



BFX Holds Educational Workshop for the BCICAI Leveraging Opportunities in the Financial Derivatives Markets

Manama, Bahrain – 29th January, 2012: The Bahrain Financial Exchange (BFX), the first multi-asset exchange in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, is pleased to host an educational workshop for the members of the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) taking place at the Gulf Hotel Convention Centre on the 31st of January 2012.

Honoured by Mr. Abdul Rahman Al Baker, the Executive Director of Financial Institutions Supervision at the Central Bank of Bahrain, the event comes as part of the BFX's corporate responsibility to contribute to the educational and practical knowledge development, particularly within the field of finance in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The event topic will discuss the ways to leverage opportunities in the financial derivatives markets, provide a comprehensive overview of the exchange traded derivatives markets and create awareness about the benefits and opportunities that these markets provide to various types of investors and traders. Complementing the presentation, the BFX will also feature a trading environment in which the participants can gain hands on experience.

Partnered by the Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB), Al Bilad newspaper, the Business in Gulf magazine and the Gulf Daily News newspaper, the event will also include the BAB members and the local media members as valuable guests.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Arshad Khan, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the BFX and the BFX Clearing and Depository Corporation (BCDC), said: "It is our great pleasure to organise this educational workshop for the BCICAI members. As a pioneering and innovative exchange, we recognise the value of knowledge and community resources within the financial industry, and we trust that our topic of choice "Leveraging Opportunities in the Financial Derivatives Markets" will be gratifying to our guests. BFX and its Training Institute (BFX-TI) have always been in the forefront to disseminate the theoretical and practical knowledge about the financial markets and this workshop is another step in that direction. We will be organising several such workshops for various other participants in the near future."

Mr. T.D. Balraj, Chairman of the BCICAI stated: "We are thankful to the BFX management for arranging a workshop for our members as part of our seminar series on "Emerging Opportunities and Challenges". The facilities, business expertise and technological prowess of the BFX is second to none when it comes to financial derivatives markets. Our members can easily make a positive difference in the way they trade in the commodities and currencies after they attend this workshop. We appreciate this constructive step taken by the BFX to create this level of knowledge and awareness."



“One of the objectives of the Bahrain Association of Banks is to promote ongoing professional development of its members”, remarked Robert Ainey, CEO “The Association provides its support to the BFX in hosting this educational workshop and encourages professionals from the member banks to attend it.”

In line with its corporate responsibility policy, the BFX will be conducting various other workshops to create knowledge and awareness about the financial exchanges and the products traded on them. Some of these workshops are specifically designed for the students based in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

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About Bahrain Financial Exchange (BFX):

The Bahrain Financial Exchange (BFX) is a pioneering international financial exchange based in the Kingdom of Bahrain and internationally accessible to trade cash, derivatives, structured products and Shariah-compliant financial instruments. The BFX has set up the BFX Clearing and Depository Corporation (BCDC) to clear and settle the financial instruments traded by the members of the BFX. The BFX and the BCDC are licensed and regulated by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB).

The Exchange is a wholly owned initiative of Financial Technologies Group (FT Group), which currently owns one of the world’s largest networks of 10 exchanges connecting fast-growing economies of Africa, Middle East, India and South East Asia.

Bait Al Bursa is an Islamic finance division of the BFX, exclusively offering electronic exchange traded Islamic financial instruments. Bait Al Bursa signifies the ‘Home of Exchanges’, and represents the BFX’s vision of providing a single venue for all the exchange traded business in the Islamic finance sector.

The BFX Training Institute (BFX-TI) is an internationally accredited training institute operating under the BFX providing world class conventional and Islamic financial training and development courses.

The BFX is a member of the International Islamic Financial Market (IIFM) and the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI).

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Affiliated to the Bahrain Accountants Association (BAA), the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) is the largest organised professional body of Indians in Bahrain



and has been in existence for more than 12 years. Apart from reaching out to the Bahrain society, it organizes seminars of professional interest to its members.

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