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United Overseas Bank Limited Issues US\$1 Billion Subordinated Notes

Singapore, 24 June 2003 - United Overseas Bank Limited ("UOB") announces that it has priced an international offering of US\$1 billion 10-year 4.50% Notes ("Notes") at 117 basis points above the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury (with a yield of 4.505%). The Notes are being placed with a range of institutional and sophisticated investors, including companies, fund managers, banks, private banks and corporates. UOB intends to use the net proceeds of the offering for general corporate purposes.

Commenting on the offering, Mr Terence Ong, UOB's Senior Executive Vice President, said, "We are pleased with the outcome of this offering. Through this offering, UOB was able to secure funding in the current favourable interest rate environment."

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