

Lloyds TSB Middle East announces Fourth Undergraduate Programme for UAE nationals

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Lloyds TSB Middle East, part of one of the world's largest banking groups, today announced the launch of the fourth annual Undergraduate Development Programme for UAE nationals. Along with the Bank's existing Management Trainee Programme and Headstart Programme for UAE National graduates, it aims to develop the next generation of Emirati banking professionals.

The Undergraduate Programme, which kicked-off today with 65 new recruits, is specifically designed for UAE National students who attend a full time course in any university or college around Dubai. The one year Development Programme will run one day a week, on Saturdays, in the Al Manzil Hotel and offers a salaried position with an annual contract with Lloyds TSB Middle East. The scheme offers a tailor-made insight into all parts of the banking industry whilst the students continue to study full time.

Richard Musty, Managing Director of Lloyds TSB Group Middle East said,

"I am proud to launch our 4th UDP Programme and am delighted with the success we have achieved since its inauguration three years ago. Emiratisation is a key focus for us and we are committed to delivering comprehensive schemes which provide UAE Nationals with practical skills and a good fountain of knowledge of the banking industry. Now, more than ever, it is important for the financial industry to work hard to develop a deeper talent pool of Emiratis and we believe that our UDP program is a step in the right direction for any Emirati interested in pursuing a career in financial services."

Topics covered in the programme encompass all business areas in the bank such as Finance, Marketing, Emiratisation, HR and Personal Banking. In addition, students will be trained in soft skills such as management and leadership capabilities, customer service training and presentation skills. Each Saturday the students will learn through exercises, activities and interactive presentations. The Introduction to Banking days will be delivered by Lloyds TSB's business units giving the Undergraduate Trainees an understanding of how the business works and what the teams within the bank do.

Abdul Rahman Saqr, Executive Advisor-UAE Business & Strategic Affairs for Lloyds TSB Middle East said,

"Guided by the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, we believe this programme is a great opportunity for UAE National graduate students to get an in-depth experience into Lloyds TSB's world class banking knowledge initiatives and to learn from our global best practices."



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Notes to Editors:

Lloyds TSB Middle East is a branch of Lloyds TSB Bank plc, which is a member of Lloyds Banking Group. This makes us part of one of the largest and most successful banking groups in the world. Lloyds TSB has been a leading bank in Dubai for over 30 years and was awarded its banking licence by the UAE Central Bank in 1977. For more information, please visit www.lloydstsb.ae

About Lloyds TSB Middle East

The main branch of Lloyds TSB Middle East is in Jumeirah, housed in a custom built landmark building, located on Al Wasl Road opposite Safa Park. The bank also has Customer Service Centres located at the Arabian Ranches, Healthcare City, Green Community and Uptown Mirdiff. Lloyds TSB Middle East employs over circa 300 people providing a full range of financial services including: Personal Banking, Commercial Banking, Corporate Banking, Offshore Banking, Private Banking, Treasury Services and Trade Finance Services. In addition to market leading car and home loans, credit cards, personal and commercial loans, current and savings accounts, and fixed term deposits, Lloyds TSB Middle East also offers easy accessibility to telephone banking and secure internet banking 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

