



Barwa Bank Wins Four Awards at Banker Middle East Industry Awards 2013

Doha, June 22, 2013— Barwa Bank, Qatar's fastest growing Shari'ah compliant banking service provider, has been named the winner of Banker Middle East Industry Awards 2013 for "Best Islamic Bank", "Best Sukuk Arranger" and "Fastest Growing Bank in Qatar". Steve Troop, CEO, Barwa Bank was also recognised receiving the "Banker of the Year" award during the ceremony on 19th June at Jumeirah Emirates Towers, Dubai.

Organised by CPI Financial, the annual Banker Middle East Industry Awards sets the benchmark for successful banking and financial institutions in the MENA region and winning these four prestigious awards is a major accomplishment for Barwa Bank which was established in 2008 and has grown significantly since then.

Steve Troop commented during the event which brought together distinguished regional and global industry experts from around the world, "We are honoured to be acknowledged by CPI Finance through these Awards : they are a reflection of our commitment to growth and to building an innovative and customer focused Shari'ah compliant bank that can lead the way in this growing sector. These awards demonstrate that with hard work, ambition and good service a young bank can become a leader in a short period of time and will definitely add more momentum to the further expansion of our activities."

This is the second year Barwa Bank has been recognised as the "Fastest Growing Bank in Qatar" by Banker Middle East Industry Awards for its unrivalled expansion; growing to encompass six branches in Qatar, as well as integrating three other companies - First Investor, First Finance and First Leasing - in less than four years of operation. Barwa Bank has been able to demonstrate its remarkable presence in the market while competing with other leading banks that have been established for a far longer time, providing its clients high quality products and services tailored to specific customer groups.