

The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland (The Bank of Ireland)
Change of Fiscal Year End
17 February 2010

The Bank of Ireland hereby announces a change of its fiscal year end from 31 March to 31 December. This change in financial calendar brings the Bank into line with its peer banks.

Accordingly, the next Annual Report and Accounts to be published by the Bank shall cover a period of nine months from 1 April 2009 to 31 December 2009.

The Bank of Ireland will announce its preliminary results for the nine months ended 31 December 2009 in late March 2010. The date of this announcement will be published shortly.

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