



OVERSEA-CHINESE BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED

(Incorporated in Singapore)

(Company Registration No. 193200032W)

**OCBC BANK SUCCESSFULLY PRICED
US\$500 MILLION OF LOWER TIER 2 SUBORDINATED NOTES**

Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited ("**OCBC Bank**") wishes to announce that it has successfully priced US\$500 million of subordinated notes ("**Notes**") in an offering targeted at Asian and European based institutional and sophisticated investors. The net proceeds from the issue of the Notes will be used for general corporate purposes of OCBC Bank. J.P. Morgan (S.E.A.) Limited, Morgan Stanley Asia (Singapore) Pte., OCBC Bank and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Singapore Branch acted as Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners for this issue.

The Notes are expected to qualify as Lower Tier 2 regulatory capital of OCBC Bank. The issue is part of OCBC Bank's ongoing capital management plan to improve the mix of its Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital to enhance the cost efficiency of its capital structure. As of 30 September 2010, OCBC Group's total capital comprised predominantly of Tier 1 capital as its Tier 2 capital had declined over the past years, mainly due to amortisation of its subordinated notes maturing in 2011, which no longer qualify as capital, and deductions for investments made in subsidiaries. The Group's Tier 1 and total capital adequacy ratios were 15.2% and 15.5%, respectively, as of 30 September 2010. The Core Tier 1 ratio, excluding perpetual and innovative preference shares was 11.5%.

Based on the transitional arrangements for Basel 3 announced on 12 September 2010 by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, OCBC Bank expects the Notes to continue to be recognised as Lower Tier 2 capital and play a role in satisfying regulatory deduction requirements, until 31 December 2017.

The Notes are priced at 99.367%, and will bear interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum from the issue date to the call date on 15 November 2017 ("**Call Date**"). If the Notes are not redeemed, or purchased and cancelled, the interest rate from the Call Date to the maturity date falling on, or nearest to, 15 November 2022 will be reset to a floating rate per annum equal to 3-month LIBOR plus 1.848%. The Notes are issued under OCBC Bank's S\$4 billion Programme for Issuance of Debt Instruments.

The Notes have been rated Aa2 by Moody's Investors Service, A+ by Fitch Ratings Ltd and A by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services.

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The Notes are expected to be issued on 15 November 2010. Approval in-principle has been received for the listing of the Notes on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**SGX-ST**") and the Notes are expected to be listed on the SGX-ST on 16 November 2010. The SGX-ST assumes no responsibility for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions or reports contained herein. Admission of the Notes to the Official List of the SGX-ST is not to be taken as an indication of the merits of OCBC Bank or the Notes.

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