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BFX to hold its first annual Exchange Conference

The Bahrain Financial Exchange (BFX), the first multi asset, multi access international exchange in Bahrain and the Middle East, launching in Q1, 2010 will hold its first annual Exchange Conference in Bahrain on Tuesday 28 April at the Ritz Carlton hotel in Seef.

The conference, the first of its kind to be held in Bahrain, will focus on what benefits exchange trading can offer financial market participants. Areas of discussion will include how to utilise a transparent, well regulated and liquid exchange to raise capital and manage risk for both the Islamic and conventional financial markets.

Speakers in the Exchange Conference will also discuss how the recent financial situation has reshaped business on exchanges globally and what affect will this have on the financial markets in the region.

Informative and influential speakers at the conference include the Bahrain Economic Development Board, SHAPE™ Financial Corp and the BFX.

Presentations will cover the importance of financial services in Bahrain, an update on the progress of the BFX, exchange operations and benefits, raising capital and managing risk via a multi-asset proposition, and innovation in Islamic financial products.

As part of the conference, a training workshop on exchange traded derivatives will be offered to introduce attendees to the BFX Training Academy. The workshop will be given by the internationally renowned Simone Carminati, Senior Vice President, Head of Training Academy, BFX.

Arshad Khan, Director, BFX said, "The conference is unique in Bahrain and offers a high level of speaker which will provide attendees with a good understanding of the exchange business, in particular the BFX. We are delighted to be able to offer this conference to financial professionals here in Bahrain.

"The BFX Exchange Conference will become an annual event and will focus on financial and capital markets."

Notes to editors:

- The Bahrain Financial Exchange (BFX) will begin trading in Q1, 2010;
- The BFX is licensed and regulated by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) to trade multi assets including equities, bonds, currencies, commodities, derivatives and Sharia compliant Islamic financial instruments;
- It is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Financial Technologies Group;
- The Exchange has an international standard in-house training academy;
- Website: www.bfx.bh

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