

press release

Standard Chartered China signs a RMB interest rate swap on the new LPR

1 November 2013, Shanghai - Standard Chartered Bank (China) announced it has conducted a RMB interest rate swap transaction with HSBC Bank (China) referencing the new Loan Prime Rate (LPR), for a notional amount of RMB 100 million. The tenor of the swap is one-year with the fixed rate of the swap at 5.76% and the floating rate of the swap based on the one-year Loan Prime Rate, which is the new market-based benchmark loan interest rate launched by China's central bank last week.

“We believe this establishment of a market-based benchmark loan interest rate is another important step forward in the interest rate liberalization in China.” said Charlie Ye, Managing Director, Head of Global Markets, Co-Head of Wholesale Banking. “We expect our clients will be increasingly looking to use derivatives products to hedge interest rate exposure.”

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