

## **Cathay Bank Opens a Branch in Las Vegas**

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LOS ANGELES - Cathay General Bancorp (NASDAQ: CATY), the holding company for Cathay Bank, announced today that Cathay Bank has opened a branch in Las Vegas, Nevada, located at 6110 Spring Mountain Road.

This is the first branch in Nevada for Cathay Bank. With the opening of this new branch, Cathay Bank now has a total of 50 branches in the United States, located in California, New York, Texas, Washington, Massachusetts, Illinois, New Jersey, and Nevada.

"We are pleased to be able to expand our presence into the Las Vegas community with the establishment of this branch," said Dunson K. Cheng, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Cathay General Bancorp and Cathay Bank. "We look forward to bringing our banking products and service to local families and businesses in this market area."

Gorden Phong is the Branch Manager of this new location and can be contacted directly at (702) 453-8889 during normal business hours which are: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### **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 Nevada, one in Hong Kong, and a representative office in Taipei and in Shanghai. Cathay Bank's website is found at <http://www.cathaybank.com/>.

### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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