

OCBC AL-AMIN REGISTERS 97% INCREASE IN PRE-TAX PROFIT

Growth rate is seven times over seven years of operations

Kuala Lumpur, 3 May 2016 – OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad (OCBC Al-Amin) registered a 97% increase in pre-tax profit, from RM87 million in 2014 to RM172 million last year, its seventh full year of operation.

The wholly-owned Islamic banking subsidiary of OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad, registered a net profit of RM138 million for the financial year, representing a 95% increase compared to the RM71 million achieved the previous year. Total income rose 15%.

With this OCBC Al-Amin has increased its pre-tax profit more than seven times since its first full year when it registered a pre-tax profit of RM24 million in 2009.

According to Chief Executive Officer Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik, the strong growth in 2015 was largely due to higher financing income from gross financing and advances, which grew 8% to RM10.2 billion supported by an increase in customer deposits which grew 2% to RM10.2 billion.



Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik, Chief Executive Officer of OCBC Al-Amin

“We worked extensively during the year to market Islamic financing and cash management solutions to corporates, SMEs and consumers, and enlarged our suite of financial solutions, including a new Shariah-compliant unit trust, to better serve our customers. Each of these initiatives combined to pave the way for the solid performance last year,” he said.

In collaboration with the Credit Guarantee Corporation Malaysia the Bank increased the size of the co-owned SME wholesale guarantee scheme, *Wholesale Guarantee-i*, to almost RM1 billion from RM500 million. OCBC Al-Amin also enlarged its suite of financial solutions to better serve its customers.

Three new OCBC Al-Amin branches were opened in 2015, in Kota Kemuning, Shah Alam; Sibul, Sarawak and Sandakan, Sabah. The Kota Kemuning branch featured the Bank's first ever Islamic premier banking centre, while the Sibul and Sandakan branches were the first ever to open in East Malaysia. The Bank's expansion into East Malaysia is a key part of its overall Islamic banking network-building strategy. There are now 13 OCBC Al-Amin branches nationwide.

As at 31 December 2015, the quality of the Bank's financing and advances remained strong with a net impaired financing ratio of 1.98% while total assets grew 7% to RM15 billion.

Shareholders' funds strengthened to RM986 million and the Bank is well capitalised with a core capital ratio and risk weighted capital ratio respectively of 12.75% and 14.75%.

Moving forward, Syed Abdull Aziz said the Bank will continue to build its capacity in the Islamic Banking wholesale and retail segments, and reinforce its existing strong network of distribution channels to acquire new customers and offer innovative solutions to existing and potential customers.

OCBC Al-Amin received the Top SME Supporter Award for its collaboration with Credit Guarantee Corporation Malaysia to make available its unsecured business financing facility through the country's only SME wholesale guarantee scheme, *Wholesale Guarantee-i*.

About OCBC Bank

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

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