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Press Release

**Samuel N. Tsien and OCBC Bank win Best CEO Leadership Achievement and Best Managed Bank in Singapore and Asia Pacific Awards**

*Hong Kong's The Bank of East Asia and Indonesia's Bank Central Asia also amongst 12 banks picked out for this triennial assessment of the leadership and management capabilities of Asian banks*

- OCBC Bank maintained its strong capital, diversified funding base, and robust balance sheet.
- Tsien demonstrated fortitude and skill for pursuing and executing on his business diversification vision in spite of challenging market conditions.
- All winning banks scored well in six criteria
- Awards presented by former United States Congressman Barney Frank.

Hanoi, Vietnam, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Samuel N. Tsien and OCBC Bank received the Best CEO Leadership Achievement and Best Managed Bank in Singapore and Asia Pacific Awards at the prestigious Asian Banker Leadership Achievement Awards held at JW Marriott Hanoi on 10th May 2016.

The awards were presented to Tsien by Congressman Barney Frank, former chairman of the US House Financial Services Committee. Also present were Nguyen Thi Hong, deputy governor of State Bank of Vietnam; and Cesar Virata, a member of the advisory council that decides on the award, and the former prime minister of the Philippines.

Under Tsien's leadership, OCBC Bank successfully completed a number of major mergers and acquisitions that expanded and entrenched its position as one of the leading wealth managers in Asia. OCBC Bank extended its presence in Greater China, in addition to its core markets of Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia.

During the period under review, the bank's efforts to build a strong regional presence has also seen overseas earnings contribution outside its home market of Singapore grow from 41% of the group's total in 2011 to 45% in 2015. Income from its wealth management business has also grown 16% annually during this period. Core earnings grew an annual compounded rate of 14% between 2011 and 2015.

Tsien runs one of the largest and perhaps the most diversified banking groups in Asia, with businesses in commercial, retail, investment, private and transaction banking, as well as insurance and wealth management. Tsien has over 30 years of experience in the banking industry and has been group chief executive officer of OCBC Bank since April 2012.

**The full list of winners of the Leadership Achievement Awards includes:**

**Leadership Award and Best Managed Bank in Singapore and Asia Pacific**

- Samuel N. Tsien, Group Chief Executive Officer, OCBC Bank, Singapore

**Leadership Awards and Best Managed Banks and Retail Banker of the Year**

- Jahja Setiaatmadja, President Director, Bank Central Asia, Indonesia

**Leadership Awards and Best Managed Banks**

- Mohammad Abdul Mannan, Managing Director, Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited
- Aravinda Perera, Managing Director, Sampath Bank, Sri Lanka
- Chao Chin Tung, Chairman, CTBC Bank, Taiwan
- Banthoon Lamsam, Chairman and CEO, Kasikornbank, Thailand
- Le Cong, CEO, Military Commercial Joint Stock Bank, Vietnam
- Salah Jassim Murad, CEO, Ahli Bank, Qatar
- Ala'a Eraiqat, Group CEO, Executive Director, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, United Arab Emirates

**The Best Managed Banks**

- Blom Bank
- Shinhan Bank

**The William “Bill” Seidman Award for Lifetime Achievement in Leadership in Financial Services Industry and Best Managed Bank in Hong Kong**

- David K.P. Li, Executive Chairman and CEO, The Bank of East Asia, Hong Kong

The press releases for each country’s winners are being issued separately.

Photographs of the awards presentation are attached with this press release.

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