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OCBC BUILDS ON WORLD'S TOP-PERFORMING RECOGNITION WITH STRONGEST BANK ACCOLADE

At a glance

- *OCBC named the strongest bank in Singapore and Asia Pacific and third globally by The Asian Banker*
- *Recognition comes weeks after OCBC topped Forbes and Statista's inaugural World's Top performing Banks ranking, cementing its position among the world's leading banks.*

Singapore, 27 October 2026 – OCBC has been recognised as the strongest bank in Singapore and Asia Pacific, and third globally, in the latest World's 1,000 Strongest Banks ranking by The Asian Banker. The accolade comes after OCBC took the top spot among global banks in the inaugural World's Top Performing Banks ranking developed by Forbes and Statista in September 2026.

This marks the first time a Singapore bank has finished among the top three in the world since The Asian Banker's ranking was introduced in 2023. The Bank is also the top performer in the Straits Times Index this year, with its share price up by 46.8% year-to-date as of 23 October 2026.

OCBC Group CEO Mr Tan Teck Long said, "Being named one of the world's strongest banks, soon after being recognised as the 'top performing bank', reflects the resilience of the OCBC franchise. Such resilience is built on customer trust that endures over generations. Every day, thousands of OCBC colleagues across the Group sustain that trust by serving our customers and enabling them to realise their aspirations. We will continue to build on this strong foundation to create lasting value for our customers, communities and shareholders."

In coming up with the ranking, The Asian Banker editorial team assessed the 1,000 largest banks worldwide across seven dimensions: sovereign risk, scale, balance-sheet growth, risk profile, profitability, asset quality

and liquidity. The other banks in the top three are JPMorganChase and Saudi National Bank.

Christian Kapfer, Research Director of TABInsights said, “OCBC's diversified earnings, sound asset quality and strong capital position distinguish it from many of its regional peers. Its ability to combine profitability with prudent balance-sheet management has been an important factor in its financial strength.”

The World’s 1,000 Strongest Banks ranking can be found here. *(The 2026 ranking will be published on 27 October 2026, 12pm SGT)*

The Forbes ‘World’s Top Performing Banks’ list ranks financial institutions that are licensed deposit-taking banks with a core business that includes lending to retail or corporate clients and have more than US$3 billion in assets. They were evaluated across profitability, growth and earnings quality, capital and funding resilience and asset quality and efficiency.

About OCBC

OCBC 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 one of the world’s most highly-rated banks, with Aa1 by Moody’s and AA- by both Fitch and S&P. Recognised for its financial strength and stability, OCBC was ranked first in the inaugural World's Top Performing Banks list by Forbes and Statista in 2026. In the same year, it was also named the strongest bank in Singapore and Asia Pacific, and the third strongest globally, by The Asian Banker.

OCBC is the second largest financial services group in Southeast Asia by assets. The Group offers 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’s private banking services are provided by its wholly-owned subsidiary Bank of Singapore, which operates on a unique open-architecture product platform to source for the best-in-class products to

meet its clients' goals. Its 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 leading asset management companies in Southeast Asia. Its brokerage subsidiary, OCBC Securities, is one of the leading securities firms in Singapore.

The Group's key markets are Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Greater China. It has close to 380 branches and representative offices in 19 countries and regions.

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