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**OCBC Bank is Largest Corporate Sponsor to Date at Gardens by the Bay with Sponsorship of Supertree Aerial Walkway and Light and Sound Show**

**Singapore, 30 April 2012** – Gardens by the Bay, partnering the Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited (“OCBC Bank”), today announced that OCBC Bank will be sponsoring two of the Gardens’ permanent highlights when it opens to the public on 29 June 2012. The two features are the Supertree aerial walkway and a spectacular light and sound show at the Supertree Grove which will be named the “OCBC Skyway” and the “OCBC Light and Sound Show” respectively.

The OCBC Skyway is located at the Supertree Grove, part of the central outdoor area of Gardens by the Bay. Suspended at a height of 22 metres above ground between two Supertrees, the 128-metre-long aerial walkway offers a sprawling view of the Gardens against the bustling backdrop of Marina Bay.

Part of OCBC Bank’s sponsorship also goes into the production of a light and sound show at the Supertree Grove, to be unveiled to dramatic effect as part of the opening programme for Gardens by the Bay. Visitors will be able to catch this free show which comes on nightly from 2 July 2012.

The two attractions are made possible with a generous donation of S\$8 million from OCBC Bank, making the bank the largest corporate sponsor to date at Gardens by the Bay.

Mr Samuel Tsien, Chief Executive Officer of OCBC Bank shared, “OCBC Bank has always recognised that our success depends on the support of the community that we operate in. And, from the days of our founder, Mr Lee Kong Chian, we have believed in the principle of giving back. So on the occasion of our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary



this year, we are delighted to be able to present the OCBC Skyway and the accompanying Light and Sound Show to Singapore. Through our sponsorship, we would like to thank the community for their support and to affirm our commitment to our home country.”

Mr Tsien added, “Our presence in this area is unique - located high above the ground, in the heart of lush greenery and lighted up at night to the accompaniment of music, the OCBC Skyway is an iconic structure that will be hard to miss. Whether you are touring the Gardens, driving along the expressway or, enjoying yourself at the entertainment resort, you just can’t miss it.”

With this latest initiative, OCBC Bank is adding another iconic achievement to the many it has garnered since its establishment in 1932.

OCBC Bank has had a history of taking the lead in identifying and developing iconic landmarks; and working with leading partners of the time. When its head office at 65 Chulia Street, OCBC Centre was first opened in 1976, the 50-storey skyscraper was the tallest building in the country and Southeast Asia. In 2001, OCBC Centre was marked as a historic site by the National Heritage Board and became the oldest building in Singapore to receive the Building and Construction Authority Green Mark Gold Award for its sustainability efforts in 2011.

Dr Kiat W. Tan, Chief Executive Officer of Gardens by the Bay said, “We congratulate OCBC Bank on their foresight in contributing towards these two key highlights in Gardens by the Bay. This partnership reflects our commitment in keeping the Gardens accessible to the public. We will continue to seek long-term partnerships with individuals and organisations who share our aspirations to make Gardens by the Bay the pride of Singapore and a destination for all to enjoy.”



*The OCBC Skyway will be accessible when the Gardens officially opens to the public on 29 June 2012. Visitors can look forward to catching the free light and sound show every night from 2 July 2012.*

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### **About OCBC Bank**

OCBC Bank is the longest established Singapore bank, formed in 1932 from the merger of three local banks, the oldest of which was founded in 1912. It is now the second largest financial services group in Southeast Asia by assets and one of the world's most highly-rated banks, with an Aa1 rating from Moody's. It is also ranked by Bloomberg Markets as the world's strongest bank.

OCBC Bank and its subsidiaries offer a broad array of specialist financial services, ranging from consumer, corporate, investment, private and transaction banking to treasury, insurance, asset management and stockbroking services.

OCBC Bank's key markets are Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Greater China. It has a network of over 500 branches and representative offices in 15 countries and territories, including more than 400 branches and offices in Indonesia that are operated by its subsidiary, Bank OCBC NISP.

OCBC Bank's insurance subsidiary, Great Eastern Holdings, is the largest insurance group in Singapore and Malaysia by assets. Its asset management subsidiary, Lion Global Investors, is one of the largest private sector asset management companies in Southeast Asia. Private banking services are provided by subsidiary Bank of Singapore, which continued to gain industry recognition in 2011 including being voted the "Outstanding Private Bank in Asia Pacific" by Private Banker International.

For more information, please visit [www.ocbc.com](http://www.ocbc.com).



### **About Gardens by the Bay**

An integral part of Singapore's "City in a Garden" vision, Gardens by the Bay spans a total of 101 hectares of prime land at the heart of Singapore's new downtown – Marina Bay. Comprising three waterfront gardens – Bay South, Bay East and Bay Central – it is a showcase of horticulture and garden artistry.

A project started by the National Parks Board, Gardens by the Bay has grown to become an independent organisation and registered charity responsible for developing and managing this world-class garden destination and national icon.

For more information, please visit [www.gardensbythebay.org.sg](http://www.gardensbythebay.org.sg) or [www.facebook.com/gardensbythebay](https://www.facebook.com/gardensbythebay).