

As part of its commitment to promote sustainability of stock exchanges:

DFM organizes a special bell-ringing ceremony to celebrate Dubai's hosting of UNEP FI's Global Roundtable and Annual Meeting

- **United Nations senior representatives as well as top executives of global stock exchanges convene in Dubai to address sustainability issues and challenges**

Dubai, 24 October 2016: Dubai Financial Market (DFM) today organized a special bell-ringing ceremony to celebrate Dubai's hosting of the Global Roundtable and Annual General Meeting 2016 of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Finance Initiative. The event underlines DFM's constant commitment to promote the sustainability of stock exchanges.

The bell-ringing ceremony sets the stage for these high-level meetings taking place 25 – 26 October 2016 and hosted by the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment. The meetings are an ideal opportunity for the finance sector to answer some of the most pressing questions facing the finance world.

Eric Usher, Head of the UNEP FI, rang the DFM market-opening bell in the presence of His Excellency Essa Kazim, Chairman of DFM and senior representatives of stock exchanges participating in the meetings.

Commenting on this, H.E. Essa Kazim said, "DFM is delighted to welcome the distinguished representatives of the UNEP and leading stock exchanges. This event has provided us with an unprecedented opportunity to celebrate stock exchanges' joint efforts and successes in terms

of sustainability over the past years. Our enthusiasm to observe this occasion stems from our deep belief in the importance of creating the necessary frameworks and environment for sustainability of stock exchanges and the financial sector in general and we hope that this drive gains further momentum during the coming period.”

“Stock exchanges play a crucial role in driving the growing green economy, so vital to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, said Eric Usher, Head of the UNEP Finance Initiative. “UNEP FI looks forward to engaging and supporting finance stakeholders in the region to help enhance their sustainability practices.”

It is noteworthy that DFM became a Partner Exchange Member of the United Nation’s Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) initiative in June 2016, as part of its continuous efforts to spearhead sustainability practices amongst capital markets. DFM has implemented numerous initiatives that significantly strengthened sustainability and green economy practices within the exchange and listed companies. Additionally, DFM participated in the Sustainable Stock Exchanges’ Global Dialogue that took place in Singapore on 6 September 2016.

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