



Guaranty Trust Bank (Ghana) Ltd
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■ **GTBank is 3 Today**

Today, Friday, February 13, 2009, is the 3rd anniversary of the Guaranty Trust Bank's operations in Ghana.

GTBank, as it is popularly known in the country, has within the three years of its operations, played a major role in the development of the banking industry.

Starting as a lesser-known financial services provider in Ghana, the bank with over 150 affiliate branches in Nigeria alone, plus other subsidiaries in Sierra Leone, the Gambia, and the United Kingdom, has grown to be a significant player in the industry. It recently declared a handsome profit in its 2008 Financial Year results.

Mr. Dolapo Ogundimu, Managing Director of GTBank, said, "When we started our operations in Ghana, we had planned to make GTBank's services a truly Ghanaian affair with optimum customer satisfaction as our main goal"

"Three years on, we are happy to be where we are now but obviously not complacent. We aim to render even better services to our customers and add value to all our stakeholders", he added.

Presently, GTbank employs over 230 permanent staff and about 120 contract staff, all of whom are Ghanaians, thus, helping to reduce the rate of unemployment in the Ghanaian economy. Indirectly, through its operations as a financial services provider, GTBank has also supported and contributed to the creation of many businesses and employments in Ghana.

Since its inception, the bank that is generally identified by its orange and white livery has also supported many social causes in the country. In the past three years, GTBank has helped, financially or in kind, many organizations involved in the arts, sports and health matters. Among the organizations that have benefited from GTBank's support over the years are the College of Health Sciences, Joyce Tamakloe Memorial Cancer Foundation, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II Royal Golf Club, SIFE Ghana, the World Lebanese Cultural Union in Ghana and many others. This year, organizations that have already benefited from GTBank so far include the Hermann Gmeiner SOS School in Tema and the Celebrity Golf Club at Sakumono.

Head of Corporate Affairs of the bank, Mr. Ben Ackah-Mensah said, "GTBank is an institution that takes its corporate social responsibility seriously. We strongly believe in affecting positively the environment in which we operate'. He added that it is a vision of the bank to create role models for society.

As part of their third anniversary programme, GTBank intends to roll out an attractive promotion to handsomely reward its customers.

Guaranty Trust Bank (Ghana) Limited was registered in 2004 as a limited liability company in Ghana. It was licensed by the Bank of Ghana in February, 2006, to provide universal banking services to the general public. It however commenced operations on March 13, 2006, exactly three years ago.

So far, GTbank has opened 12 branches, including the recently opened Tudu and Madina outlets. There are plans to open more branches this year.

Apart from traditional banking services, GTBank provides 24-hour ATM services, VISA card services for both domestic and international use, Western Union money transfer, their own GTMT money transfer across West Africa and electronic banking services where customers can check accounts and even request for statements online.

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