



COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following is a Company Announcement by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. pursuant to Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules.

Quote:

HSBC continues to invest in Maltese business.

HSBC Group Chief Executive Officer Stuart Gulliver said: "Malta is one of our best performing markets and we continue to invest in our Maltese franchise, expanding our range of services and products for our customers."

Mark Watkinson, HSBC Bank Malta Chief Executive, said: "There are exciting opportunities to develop our business as part of the Government's strategy of expanding the financial services sector in Malta. HSBC's international footprint provides the Bank with a unique competitive advantage in this growth sector.

"Over the last year, HSBC Bank Malta has continued its programme of renovating its branch network, rolling out new ATMs and automated banking facilities, and IT and systems upgrades to the tune of €1 million."

Unquote

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Brancalone".

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