

Damith Pallewatte appointed to the Governing Board of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka



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Damith Pallewatte, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, HNB, has been appointed to the Governing Board of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka (IBSL), the

country’s apex body for banking education and professional development. Damith Pallewatte, Managing Director / CEO, HNB, said: “I am honored to serve on the Governing Board of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka. For over six decades, the Institute has played a pivotal role in developing the skills and integrity of our profession. At a time when banking is being reshaped by digitalisation, sustainability, and new customer expectations, the role of professional education has never been more critical.

I look forward to working with my colleagues at IBSL. With my experience spanning risk management, corporate and wholesale banking, credit, and operations, I aim to expand learning opportunities and ensure that Sri Lankan bankers are equipped to thrive in the years ahead.”

Appointed as HNB’s Managing Director/CEO in November 2024 after serving as Acting CEO earlier that year, he has been instrumental in strengthening HNB’s wholesale banking franchise, having previously served as Deputy General Manager of the Wholesale Banking Group. Before joining HNB in 2015, he was Chief Risk Officer at Nations Trust Bank, where he led the development of robust risk frameworks during a period of global financial turbulence.

An accomplished professional, Pallewatte holds an MBA from the Postgraduate Institute of Management at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and a BSc. Management (Hons.) from the London School of Economics (University of London). He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK), a Chartered Global Management Accountant, and a Certified Financial Risk Manager (FRM) from GARP.