

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Bob Wood joins The Co-operative Bank's Oxford Corporate Banking Team**

The Co-operative Bank's Oxford Corporate Banking Centre has expanded its team with the appointment of Senior Corporate Manager Bob Wood.

With experience in both Mid and High Value Corporate Banking sectors, Bob joins The Co-operative Bank after six years working as Director of Corporate at The Bank of Scotland. During his time there, Bob was involved in managing a portfolio of 40 clients with a borrowing total circa £90m.

Prior to working at The Bank of Scotland, Bob was Senior Business Banking Manager at Yorkshire Bank PLC for two years. A keen rugby player, Bob lives with his wife and two children in Marsh Gibbon, near Bicester.

Situated in Oxford Office Village, the opening of the Oxford Centre a year ago formed part of an £18m investment by The Co-operative Bank, which will see the number of Corporate Banking Centres double to 24 over the next two years.

Bob Wood said; "I'm pleased to be joining The Co-operative Bank's Corporate Banking Division in Oxford and I'm looking forward to maximising opportunities from our existing portfolio as well as nurturing the acquisition of new clients."

Richard France, Head of Relationship Banking, said; "It's great to have Bob on board. His appointment is a valuable addition to the team in Oxford. Even in today's uncertain economic climate, we are still very much open for business and lending to companies with impressive business strategies. We are in a strong position to

provide funding for existing and new customers, unlike some other lenders who seem to be more reluctant to provide funding at this current time.”

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