



Barwa Bank Hosts Annual Gala Ceremony

Doha, Qatar – 30 June 2015: Barwa Bank, Qatar's most progressive Shari'ah compliant service provider, held an Annual Gala ceremony to honour the Group's top performing team members.

Opening the ceremony, the bank's Chairman and Managing Director, H.E. Sheikh Mohamad bin Hamad bin Jassim Al Thani, welcomed the Barwa Bank Group Board of Directors, the management team and staff members, commenting on how the Group's successes would not have been possible without the hard work of the talented individuals within the Group:

"The gala is being held to congratulate the outstanding members of our staff for their remarkable efforts, motivating them to continue on this successful path. We are very proud to have a team of highly skilled, dedicated, and hardworking professionals who work tirelessly towards achieving the Group's vision and mission. Your collective and individual efforts and accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. Tonight, we celebrate you."

During the ceremony, 33 exceptional employees whose hard work and efforts stood out towards increasing profits, reducing costs, providing outstanding customer value, and improving operational efficiencies were duly recognised by both peers and management, while 160 staff members, who have completed five or more years in the Group, received long service recognition certificates; these included the staff of Barwa Bank, First Finance, First Leasing and The First Investor. The night was capped with a raffle, during which 25 smartphones were given out to winners.

Echoing HE's words, Khalid Yousef Al-Subeai, Acting Group CEO, praised employees for their commendable performance, adding:

"I commend the many achievements that would not have been imaginable without your efforts and hard work. I am confident in that our collective strengths and endeavours will stretch our success to new heights, cross even more milestones and carry our vision forward."

Drawing on his own challenges and successes in achieving his goals and ambitions over the past couple of years, the ceremony's special guest of honour Ghanim Al Muftah, shared with attendees his inspirational story of perseverance against all odds. Ghanim was recognised by H.E Sheikh Al Thani and Mr. Al-Subeai for his role in

and encouraging others to overcome their own personal challenges. He was also awarded with a Personal Finance account.

In addition, H.E Sheikh Al Thani and Mr. Al-Subeai, honoured Mr. Steve Troup, former CEO, for his support, contribution, and continuous efforts during his tenure at Barwa Bank Group, and for his work as an advisor to the Board of Directors.

The Annual Gala comes as part of Barwa Bank's management's commitment to support, inspire, and motivate the Group's employees. It provides management with the opportunity to give back to employees and reward those who have excelled at their jobs with the acclaim that they deserve for contributing to realising the Group's vision.

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About Barwa Bank

Barwa Bank is a Shari'ah compliant bank in the State of Qatar, established in Doha and licensed and regulated by the Qatar Central Bank. Barwa Bank provides a full range of Shari'ah compliant banking services including retail, corporate and commercial banking, private banking, real estate finance, structured finance, investments and asset management.