

## OCBC BANK'S BUSINESS ASSOCIATES FETED TO A SPLENDOROUS PERANAKAN-THEMED CELEBRATION

Kuala Lumpur, 7 September 2015 – The elegance and grace of *nyonya kebayas* were on full display as OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (OCBC Bank) played host to its key corporate clients during a *peranakan*-themed Appreciation Night at Aloft Kuala Lumpur Sentral recently.

The *peranakan* theme was designed as a tribute to the founding fathers of OCBC Bank, several of whom, unbeknownst to many, were of *peranakan* lineage.



Mr Ng Seow Pang (Head, Global Treasury, OCBC Malaysia), Mr Jeffrey Teoh (Head, Corporate & Commercial Banking, OCBC Malaysia), Tuan Syed Abdul Aziz Syed Kechik (Director & CEO, OCBC Al-Amin), Ms Tan Ai Chin (Senior Banker/Head of Investment Banking, OCBC Malaysia), Dato' Ooi Sang Kuang (Chairman, OCBC Bank), Mr Ong Eng Bin (CEO, OCBC Malaysia), Mr George Lee (Head, Global Corporate Banking, OCBC Singapore) & Mr Gan Kok Kim (Head, Global Investment Banking, OCBC Singapore)

The event kicked off with a cocktail function soaked in all things *peranakan* – a *kacang putih* vendor dishing out tasty snacks, pretty *nyonyas* serving delicious *kuih-muih* from *kopitiam* tables whilst seated on the matching chairs, caricaturists whipping up fanciful *peranakan* representations, and a vintage trishaw to complete the picture. The entire function room was transformed into

a scene resembling the charming vibrant historical streets of the Straits Settlement.

The crowd was dressed to impress that evening, with the ladies in their most splendid *nyonya kebayas* featuring intricate embroideries and elegant broaches whilst the men were decked in fashionable modern *batik* motif shirts. Guests were, not surprisingly, mesmerised by the vibrancy of the colours and the rich culture behind the *peranakan* theme, and duly applauded the unique concept the evening brought with it.



Ms Patricia Siow (General Manager, Berjaya Corporation Berhad), Ms Foo May Quin (Assistant Vice President, Corporate Banking, OCBC Malaysia), Ms Nurhuda (Assistant Vice President, Corporate Banking, OCBC Malaysia), Ms Cherie Wong (Head, Debt Markets & Structured Finance, OCBC Malaysia), Ms Angeline Chia (Vice President, Treasury Advisory, OCBC Malaysia), Ms Vivienne Cheng (Executive Director, Berjaya Corporation Berhad), Ms Ho Say Keng (Accountant & Group Company Secretary, YTL Corporation Berhad) & Ms Rosalyn (Business Head, Corporate Banking, OCBC Malaysia)

In his opening speech, Dato' Ooi Sang Kuang, Chairman of OCBC Bank, highlighted the Bank's heritage nostalgically as he reflected on how the Bank was always "building bridges and carving niches, creating enduring partnerships with clients and the community."

The evening's celebration began with the screening of a specially curated video that offered a glimpse into the early days of OCBC Bank dating back almost a century when *peranakan* entrepreneurs in the Malayan Straits Settlement engineered great establishments despite the upheavals of the time. The theme of the evening *The Peranakan Legacy with OCBC - A Unique Heritage Journey* aptly demonstrated OCBC Bank's progress through the

ages, the modernization, the extensive suite of services, its philanthropic and community bridging culture and, importantly, the core values it stands by.

Today, OCBC Bank is the only Bank to be ranked among the top five strongest banks in the world for five years running.

The highly-acclaimed soprano and beautiful songstress Syafinaz Selamat delighted the guests sending shivers of elation among the audience as they feasted on the specially curated *peranakan* fusion dinner. Malaysian celebrity and former Amazing Race Asia first runner up Vanessa Chong was the emcee for the evening. The highlight of the night was a special dance performance by staff members of OCBC Bank's Corporate Banking, Treasury and Investment Banking departments who swung to the classic tunes of Anneke Gronloh's *Boeroeng Kaka* and *Bengawan Solo* which had the guests cheering loudly.

Ms Tan Ai Chin, OCBC Bank's Senior Banker, Conglomerates & GLC Coverage and Head of Global Investment Banking said:

"It gave us so much joy to celebrate the enduring partnership with our loyal corporate clients through this special annual event. The *peranakan* theme was chosen to cherish the unique and colourful heritage of OCBC Bank and the virtues and strong links with the community inculcated in the grains of the organization by its founding fathers.

"We are very proud of this partnership with our valued business associates which continues to strengthen and flourish with the passing of time and we will continue to provide only the best financial solutions capitalizing on our growing international network and cross-border connectivity," she said.

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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. Recognised for its financial strength and stability, OCBC Bank has been ranked Asean's strongest bank and among the world's five strongest banks by Bloomberg Markets for five consecutive years since the ranking's inception in 2011.

OCBC Bank and its subsidiaries offer a broad array of commercial banking, specialist financial and wealth management 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 over 630 branches and representative offices in 18 countries and regions. These include the more than 330 branches and offices in Indonesia

under subsidiary Bank OCBC NISP, and more than 90 branches and offices in Hong Kong, China and Macau under OCBC Wing Hang.

OCBC Bank's private banking services are provided by its wholly-owned subsidiary Bank of Singapore, which has received increasing industry recognition as Asia's Global Private Bank, and was voted "Outstanding Private Bank in Southeast Asia in 2014" by Private Banker International.

OCBC Bank's insurance subsidiary, Great Eastern Holdings, is the oldest and most established life insurance group in Singapore and Malaysia. Its asset management subsidiary, Lion Global Investors, is one of the largest private sector asset management companies in Southeast Asia.

OCBC Bank offers Islamic banking products and services in Malaysia through its wholly-owned subsidiary, OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad.

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