



## **BARWA BANK RETAIL BANKING CUSTOMER WINS TRIP TO LONDON OLYMPICS FROM VISA**

**Doha, June 09, 2012** – Barwa Bank, Qatar's fastest growing Shari'ah compliant banking service provider, announced that one of their Retail Banking customers is the lucky winner of a trip to the London Olympics from Visa.

Nader Saeed Hassan won the trip for two, courtesy of Visa, to the London 2012 Olympic Games simply by using his Barwa Bank credit card between January 5th – March 5th 2012.

Mr Hassan will now enjoy a trip of a life time and experience all the Olympic excitement for himself in the UK's capital.

Mr. Hussain Al Abdullah, Head of Retail Banking at Barwa Bank said “We're delighted to celebrate Mr. Hassan's success with him. We launched our range of Shari'ah compliant credit cards just a few months ago and it's been a resounding success. Customers have responded to the added value that they offer; being the country's first Shari'ah compliant credit card that enables them to earn Barwa Bank Loyalty Points that can be converted to Qmiles.”

The Islamic credit card has been carefully developed with Islamic financial expertise, to ensure that the product is within the guidelines of Islamic finance and is 100% Shari'ah compliant.

It is available in a choice of Platinum and Gold. On becoming a Platinum member customers receive a bonus of 5,000 Barwa Bank Loyalty Points that can be converted to 5,000 Qmiles. In addition, it has no joining or annual fee, up to two free supplementary cards, cash withdrawal up to 100% of the total assigned credit limit as well as free SMS alert service for all transactions. Customers can choose to pay either the full monthly balance every month or just a minimum payment as low as 3%.

Other benefits for Platinum members offered by VISA include; extended warranty up to 24 months on purchases, free access to Visa's Emergency Assistance Service, up to 75% off at 50,000 hotels with HotelClub.com<<http://www.hotelclub.com/>>, discounted access to 300 of the world's best golf courses. While Gold card members can enjoy the following privileges; Emergency Assistance Service covering both lost and stolen cards and emergency card replacement; emergency cash up to \$2,000 as well as Legal & Medical referral; Gold offers on Travel, Dining, Shopping and lifestyle, plus Hotel Club benefits updated and available through Visa's dedicated Gold web site.

“The process to obtain a Barwa Bank credit card is straightforward and quick. Customers can get one by simply transferring their salary to Barwa Bank, or against a cash deposit. We have helpful and knowledgeable staff that is always available to



discuss our clients' unique financial needs and they can be reached by either calling our 24/7 call centre at 800 8555 or visiting one of our branches," Mr. Abdullah concluded.

Barwa Bank offers wide range of retail products and investments and has five strategically located branches, including the new Prestige Centre to serve Barwa Bank's elite customers, as well as a wide network of more than 40 ATMs located all across Qatar. Customers can access their accounts from the convenience of their office or home through the state-of-the-art online banking as well as 24/7 Call Centre.

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