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## NEWS RELEASE

### United Overseas Bank Offers 0% Interest Rate For First Year

*New fixed rate package also offers customers highest deposit rates*

**Singapore, 23 June 2003** - United Overseas Bank Limited is pleased to announce today that it has launched a new promotional home loan package for its new purchases and refinancing schemes that comes with a **groundbreaking 0% fixed interest rate for the first year**. **UOB FirstZero Home Loan** is the first zero percent home loan in the market in Singapore.

**UOB FirstZero Home Loan** offers low home loan interest rates with high deposit rates, giving customers a total value package that maximises their savings on their loan and deposit. Customers need only maintain a minimum average monthly balance of S\$50,000 in a UOB interest earning deposit account for 12 months to enjoy a 0% interest rate for the first year of their housing loan.

Said Ms Sim Puay Suang, Executive Vice President, Personal Financial Services, "Our new home loan package, UOB FirstZero Home Loan, demonstrates our commitment to providing our customers with the best value for their total financial needs. With UOB FirstZero Home Loan, customers save on interest payments in the first year since all their instalment payments goes towards repaying the principal amount of their loan, thus, customers will be able to bring down their principal faster and save more in the long term."

"In addition, we are also offering customers one of the highest interest rates currently available for deposit accounts, enabling them to maximise their savings, and grow their wealth," Ms Sim added.

The details of the new promotional home loan package are set out in the table below:

<b>UOB FirstZero Home Loan Package</b>	
<b>Interest Rates</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> year	0% (Fixed)
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	2.25% (Fixed)
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	3.50% (Fixed)
4 <sup>th</sup> year	3.50% (BR - 2.00%)
5 <sup>th</sup> year	3.50% (BR - 2.00%)
Thereafter	4.00% (BR - 1.50%)
Applicable Board Rate	Existing Fixed Rate Board Rate (BR) at 5.50%
<b>Features</b>	
Property Type	Private and HDB residential property
Minimum Loan Amount	S\$200,000
Maximum Loan Amount	S\$2 million
Legal Subsidy	0.5% of loan amount (capped at S\$3,000)
Minimum Deposit Amount*	Loan amount <= S\$ 1 million: S\$50,000 in deposits Loan amount > S\$ 1million: S\$100,000 in deposits

\* Minimum balance fee applies

### **Exclusive Benefits For A Total Home Solution**

Apart from the attractive interest rates, customers also enjoy the following additional benefits:

- Free home fire insurance for the first year
- Free processing
- Free valuation
- Preferential rates for UOB Bridging Loans, UOB Renovation & Construction Loans and Overdrafts
- UOB 1-2-1 Banking privileges including annual fee waiver for their UOB Gold Credit Card and priority queues at UOB Group branches

- Under UOB Rewards Plus, the Bank's customer loyalty programme, UOB FirstZero Home Loan customers will earn UNI\$1 for every S\$10,000 outstanding on their home loan. Customers will be able to redeem their UNI\$ for a wide range of exclusive rewards, including shopping and dining for free.

For more information, customers can call 1800 22 22 121 (24-hour). To apply, they can do so online at [www.uobgroup.com](http://www.uobgroup.com) or drop by any UOB Group branch to speak to our Personal Bankers.