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## **HSBC AGREES TO SELL ITS BUSINESS IN PAKISTAN**

HSBC Bank Middle East Limited ('HBME'), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, has entered into an agreement to sell its banking business in Pakistan to JS Bank Limited.

The transaction, which is subject to regulatory approval and the approval of the direct shareholders in HBME and JS Bank Limited, is expected to complete in the final quarter of 2012. It represents further progress in the execution of the HSBC Group strategy.

At 30 June 2012, the business to be sold had 10 branches and gross assets of PKR60.06bn (approximately US\$635m).

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