

Cathay General Bancorp Presenting at the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Boston Bank Conference

Feb 22 , 2013

Los Angeles, Calif., February 22, 2013: Cathay General Bancorp (Nasdaq: CATY) announced today that it will be participating at the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Boston Bank Conference.

Mr. Heng W. Chen, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, is scheduled to make a presentation at the conference on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, from 1:45 p.m. to 2:25 p.m. Eastern Time (10:45 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. Pacific Time). A live webcast of the conference will be available at <http://www.wsw.com/webcast/kbw9/>.

Cathay General Bancorp does not control the information contained on the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods website, which is compiled and provided by a third party unrelated to Cathay General Bancorp. As such, Cathay General Bancorp is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information contained on that website and also cannot accept responsibility for the privacy practices or security of that website.

ABOUT CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Cathay General Bancorp is the holding company for Cathay Bank, a California state-chartered bank. Founded in 1962, Cathay Bank offers a wide range of financial services. Cathay Bank currently operates 31 branches in California, eight branches in New York State, one in Massachusetts, two in Texas, three in Washington State, three in the Chicago, Illinois, area, one in New Jersey, one in Hong Kong, and a representative office in Taipei and in Shanghai. Cathay Bank's website is found at <http://www.cathaybank.com/>.