Hatton National Bank Holds Investor Forum 2019

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Hatton National Bank conducted its Investor Forum, which focused on the Bank's financial performance in 2018. The Investor Forum is held to provide the investment community with a holistic, comprehensive understanding of the banks general operations, future plans and status of strategic initiatives.

Jonathan Alles, Managing Director/ CEO, HNB, delivered the main presentation and this was followed by an interactive Q&A session. A panel compromising of top bank officials was present to provide insight on some important questions raised by stakeholders and media. The panel consisted of Thushari Ranaweera, Deputy General Manager-Legal, Dilshan Rodrigo, Chief Operating Officer, Jonathan Alles, Managing Director/CEO, Anusha Gallage, Chief Financial Officer and Rajive Dissanayake, Chief Strategy Officer.

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Officer. rector/ Chief Executive Officer discussed about HNB’s exposure in the real-estate sector stating, “We have been dealing with our most respected customers in property development. There are of course those who are concerned that new buildings are coming up in this current growth environment, but I believe that over the long-term, if Sri Lanka’s growth can truly recover, then there is a clear benefit to having all of this infrastructure in place over the long term.”

Speaking about the bank’s investment in the tea industry, he stated, “We have a special connection to the tea industry. HNB is aware of its responsibil- ity to support the tea industry. Even though we are facing our own challenges, we are still com-mitted to supporting the industry to the best of our ability. Dilshan Rodrigo, Chief Oper- ating Officer emphasized on the Bank’s digital strategy to promote greater efficiency for transactions while Anusha Gallage, Chief Financial Officer addressed the audience regard- ing the impact of the October 2018 political crisis on the bank-ing sector.