



The QFC Regulatory Authority honours its successful Qatari Graduate

Doha, Qatar, 30th April, 2013: The QFC **Regulatory Authority** held a ceremony to honour the latest Qatari Graduate who completed the one year bespoke Graduate Fellowship Programme ("GFP").

The GFP is a tailor-made one-year programme for highly-motivated Qatari university graduates seeking a career in financial services. The programme offers first-hand experience working in a world-class regulatory organisation, under the guidance of personal mentors, who are subject matter experts in financial regulation.

The most recent graduate of the programme is Mona Abdulla Ali. During the 12 month programme, Mona rotated through various functions within the Regulatory Authority's Finance Department to gain work experience and a comprehensive understanding of the department.

Michael Ryan, CEO of the QFC Regulatory Authority commented:

"The QFC Regulatory Authority is committed to training and developing talented Qatari graduates to help them achieve their potential as they commence a career in the financial services industry. I am proud to celebrate Mona's success in the GFP programme and I would like to thank her for her dedication and contribution to the Regulatory Authority."

The objective of the Regulatory Authority through the GFP is to recruit and train Qatari nationals to shape the future of the country, in line with the Human Development Pillar of the Qatar National Vision 2030. Since its launch in 2006, twenty two graduates have participated in the GFP, many of whom have accepted ongoing positions at the Regulatory Authority. The QFC Regulatory Authority is currently recruiting for the next Graduate Fellowship Programme for the year 2013-2014 to commence in September 2013.

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About the QFC Regulatory Authority

The QFC Regulatory Authority is an independent regulatory body established by Article 8 of the QFC Law. It regulates firms that conduct financial services in or from the QFC. It has a broad range of regulatory powers to authorise, supervise and, when necessary, discipline firms and individuals. The QFC Regulatory Authority regulates firms using principle-based legislation of international standard, modelled closely on that used in major financial centres. Further details are available on the website www.qfcra.com

About the Qatar Financial Centre

The Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) is a financial and business centre established by the Government of Qatar and located in Doha. It has been designed to attract international financial services institutions and major multi-national corporations and to encourage participation in the growing market for financial services in Qatar and elsewhere in the region. The QFC operates to international standards and provides a first class legal and business infrastructure for those doing business within the QFC. The QFC was created by QFC Law No.(7) of Qatar and has been open for business since 1 May 2005.