

## Barwa Bank wins "Bank of the Year" at the Arabian Business Achievement Awards Qatar 2013

**Doha, 29 September 2013** –Barwa Bank, Qatar's fastest growing Shari'ah compliant bank, has been named as winner of the Arabian Business Achievement Awards Qatar 2013 for "Bank of the Year" during a ceremony held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Doha on Tuesday 24 September.

Steve Troop, CEO, Barwa Bank commented, "We are delighted to be recognised as Bank of the Year. This award is one of many this year and is further confirmation of our innovative approach, quality of service and outstanding growth."

Islamic banking in Qatar and the GCC continues to grow strongly, a trend expected to continue into the medium and long term as the industry builds out products and service propositions that offer credible alternatives to conventional banking. Barwa Bankis well positioned to lead this growth trend as the newest and fastest growing Shari'ah compliant bank in Qatar.

"We have had a lot to celebrate this year and intend to maintain our momentum as we go forward. We look forward to further growth, our continuing contribution to development of the Qatari economy and Shari'ah compliant financial services, as well as creating value for our customers and shareholders at all times" concluded Mr Troop.