

BLME appoints Simon Gibbons as Chief Operating Officer

London, 25.11.21 – Bank of London & The Middle East (BLME) has announced the appointment of Simon Gibbons as Chief Operating Officer. The Bank, which earlier this year launched the world's first Islamic international digital bank, Nomo, has appointed Simon to oversee its operations, outsourcing, and IT infrastructure. He returns to BLME having formerly been the Bank's COO between 2015 and 2017.

Simon joins from First Abu Dhabi Bank UK where he held a senior leadership role. He brings over 30 years of C-level experience at globally recognised institutions such as The National Bank of Oman, International Bank of Qatar and Barclays in the UK and UAE.

Andrew Ball, CEO at BLME, said:

"We are really pleased to welcome Simon back to the BLME team. His decades of experience in financial, banking and advisory services throughout the GCC will be of immense value to BLME as we focus on becoming the UK's leading provider of Sharia'a compliant wealth management solutions for GCC nationals. I look forward to working with him to deliver on this ambition."

Simon Gibbons, COO at BLME, said:

"It's a great time to be re-joining BLME. What really appealed to me was the opportunity to work within an impressive management team that has a strong aspiration to grow the Bank in its key UK and GCC markets. The launch of Nomo, BLME's new digital bank, earlier this year shows that the ambition is supported by a winning strategy.

"BLME prides itself on providing individually tailored, hands-on client service and maintaining the highest ethical standards. That's an approach that I strongly believe in and I'm looking forward to playing my part in delivering it."

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About BLME

BLME is an independent wholesale Sharia'a compliant bank based in London. Led by a management team that brings together a combination of experienced international bankers and leading experts in Islamic finance, BLME has three key business areas: Wealth Management solutions, Commercial Real Estate Finance, and savings products.

BLME is authorised by the PRA and regulated by the FCA and PRA. For more information, please visit our website www.blme.com.

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