



## Announcement

### Developments relating to the Swiss franc

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Following the recent developments relating to the Swiss franc (CHF), Bank of Cyprus Public Company Ltd (“the Bank”) announces the following:

- Impact from foreign currency position: As part of its overall conservative risk management strategy and appetite, the Bank has a policy of hedging foreign exchange risk. Hence, the recent appreciation of the CHF against the Euro had no material impact on the Bank's financial position.
- Impact from credit risk: The Bank's lending exposure in CHF totalled €1,09 bn as at 31 December 2014 and accounted for about 4,6% of total gross loans. It is noted that the majority of these loans were granted prior to 2011. As part of its credit risk management policy, the Bank monitors the performance of the portfolio and, if needed, will take additional provisions in line with its provisioning policy.

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