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**HRH PRINCE ANDREW, THE DUKE OF YORK VISITS MEDICAPITAL BANK HEADQUARTERS**

HRH Prince Andrew gave MediCapital Bank the great honour of visiting its London headquarters on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The Prince was welcomed by Mr. Othman Benjelloun, Chairman of BMCE Group, Mr. Jaloul Ayed, Vice-Chairman, Mr. David Suratgar, Chairman of MediCapital Bank, and Mr. Eric Aouani, Chief Executive Officer.

During the presentation of MediCapital Bank's core operations and strategic plan, Prince Andrew met several Board members of MediCapital: Bernard Asher, Colin Fisher, Jeremy Carver, Ian Plenderleith and Peter Cooke, all prominent, experienced international bankers.

Having expressed a clear interest in the evolving international strategy of the Group, the Prince toured the Bank to meet the different departments such as Capital Markets and Corporate Banking, and to meet members of staff.

He expressed enthusiasm for the professionalism of the staff and of the approach of MediCapital Bank and its stated objective of becoming a banking point of reference for international capital flows and for business relations between Africa and the City of London. Before leaving, Prince Andrew promised to return within eighteen months to be updated on the progress of MediCapital Bank. He added that MediCapital Bank represents an excellent and timely initiative assisting the economic development of Africa, and that the City of London was the right place for this initiative.

The successful visit of HRH Prince Andrew demonstrates endorsement of the continuing endeavours of the MediCapital management and the BMCE Group to strengthen the financial ties between the United Kingdom and Morocco, and also to provide a link between French-speaking Africa and international institutional investors.

**ABOUT MEDICAPITAL BANK**

**MediCapital Bank is a London-based wholesale and investment bank authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. With a wide network of offices in Europe and across Africa, MediCapital bank is uniquely positioned to provide international investors with direct access to growth opportunities in Africa while giving corporate Africa wider access to global capital markets.**

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