Kong branch.

On the new appointments, Mr Sermon Kwan, said, "Pauline and Arthur bring with them invaluable experience having spent a large part of their careers in private banking. I believe their contributions will further entrench our business in the Greater China region, especially as we prepare to set up our private banking operations in China via OCBC China, subject to regulatory approval.



Pauline joined Bank of Singapore on 1 December 2011. A veteran private banker with more than 25 years of experience, she has held various leadership and management positions with several global private banks including HSBC Private Bank and UBS in Hong Kong, covering the China and Hong Kong market.

Prior to joining Bank of Singapore, Pauline was the Managing Director and Market Head of China at Bank Julius Baer & Co, Hong Kong. As the founding member of the bank's China team, she was responsible for formulating and implementing its China market strategies.

Pauline holds a Master Degree of Economics from the University of Alberta, Canada.



Arthur joined the Bank on 1 November 2011. He has more than 20 years of experience in private banking, focusing on the Greater China market. Arthur has held leadership roles in various global private banks including Citigroup Private Bank, Singapore and UBS AG, Singapore. He is also an elected member of the Singapore Parliament since 2001.

Prior to joining Bank of Singapore, Arthur was the Deputy Market Leader cum Team Leader at Credit Suisse AG, Singapore.

Arthur holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Management from the University of Oregon, the United States of America.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Private Banker International 2011

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>FinanceAsia 2010 & 2011

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Alpha South East Asia 2010 & 2011

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Asiamoney 2011

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