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United Arab Bank Awards 'Best Book' at Sharjah International Book Fair

November 19 2009, Sharjah, UAE: United Arab Bank awarded yesterday a 'Best Book of the Year' Award to 'Dictionary of the Most Prominent Arab Men and Women' published by the renowned Lebanese Dar Al Ilm Lil Malayin Publishing House.

The award was presented to the winner on the sidelines of the 28th edition of Sharjah International Book Fair by UAB's Chief Executive Officer, Paul Trowbridge.

Following the globally-renowned success of the Sharjah Book Fair, United Arab Bank joined efforts to engage in this success story to further support the cultural and intellectual role that the Emirate of Sharjah has successfully forged itself over the years.

"The Sharjah Book Fair and its '*for love of the written word*' has become a landmark of the Emirate of Sharjah. It is indeed an honor for UAB to contribute to this major national and international event," commented Paul Trowbridge, UAB's CEO. He also added: "Our objective is to support intellectual output and education and, as a local Sharjah-based Bank, promote the intellectual aspect of this Emirate. UAB's social responsibility goes hand in hand with its entrepreneurial drive. Our core mission is to remain loyal to this nation's heritage and contribute to the overall development of this community."

Mr. Awni Al Alami, the Bank's Deputy CEO, commented: "We aim to nurture the spread and publication of inspiring authors and works and promote Arabic arts and culture."

Mr. Imad Abdel Hamid, Sales Manager of Dar Al Ilm Lil Malayin stated: "We thank United Arab Bank and the Sharjah Book Fair and we remain committed to spreading knowledge and culture in all our publications."

UAB became part of a GCC regional banking alliance in December 2007 upon the acquisition of a 40% interest in UAB by The Commercial Bank of Qatar (Cb), Qatar's largest private sector bank. With the Commercial Bank of Qatar concluding a similar alliance with National Bank of Oman (NBO) two years previously, all three banks are more strongly positioned for future growth and to leverage their individual skills and knowledge together.

In a challenging financial environment, United Arab Bank maintained earnings momentum recording net profit growth of 12% for the nine months ended 30 September 2009 compared to the same period last year.

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About United Arab Bank

Incorporated in 1975 with its headquarters in Sharjah, United Arab Bank (UAB) offers a range of financial services in both corporate and retail banking through ten offices and branches throughout the UAE. Acknowledged as a leading solutions provider to the commercial and industrial base across the seven emirates, the Bank is recognized in the corporate sector for providing structured finance solutions for complex banking transactions. Formerly established as a joint venture between UAE investors and Société Générale (SG), UAB became part of a GCC regional banking alliance in December 2007 on the acquisition of 40% interest in UAB by The Commercial Bank of Qatar (Cb), Qatar's largest private sector bank. With the Commercial Bank of Qatar concluding a similar alliance with National Bank of Oman (NBO) two years previously, all three banks are more strongly positioned for future growth.

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