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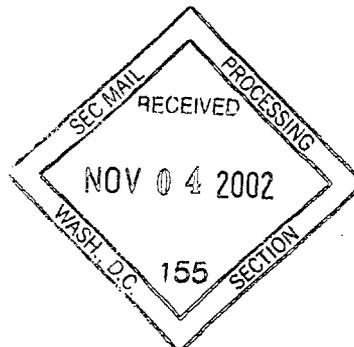
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We enclose a copy of our Announcement dated 22 October 2002 with regard to the above matter for your information.

Yours faithfully  
for UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LIMITED

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**Singapore, 22 October 2002** – United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB), along with its global asset management marketing arm, UOB Global Capital LLC, today announced that it has signed a cooperation agreement with New York-based PlusFunds Group Inc. (PlusFunds). The purpose of the agreement is to support the development of PlusFunds' investment products based on Standard & Poor's recently introduced S&P Hedge Fund Index in Singapore and other select Asian markets. PlusFunds holds the exclusive license to develop certain investable products based on the S&P Hedge Fund Index.

Terence Ong, Senior Executive Vice President at UOB, said, "In the Asian region, we have seen an increased interest in alternative investments both on the part of individual and institutional investors, especially since capital moving from the global equity markets is seeking reinvestment avenues. The S&P Hedge Fund Index combines a set of critical characteristics: it is representative, transparent, investable and it benefits from Standard & Poor's rigorous due diligence process and fund selection criteria. We see this cooperation agreement as a unique opportunity for our clients to participate in this asset class while enjoying the transparency traditionally offered by non-alternative investments."

Observed Christopher Sugrue, Chairman of PlusFunds Group Inc., "PlusFunds' expertise in the hedge fund marketplace and UOB's extensive knowledge and presence in key Asian markets represents an ideal combination to further establish the S&P Hedge Fund Index as a key benchmark for alternative investments. We look forward to working with UOB to better serve investor needs for such investment products in Singapore and other select Asian markets."



Paul Aaronson, Executive Managing Director, Standard & Poor's said, "With this agreement between UOB and PlusFunds, we are seeing the hedge fund benchmarking concept play out 'in the field.' UOB is a major participant in the global financial services arena and this institution has grasped the significant role that the S&P Hedge Fund Index can play in enhancing its investment offerings to its clients. We are confident that the S&P Hedge Fund Index will become an invaluable tool to this institution providing investment products related to this important asset class."

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## **Notes to the Editor**

### **About the Standard & Poor's Hedge Fund Index**

The Standard & Poor's Hedge Fund Index, introduced in May and expected to launch in early November, is designed to be both investable and representative of the broad-based investment experience of the hedge fund marketplace. It comprises nine distinct hedge fund investment strategies grouped into three broad style categories—Arbitrage, Event-Driven and Directional/Tactical. More information about the structure, design and components of the S&P Hedge Fund Index can be found on [www.spglobal.com](http://www.spglobal.com).

### **About PlusFunds Group**

Since its inception in 1998, PlusFunds has been at the forefront of providing innovative products for hedge fund managers and investors. PlusFunds has forged a broad alliance of globally respected firms within the financial services industry to improve dramatically both the accessibility and quality of information and oversight in the marketplace, significantly augmenting the proven benefits of hedge funds for institutions, private investors and the professionals who advise them.