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UAE BANKS FEDERATION

ACTIVITIES DURING FIRST QUARTER 2017



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

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The Board held its first meeting for the year 2017 and reviewed the latest developments in the banking sector as well as UBF strategic objectives and action plan for 2017, Activities for 2016, agenda of the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly meetings, ratification of the financial statements for 2016 and budget for the year 2017 as well as the amendments of UBF Constitution.



CEOs ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING :

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During its first meeting in 2017, UBF CEOs advisory council discussed the following topics: the benefits of creating a Cyber Intelligence Sharing Platform which will allow banks to better identify, protect, detect and respond to cyber-attacks; the progress of UBF initiative on Commercial / SMEs Skips; the importance of independent auditing to form an opinion on the accuracy, reliability and fairness of representations in the financial statements of enterprises; and the proposed rollout of Value Added Tax (VAT) in the UAE and its impact on the country's financial sector members, and the challenges presented by the new tax framework.



UBF ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING :

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UBF Annual General Assembly meeting convened where members reviewed and approved action plan for 2017, Financial Statements and Auditors' report for 2016, appointed the external auditors for 2017, activities report for 2016 and the budget for 2017. Also the Extraordinary General Meeting was convened and approved the amendments of UBF Constitution.



EMIRATES DIGITAL WALLET:

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UBF has disclosed the establishment of Emirates Digital Wallet, an independent company owned by 16 Shareholding banks. The launch of the company will introduce a society-wide cash transformation to digital, and mark a major milestone in the country's push towards a cashless future. The Board of Directors of the company was elected. Several consultative meetings were held between the representatives of the shareholding banks to create the main pillars and arrangements needed to move towards the final launching of the company.

BASEL III CAPITAL ADEQUACY REGULATION:

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After several discussions with UBF Risk Management Committee, CBUAE has issued Basel III Capital Adequacy Regulation.

IMAGE CHEQUE CLEARING SYSTEM "ICCS":

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UBU team continued its meetings with the competent committee in the CBUAE to discuss ways and measures that could be implemented to counter cheque fraud, as well as the techniques that could be used to enhance the security of cheques.

STANDARDIZATION OF ISLAMIC BANKING WINDOWS :

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The Vice Chairman of UBF Islamic Banking Committee met with the Chief Manager of the CBUAE Banking Supervision Department and discussed the proposal of UBF Islamic Banking Committee on subject.

DE-RISKING:

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UBF Director General and the Chairman of UBF Compliance committee had a meeting with the concerned committee of the CBUAE and exchanged views on subject.

AL ETIHAD CREDIT BUREAU:

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The Steering Committee, comprising UBF and Al Etihad Credit Bureau, held its second meeting and discussed issues of common concern. On the other hand, the technical teams of both parties held several meetings regarding information technology and security and other committees.

EMIRATIZATION STRATEGY IN THE BANKING SECTOR AND INSURANCE COMPANIES:

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CBUAE representative met with UBF HR Practice committee members and briefed them on the latest developments and progress on subject especially on the “Points System”.

EMIRATI ENTREPRENEURS ASSOCIATION (EEA):

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The UAE Entrepreneurs Association, in partnership with UBF, organized a seminar entitled “Entrepreneurs and Banks” to provide an open platform for UAE entrepreneurs to highlight the key financial challenges facing the SME sector and best practices to increase access to finance and explore ways to provide the necessary support to develop its business and the challenges facing the relationship between banks and small and medium enterprises. The forum, chaired by H.E. Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair, UBF Chairman who was the keynote speaker in the presence of EEA Chairman and the Director General. The Seminar was attended by more than 100 Emirati entrepreneurs and some experts from the banking sector. UBF has been praised and commended for the several initiatives and programs launched especially on supporting the distress companies through (Modus Operandi).



FINANCIAL LITERACY COMPETITION:

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UBF hosted a competition aimed at soliciting innovative ideas and identifying effective ways that can improve financial literacy among young adults in the UAE, as well as to improve young people's awareness and knowledge of the importance of saving, budgeting, debt management, wise spending and financial planning. A specialized panel of judges from UBF executive management and Marketing Committee members have evaluated the presentations and selected the winners. The first prize was for a team from Middlesex University in Dubai, while the students of the University of New York Abu Dhabi won the second prize.

UAE BANKS FEDERATION SUPPORTS 2017 FRAUD CONFERENCE MIDDLE EAST AS A STRATEGIC PARTNER:

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UBF announced its contribution as strategic partner for the 2017 ACFE Fraud Conference Middle East, which took place in Dubai from 29-31 January 2017, hosted by the the Department of Economic Development (DED), Government of Dubai, in partnership with the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) under the patronage of H.E. UBF Chairman. UBF's support comes in line with its commitment to fight fraud and corruption and safeguard the interests of its members and their customers, especially in a context where cyber-attacks are increasing in frequency, sophistication and impact.

UBF RETAIL CREDIT COMMITTEE:

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UBF Retail Credit committee was formed of thirteen member banks which will join the other UBF technical committees.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND:

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UBF Director General met with representatives of the International Monetary Fund at UBF premises in Abu Dhabi and discussed the latest developments in UAE banking sector.

SWIFT USER GROUP (UAE) “SUG” :

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UBF Representatives met SWIFT Regional Director in the Middle East and North Africa and discussed SWIFT activities for 2017 and the possibility of cooperation between both parties through organizing workshops on the latest global developments regarding Swift, especially on information security.

UBF COMMITTEES:

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Islamic Banking Committee:

Topics discussed:

- Standardization of Islamic Banking Windows

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SMEs Committee:

Topics Discussed:

- SME proposed draft regulation
- SME proposed rating model
- Commercial Credit Reports

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Operations Committee:

Topics discussed:

- Image Cheque Clearing System
- Biometrics / Digital Signature

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Wholesale & Corporate Banking Committee:

Topics discussed:

- Definition of Commercial Real Estate
- Establishment of a Central Repository for Documents
- Bankers references
- Commercial Credit Reports

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HR Practice Committee:

Topics discussed:

- Nationalization Strategy
- Financial Literacy among schools and universities
- Sharing of Data
- Benefits / Rewards system between public and private sectors
- EIBFS Role

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Audit Committee:

Topics discussed:

- Anti-Money Laundering
- Outsourcing Regulation and Standards
- Cyber Security

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Legal Committee:

Topics discussed:

- Outsourcing Regulation and Standards
- Real Estate Retail mortgage loans
- Companies law
- Close-out Netting

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Consumer Banking Committee:

Topics discussed:

- Customer Complaints
- Ethical Selling
- Autos Mortgage & Release fees
- Trust Index and Social Media
- Branch Opening and Closing Guidelines

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Risk Management committee:

Topic Discussed:

- Cooperation with Al Etihad Credit Bureau
- Auditors and SME
- Sovereign Rating

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Financial Markets Committee:

Topics Discussed:

- EIBOR

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Compliance Committee:

Topic discussed:

- De-Risking
- Common Reporting Standards “CRS”
- Investment Products

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Digital Banking Committee:

Topic discussed:

- Block chain

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Information Security Committee:

Topic discussed:

- Cyber Intelligence Sharing Platform System
- Information Security Awareness
- Credit Information Security
- Regulatory Framework for Stored Values and Electronic Payment System
- Outsourcing Regulation & Standards

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Wealth Management Committee:

Topic discussed:

- Strategic Proposition for the UAE
- Product Suitability and Appropriateness
- Qualification of Investment Advisor
- Common Reporting Standards “CRS”

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Fraud Prevention Committee:

Topic discussed:

- The risk of an insider
- Digital Fraud Threats and Attack Vectors
- Fraud Awareness Campaigns / Initiatives
- Creation of a Bureau for information sharing about “Fraud”

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Marketing Committee:

Topic discussed:

- AECB
- Trust Index 2017
- Financial Literacy
- UBF Rebranding
- Social Media industry report
- Ethical Selling
- Customer Complaints

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IT Committee:

Topic discussed:

- Cooperation with AECB
- Payment changes regulation
- Outsourcing policy
- Innovation topics