Garanti joins OTCQX International Premier as the first Turkish company

Garanti, the first Turkish company to issue shares in international markets in 1993, has been entitled to join the prestigious tier of the U.S. Over-the-Counter (OTC) market, OTCQX International Premier where select OTC companies with the highest financial standards and superior information availability are traded. Garanti's Depositary Receipts (DRs) will trade under the symbol "TKGBY" starting on June 26, 2012.

Mr. Ergun Ozen, President and CEO of Garanti Bank said "We are pleased to be the first Turkish company trading on the OTCQX. The OTCQX-traded DR program will enhance Garanti's visibility in the US and will allow us to reach out to a broader investor base. Joining this platform signifies our commitment to serve a growing number of investors in a proactive, transparent and consistent way."

BNY Mellon acts as the depositary bank and Principal American Liaison ("PAL") of Garanti Bank on OTCQX. Mr. Michael Cole-Fontayn, CEO of BNY Mellon's Depositary Receipts stated that "As the first Turkish company to trade their DRs on OTCQX, we believe Garanti Bank's decision is well-timed and will bring enhanced exposure to the company's profile. Garanti Bank is a global company and we look forward to continuing to help them elevate their global brand awareness through this newly enhanced DR program."

Garanti Bank's shares are listed on the Istanbul Stock Exchange and on the London Stock Exchange Main Market (LSE). Garanti's DRs trade in London on the LSE's International Order Book and in New York on the OTCQX International Premier.
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