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Deutsche Bank Renews Partnership with Bader Lebanon for DB Awards

The Deutsche Bank Middle East Foundation announced today that for the second year running it will be offering two of its creative awards in Lebanon, in partnership with Bader Young Entrepreneurs Program.

The DB Awards, valued at Euro 10 thousand each, offer practical and financial support to artists, craftspeople, designers and performers to start a business or carry out a project. They come as part of a concentrated effort by Deutsche Bank and Bader to support young talent in Lebanon.

Two projects, one focused on photography and the other on graphic design, were the winners of last year's awards; one was bestowed by a jury and the other through a public vote through the internet. The jury award went to "Karen & Josette" for their artistic photography, while the public choice award went to "Draw Me a Song", where artistically designed posters use lyrics as their theme.

In addition to the awards, both winners received mentorship and guidance in developing and setting up their business.

Henry Azzam, Chairman of the Deutsche Bank Middle East Foundation and the Bank's regional Chairman, said "We have found in Bader a valued partner through which we can offer these awards. The creative pool in Lebanon is substantial, and the DB Awards are a good way of offering talent, not only financial support, but the empowering know-how to take their talent further. We look forward to partnering with other institutions across the Middle East to make the DB Awards available to a larger group of individuals across the region."

Robert Fadel, Bader Young Entrepreneur Program President said "We are extremely happy to have renewed our partnership with the Deutsche Bank Middle East Foundation. The success of the first year has strengthened our desire to support the creative industry in Lebanon. We are looking forward to the new set of application and to discover our hidden creative talents."

All applications will be reviewed and short-listed applicants will be invited to give a

presentation on their business project to a judging panel.

Application deadline is November 1, 2011. The top five candidates will be announced in December and will move to the final round. The final two winners are to be announced at the end of February 2012.

For additional information on the awards, please visit dbawards.com and www.baderlebanon.com

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About Bader Young Entrepreneurs Program

“Bader” means take the initiative.

Bader Young Entrepreneurs Program, a non-governmental and non-profit organization was created in 2006 by a group of forty young business leaders. Bader promotes entrepreneurship in Lebanon through Education, Finance and Networking. In its Education programs, Bader develops tools for and promotes entrepreneurship education. In the Finance field, Bader facilitates the access to capital for startups and SMEs through for instance the first Business Angel network in Lebanon. Finally, Bader taps into the network of successful entrepreneurs in Lebanon and abroad as well as through partnership with international institutions to bring support for startups and SMEs.

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