

press release

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Standard Chartered to increase mortgage interest rate

13 March 2013, Hong Kong – Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited announced that it will raise its mortgage interest rate. The mortgage interest rate for Prime-based plan will be raised to the range between P-1.75% and P-2.15% from the level of P-2% to P-2.4%. The HIBOR-linked mortgage rate to the range between H+2.75% and H+3.25% from the range between H+2.5% and H+3%, cap at the level of P-1.75% to P-2.1%. Cash rebate remains at the range of 0.2% to 0.5%. The change will take effect on 14 March 2013 (Thursday).

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