



## Ansbacher building Dubai team with appointments from HSBC

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Ansbacher & Co Ltd is delighted to announce a further addition to its Middle East team based in Dubai. David Forde has been appointed as a Private Banker and joins Ansbacher Middle East from HSBC. David will be based in Dubai and also actively support Ansbacher's team in Doha. David has worked in the Gulf as a broker and a private banker since 1994, having a strong knowledge of, and commitment to, the region and the wealth management business.

David will also be reunited with Brian Strathie, his former colleague at HSBC. Brian joined Ansbacher in January. David will report to Bruno Martorano, Senior Executive Officer Ansbacher Middle East, whose appointment was announced earlier this year.

Ansbacher, a fully owned subsidiary of Qatar National Bank has been rapidly expanding both its Doha and Dubai offices and is expecting to announce further appointments in the near future as it assumes the role of full partner in the QNB/Ansbacher international expansion strategy.

Bruno Martorano, Senior Executive Officer Ansbacher Middle East comments "*We are delighted to welcome David to the team. His knowledge and experience will add to Ansbacher's expertise in the Middle East. We are committed growing the team and attracting the best private bankers to the region*".

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### Notes to editors:

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Established in 1964 as the first Qatari owned commercial bank, QNB is listed on the Qatari Stock Exchange with 50% ownership by the Qatari government and the balance held by public shareholders. It is the largest bank in Qatar with total assets of some \$10 billion, controlling around 50% of the assets in the country's banking system. QNB is rated in the top 150 banks in the world in terms of capital strength and has a long-term credit rating of A+.

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