



## **Barwa Bank appoints new Head of Retail Banking**

**Doha, March 13, 2012** - Barwa Bank, Qatar's fastest growing Shari'ah compliant banking service provider, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Hussain Al Abdullah as Head of Retail Banking.

With more than 12 years of experience in the local banking and finance sector, Mr Al Abdullah, as Head of Retail Banking, is responsible for leading and managing Barwa Bank's Retail Banking division, covering a full spectrum of products and services across the different retail customer segments, and brings a deep understanding and insight to implementation of Barwa Bank's Retail Banking strategy.

Prior to joining Barwa Bank, Mr. Al Abdullah worked as Head of Retail in HSBC Bank with experience covering retail, operations, and corporate. Mr. Al Abdullah holds degrees in Engineering and Business Management.

Mr. Steve Troop, CEO, Barwa Bank, said, "Our new Head of Retail Banking, Mr. Al Abdullah, is a key appointment for Barwa Bank and we are delighted to welcome him to the team. Hussain's banking experience and knowledge of the Qatari market makes him an ideal candidate to lead Barwa Bank's Retail Banking division and to ensure that all our customers' needs are met.

Last year was a significant one for Barwa Bank with the closure of the conventional banks' Islamic windows and our acquisition of IBQ Al Yusr, all of which has opened up many possibilities for our Retail Banking proposition, all of which we intend to fully capitalise upon".

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