

**O-Bank Co., Ltd. Articles of Incorporation**

Amended by the General Shareholders' Meeting of June 14, 2024

**Chapter I: General Provisions**

Article 1: This Bank has been established for the purposes of promoting industrial development, fostering industrial and commercial prosperity, creating an environment beneficial to all, and providing the public with comprehensive, specialized, and innovative financial services. It has been incorporated in line with the government's financial policy and in accordance with provisions of the *Company Act* and *Banking Act*.

Article 2: The name of the Bank shall be O-Bank Co., Ltd.

Article 3: The head office of the Bank shall be in Taipei City. Depending on business needs, branch entities may be established at suitable locations in Taiwan and abroad. The establishment, cancellation, or change of any of the foregoing branch entities by a commercial bank requires approval of the Board of Directors and approval of and registration with the competent authority.

Article 4: All public announcements by the Bank shall be made in daily newspapers circulated at the seat of the Bank's head office, unless otherwise provided for by the authority in charge of securities.

**Chapter II: Scope of Business**

Article 5: The Bank operates commercial banking business (Code: H101021/limited to items approved by the competent authority), securities brokerage business (Code: H301011/limited to items approved by the competent authority), personal insurance agency business (Code: H601011), and property and liability insurance agency business (Code: H601021).

Article 6: With respect to its investment total while engaging in investment business, the Bank shall not violate the *Banking Act* and regulations of the competent authority governing investment by commercial banks.

**Chapter III: Shares**



Article 7: The total authorized capital of the Bank shall be NT\$35 billion, divided into 3.5 billion shares with a par value of NT\$10 each and including common and preferred shares. The Board of Directors is authorized to, in accordance with the *Company Act* and applicable laws and regulations, issue such shares in installments if necessary. The source of capital contribution by shareholders is limited to cash only.

The Bank may issue employee stock option certificates and new shares with restricted employee rights within the preceding total amount of shares, and the relevant operations shall be handled in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

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Article 8-1: The rights and obligations of the Bank's preferred shares as well as other important terms of issuance are as follows:

1. If a surplus remains after the Bank closes its books for a given year, the Bank shall, in accordance with its *Articles of Incorporation*, first set aside funds for taxes and offset the accumulated losses from previous years, make provisions for legal reserve, and register allocation or reverse of special reserve before giving priority to using the remainder in distributing cash dividends for preferred shares for the year.
2. The dividend rate of preferred shares is capped at 8% per annum on the issue price. Cash dividends shall be distributed as lump-sum payments annually. After the Bank's general shareholders' meeting ratifies its audited financial statements for a given year, the Board of Directors shall set the record date for paying the cash dividends that are to be distributed for the previous year. With respect to distribution of cash dividends for the year of issuance and year of redemption, the amount of payable dividends shall be calculated based on the actual number of days of the aforesaid shares being in issuance that year.
3. The Bank has autonomous discretion on distribution of cash dividends for preferred shares. If the Bank's audited results of a given year show no surplus or a surplus insufficient for distribution of cash dividends for preferred shares, or if distribution of cash dividends will cause the Bank's capital adequacy ratio to fall short of legal requirements or the minimum required by the competent authority, the Bank's decision to cancel distribution of cash dividends for preferred shares shall not be regarded as an event of default. If the preferred shares issued by the Bank are specified as non-cumulative, the undistributed dividends or shortfalls in dividends

distributed will not be cumulative and therefore no deferred payment will be paid in subsequent years when there is a surplus in earnings.

4. While being entitled to the cash dividends prescribed in subparagraph 2 of this article, holders of preferred shares—if their holdings are of the non-participating type—shall not be entitled to distribution of cash or stock dividends for common shares drawing from retained earnings and capital surplus.

5. In terms of entitlement to distribution of the Bank's residual assets, holders of preferred shares shall take precedence over holders of common shares. With their order of priority subordinate to that of general creditors, holders of the Bank's different types of preferred shares shall rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and their entitlement shall be capped at the monetary amount of preferred shares issued.

6. At shareholders' meetings, holders of preferred shares are denied voting rights and rights to elect directors but are entitled to be elected as directors themselves. Holders of preferred shares have voting rights at meetings of preferred shareholders.

7. Convertible preferred shares issued by the Bank shall not be converted within one year after issuance. The Board of Directors is authorized to specify in the terms of issuance the time period during which conversion is to be allowed. Holders of convertible preferred shares may, pursuant to the terms of issuance, apply for conversion of all or part of their holdings to common shares on a 1-for-1 basis. After the exercise, the newly converted shares shall entail the same rights and obligations as those applicable to common shares. Distribution of cash dividends for the year of conversion shall be calculated based on the actual number of days in issuance proportionate to the total number of days of the year in question. If the aforesaid conversion to common shares takes place prior to the record date for going ex-dividend, however, shareholders shall not be entitled to distribution of cash dividends for preferred shares for that year and the year after. Still, such shareholders shall be entitled to distribution of dividends for common shares drawing from retained earnings and capital surplus.

8. Where the Bank issues perpetual preferred shares, holders of such shares shall be denied the right to request redemption of their holdings by the Bank. For its part, the Bank may set a redemption date not earlier than the day after the fifth anniversary of the issuance date. Redemption of previously issued preferred shares, in whole or in part, shall be conducted at the original issue price. The remaining and

outstanding preferred shares shall retain the rights and obligations described in the preceding paragraphs. If the Bank resolves on distribution of cash dividends for preferred shares for the year of redemption, such distribution shall be based on the number of days in issuance up to the date of redemption.

9. Where the Bank issues non-perpetual preferred shares, their term shall not be shorter than five years and holders of such shares shall have no right to request their redemption by the Bank. Upon expiry of such shares or beginning from the day after the fifth anniversary of the issuance date, the Bank may, pursuant to the issue price and terms of issuance, redeem such shares in cash, issue new shares to accommodate compulsory conversion on a 1-for-1 basis, or effect redemption by other means permitted under other laws or regulations. If the Bank should fail to redeem all or part of the aforesaid preferred shares due to force majeure or other reasons within the aforesaid time period, the rights and obligations of the outstanding preferred shares shall remain unchanged until their redemption by the Bank.

The Board of Directors is authorized to take into account market conditions and investor sentiment and determine the name, issuance date, and other issuance terms of preferred shares in accordance with the Bank's *Articles of Incorporation* and applicable laws and regulations.

Article 9: With respect to share transfers, no rights shall be asserted against the Bank if the name and domicile or residence of the transferee are not recorded in the shareholders' roster.

Within 60 days prior to the convocation of a general shareholders' meeting, or 30 days prior to the convocation of a special shareholders' meeting, or five days prior to the record date for declaration of dividends or any other interests, share transfer registrations and other changes to the shareholders' roster shall be suspended.

Article 10: Each shareholder of the Bank shall complete a seal specimen card and submit the same to the Bank for filing, and this shall apply to any change to the seal specimen. The seal specimen kept by the Bank shall be the basis for shareholders to collect dividends or bonuses or exercise shareholder rights in writing.

All stock affairs of the Bank shall be undertaken in accordance with the *Regulations Governing the Administration of Shareholder Services of Public Companies* promulgated by the competent authority.

#### **Chapter IV: Shareholders' Meetings**

Article 11: The shareholders' meetings of the Bank shall include the following two types:

1. General shareholders' meetings: Held at least once every year, a general shareholders' meeting shall be convened by the Board of Directors within six months after the end of each fiscal year.
2. Special shareholders' meetings: Held whenever necessary, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

A meeting of preferred shareholders may be convened in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Bank's shareholders' meetings can be held by means of visual communication network or other methods promulgated by the competent authority. Relevant procedures of the visual communication meeting are in compliance with the *Company Act* and applicable laws and regulations.

Article 12: The Bank shall notify each shareholder and make a public announcement of the date, venue, and reasons for a general shareholders' meeting 30 days in advance, or 15 days in advance if it is a special shareholders' meeting being convened.

Article 13: Unless otherwise provided for by law, a shareholders' meeting shall adopt a resolution after it is voted for by the majority of attending shareholders and the attending shareholders represent more than half of the total number of issued shares.

Article 14: Unless otherwise provided for by applicable laws and regulations and the Bank's *Articles of Incorporation*, a shareholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share held. When the Bank holds a shareholders' meeting, it shall adopt electronic means for shareholders to exercise their voting rights and may allow them to exercise such rights in writing. When voting rights are exercised in writing or by electronic means, the method of exercise shall be specified in the shareholders' meeting notice.

Article 15: Any shareholder who cannot attend a shareholders' meeting in person for any reason may entrust a representative to attend on behalf thereof by presenting a proxy form issued by the Bank, specifying the scope of authorization. When one person is concurrently appointed as proxy by two or more shareholders, however, the voting rights represented by that proxy shall not exceed 3% of the voting rights represented by the total number of issued shares. If that percentage is exceeded, the voting rights in excess of that percentage shall not be included in the calculation.

The aforesaid proxy form shall be delivered to the Bank not fewer than five days before the date of the shareholders' meeting. When duplicate proxy forms are delivered, the one received earliest shall prevail unless a declaration is made to cancel the previous proxy appointment.

After a proxy form has been delivered to the Bank, if the shareholder intends to attend the meeting in person or to exercise voting rights in writing or by electronic means, a written notice of proxy cancellation shall be presented to the Bank not fewer than two days before the meeting date. If the cancellation notice is submitted after that time, votes cast at the meeting by the proxy shall prevail.

Article 16: More than one person is allowed to represent a juristic-person shareholder, provided the voting rights of such representatives are exercised based on their combined shareholding. Where there are more than two representatives, such representatives shall jointly exercise their voting rights.

Article 17: The shareholders' meetings of the Bank shall resolve the following matters:

- (1) Establishment or amendment of the Bank's *Articles of Incorporation*.
- (2) Election and dismissal of directors.
- (3) Auditing and ratification of the statements and reports prepared by the Board of Directors.
- (4) Increases or decreases in capital stock.
- (5) Distribution of earnings, dividends, and bonuses.
- (6) Other matters that shall be resolved by shareholders' meetings in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Article 18: When a shareholders' meeting convenes, it shall be chaired by the chairman of the

Board. When the chairman of the Board is absent for any reason, the vice chairman shall act in place of the chair; if there is no vice chairman or the vice chairman is also absent, the chairman of the Board shall appoint one of the managing directors to act as chair; if there are no managing directors, the chairman of the Board shall appoint one of the directors to act as chair. Where the chairman does not make such a designation, the managing directors or the directors shall select from among themselves one person to act as chair.

Article 19: Matters relating to the resolutions of a shareholders' meeting shall be recorded in the meeting minutes. The meeting minutes shall be signed or sealed by the chair of the meeting and a copy distributed to each shareholder within 20 days after the conclusion of the meeting. The meeting minutes may be produced electronically and distributed by means of a public announcement.

The meeting minutes shall accurately record the year, month, day, and place of the meeting, the chair's full name, the methods by which resolutions were adopted, and a summary of the deliberations and their results, and shall be retained for the duration of the existence of the Bank.

The attendance book meant for attending shareholders and the proxy forms shall be retained for a minimum of one year. If a lawsuit has been instituted by any shareholder in accordance with Article 189 of the *Company Act*, however, the Bank shall retain the aforesaid documents until the conclusion of the litigation.

## **Chapter V: Directors and the Board**

Article 20: The Bank shall have 7 to 15 directors who are to make up the Board and the Board shall decide the number of directors in the range ; The candidates nomination system is adopted for the election of directors; directors shall be elected from a list of candidates by a shareholders' meeting.

Of the foregoing number of directors, at least one member of each gender, at least three independent directors, comprising no less than one-third of the total number of directors.

The handling of matters regarding professional qualifications, shareholdings, limits on concurrent positions, nomination and election methods, and other matters for compliance in relation to independent directors shall be subject to applicable laws and regulations.

Article 21: The combined shareholdings of all directors shall not fall short of the share ownership ratios required by the competent authority.

Article 22: Directors shall each hold office for a term of three years. Except for independent directors, whose consecutive terms shall not exceed three, directors shall be eligible for re-election.

If no election of new directors is effected after expiration of the term of office of existing directors, the term of office of outgoing directors shall be extended until the time new directors have been elected and assumed their office.

The Bank shall provide compensation to directors (including independent directors) for the performance of their duties on behalf of the Bank, regardless of whether the Bank makes a profit or not. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to determine such compensation in line with industry standards on the basis of their degree of participation in the Bank's operations and value of their contribution to the Bank.

If the Bank records a profit in a year, the Bank shall appropriate not more than 2.5% of the profit for director remunerations, but independent directors shall be excluded from such distribution. If the Bank has accumulated losses, however, the aforesaid profit shall be used to offset accumulated losses first.

The Bank may, upon a resolution of the Board of Directors, purchase liability insurance to cover indemnification obligations of directors arising from performing their duties during their tenure of office.

The Board of Directors may give full authority to the chairman to renew the aforesaid insurance.



Article 23: When the Bank has 9 to 15 directors, it may have 3 to 5 managing directors who are to make up the Board of Managing Directors. The managing directors shall be elected from among the directors by a majority vote of the directors present at a meeting attended by at least two-thirds of all directors. The chairman shall be elected from among the managing directors in the same fashion; a vice chairman shall also be thus elected if it is deemed necessary.

Of the aforesaid number of managing directors, the number of independent directors shall not be fewer than one and shall not account for less than one-fifth of the total number of managing directors.

If the Bank has no managing directors, the Board of Directors shall elect a chairman of the board from among the directors by a majority vote at a meeting attended by over two-thirds of the directors, and may also elect in the same manner a vice chairman of the board when necessary.

Article 24: The chairman of the board shall internally preside at shareholders' meetings as well as Board of Directors and Board of Managing Directors meetings, and shall externally represent the Bank. When the chairman of the board is on leave or for any reason unable to exercise his/her powers, the vice chairman shall act in his/her place. If there is no vice chairman or the vice chairman also is on leave or for any reason unable to exercise his/her powers, the chairman of the board shall appoint one of the managing directors to act on his/her behalf. If there are no managing directors, the chairman of the Board shall appoint one of the directors to act on his/her behalf. Where the chairman does not make such a designation, the managing directors or the directors shall select from among themselves one person to act as chair.

Article 25: The Board of Directors is composed of all directors and convened by the chairman of the board. Unless otherwise provided for by applicable laws and regulations, the Board of Directors shall adopt resolutions by a majority vote of the directors present at a meeting attended by a majority of all directors.

Each director shall attend Board of Directors meetings in person but, if he/she is unable to do so for any reason, may appoint another director as proxy. In each such case, the absent director shall issue a written proxy and state therein the scope of authorization

with reference to the subjects to be discussed at the meeting. A director may accept the appointment to act as the aforesaid proxy of only one other director.

Article 26: Except the matters subject by law to resolutions adopted by shareholders' meetings, the Bank shall conduct business operations in accordance with resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors. The duties and powers of the Board of Directors are as follows:

- (1) Examine and approve rules and regulations.
- (2) Examine and approve business plans.
- (3) Propose increases or decreases in capital stock.
- (4) Decide on establishing, canceling, or changing branch outlets.
- (5) Examine major contracts.
- (6) Examine and approve budgeting and book-closing.
- (7) Decide on acquiring or disposing of major assets; ensure compliance with Article 185 of the *Company Act* when warranted.
- (8) Propose distribution of earnings.
- (9) Approve major lending and business cases.
- (10) Decide on appointment and dismissal of managers.
- (11) Appoint CPAs.
- (12) Examine and approve matters assigned by the chairman of the board and those proposed by the president.
- (13) Implement resolutions adopted by shareholders' meetings.
- (14) Undertake other duties and powers under applicable laws and regulations.

To promote sound decision-making and strengthen management mechanisms, the Board of Directors may establish various functional committees and adopt their respective charters thereof.

Article 27: When the Bank has managing directors and the Board of Directors is in recess, managing directors shall, by assembly, perform the duties and powers of the board on a regular basis, and the chairman of the board may convene meetings at any time. Resolutions of such meetings shall be adopted by a majority vote of the managing directors present at a meeting attended by a majority of all managing directors.

With respect to the Board of Managing Directors performing the duties and powers of the Board of Directors referred to in the preceding paragraph, the scope of authorization thereof shall be determined in accordance with applicable laws and

regulations, these Articles, and resolutions adopted by shareholders' meetings and the Board of Directors. The aforesaid scope of authorization shall specify the level and content of affairs being authorized. With respect to matters that are required by applicable laws to undergo discussion at the Board of Directors, however, it shall be mandatory to secure resolutions of the Board of Directors.

Article 28: The Bank shall set up the Audit Committee, which shall be composed of the entire number of independent directors. Its members shall not be fewer than three, one of whom shall be convener, and at least one of whom shall have accounting or financial expertise. The committee's duties and powers as well as other compliance matters shall be handled in accordance with applicable laws and regulations or the relevant bylaws of the Bank.

Since the Bank has established the Audit Committee, the Bank is not required by law to have supervisors separately.

#### **Chapter VI: Managers**

Article 29: The Bank shall have the position of president, whose appointment, dismissal, and compensation shall be proposed by the chairman of the board and require a majority vote of the directors present at a meeting attended by a majority of all directors.

Article 30: The Bank shall have a number of vice presidents to assist the president in conducting its business operations. Their appointment and dismissal shall be proposed by the chairman of the board together with the president and require a majority vote of the directors present at a meeting attended by a majority of all directors. Separately, the Bank shall have a chief auditor to handle all audit affairs; his/her appointment, dismissal, or transfer shall be handled in accordance with applicable laws or regulations.

#### **Chapter VII: Closing of Books and Distribution of Earnings**

Article 31: The fiscal year of the Bank is from the first of January every year to the thirty first of December of the same year. At the end of each fiscal year, the Bank shall prepare the following reports and statements and, after examination by the Board of Directors, submit them to a shareholders' meeting for ratification according to statutory procedure:

- (1) Business report.

(2) Financial statements.

(3) Proposals for distribution of earnings or compensation for losses.

The Bank shall undertake mid-year closing of books pursuant to applicable laws and regulations at the end of June every year.

The Bank shall prepare and submit the aforesaid annual and semi-annual financial statements to the competent authority and make a public announcement on the same.

Article 32: If the Bank records a profit in a year, the Bank shall set aside no less than 0.5% of the profit for employee remunerations. If the Bank has accumulated losses, however, the profit shall be used to offset the aforesaid accumulated losses first.

Distribution of employee remunerations in stock or cash shall require a resolution adopted through a majority vote of the directors present at a meeting attended by not less than two-thirds of all directors, which in turn shall be reported to a shareholders' meeting. The employees entitled to the aforesaid remunerations may include those employed by the Bank's affiliated companies who meet specific requirements.

Article 32-1: If there is a profit after its annual closing of books, the Bank shall first set aside funds for taxes and offset the accumulated losses from previous years before appropriating 30% of the profit toward its legal reserve. No appropriation shall be required if the Bank's legal reserve already equals the total amount of its paid-in capital. After appropriation or reverse of any special reserve and distribution of cash dividends for preferred shares, if a profit remains the outstanding balance shall be the year's undistributed earnings and, together with undistributed earnings from previous years shall be used as the basis for the Board of Directors to propose distribution and seek a resolution of a shareholders' meeting thereof.

In the event of a shortfall in "other previously accumulated net deductions from shareholders' equity" when the Bank sets aside a portion of distributable earnings for special reserve, it shall first set aside an equal amount of special reserve from undistributed earnings from the previous period. If any shortfall remains, the Bank shall make an allocation from the undistributed earnings of the current period that also take account of net profit plus other items of the current period.

The distribution of common stock dividend shall not be lower than 20% of distributable earnings after deducting distributable but not yet distributed preferred stock dividends for the current year. The aforesaid distributable earnings refer to the outstanding balance derived from deducting distributable but not yet distributed preferred stock dividends and reverse of any special reserve from the year's undistributed earnings set forth in paragraph 1 of this article. In particular, the cash dividend payout shall account for not less than 20% of the total common stock dividend payout for any given year. Separately, before the legal reserve equals the total amount of capital stock, the maximum cash distribution of earnings shall not exceed 15% of the total amount of paid-in capital.

With regard to the foregoing distribution of common stock dividends, the Bank adopts a policy of stability and balance that takes into account capital budget planning, capital needs for business operations, and commitment to a sound financial structure. The aforesaid method of dividend distribution is intended only as a principle-based guideline; the Bank may consider actual needs and, via the Board of Directors, propose an amendment and seek shareholder approval in the form of a resolution adopted by a shareholders' meeting.

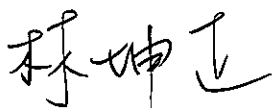
#### **Chapter VIII: Supplemental Provisions**

Article 33: Matters not stipulated herein shall be governed by the *Company Act, Banking Act*, and other applicable laws and regulations.

The Banks' charter, business guidelines, and standards for the division of authority between the Board of Directors and managerial departments as well as other relevant regulations shall be separately prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Article 34: These *Articles of Incorporation* were enacted on June 22, 1998, with the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment on July 12, 1999; the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment on April 8, 2000; the 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment on August 19, 2000; the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment on May 22, 2001; the 5<sup>th</sup> amendment on May 30, 2002; the 6<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 11, 2004; the 7<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 10, 2005; the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 9, 2006; the 9<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 15, 2007; the 10<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 19, 2009; the 11<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 18, 2010; the 12<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 13, 2011; the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 18, 2012; the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 14, 2013; the 15<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 2, 2015; the 16<sup>th</sup>

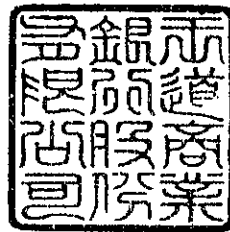
amendment on October 2, 2015; the 17<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 3, 2016; the 18<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 14, 2017; the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 14, 2018; and the 20<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 19, 2020; and the 21<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 17, 2022; and the 22<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 16, 2023; and the 23<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 14, 2024.



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