

## **A message from His Excellency Nasser Ahmed al Sowaidi**

The creation of this enlarged bank is a significant moment in the development of the UAE's financial industry.

A strategic vision that creates a true national champion and the UAE's international bank.

Together, First Gulf Bank and the National Bank of Abu Dhabi will be the largest bank in the Middle East and North Africa. A bank with the size and strength to drive the UAE's economic ambitions at home and internationally.

The combined bank accelerates the growth of these two successful Abu Dhabi banks with the aim to serve customers better in a fast-changing global environment.

The combination will also strengthen the UAE's economic and financial systems and will play a central role in the success of the Abu Dhabi Plan and Economic Vision.

The new bank will be called the National Bank of Abu Dhabi.

With the aim of being a highly diversified bank, made up of two complementary businesses: market-leading consumer banking, coupled with leading wholesale banking and capital markets advisory services.

It will be an engine of UAE growth, driving further investment and economic diversification - advancing the ambitions of entrepreneurs and the people they employ.

It will support the development of the UAE's private sector, from SMEs to large companies gathering strength to expand beyond their national borders.



With the aim of being the strategic banking partner to the UAE government and its agencies.

Expansion across fast growing emerging markets presents a vast business opportunity for our customers and for us.

The combined bank will have the capital, expertise and international networks to be the preferred financial partner for anyone doing business internationally, and for global businesses and governments that want to access regional and global markets.

Our scale, diversified assets and superior technology will provide the competitive advantage needed to lead in the new banking environment of more stringent regulation, digitalisation and demand for personalised services.

Now, more than ever, the UAE and our customers will benefit from a strong, financial partner with the capacity to meet new challenges, drive domestic growth, and support the country's ever-greater connections to the global economy.

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