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HSBC installs the bank's iconic lion; Stitt at Menara IQ

Lion unveiled at a ceremony in conjunction with HSBC's 140 year anniversary in Malaysia, reinforcing the bank's commitment to the country's growth and development

Dato' Omar Siddiq, CEO, HSBC Malaysia kicked off HSBC's 140th year anniversary celebrations in the country with the installation of the bank's lion, Stitt, at Menara IQ at the new international hub for finance and business at Tun Razak Exchange. HSBC's iconic lions, symbolising growth and prosperity, were first installed at the Shanghai branch in 1923. The lions proved so popular that they now guard many HSBC offices around the world, including Malaysia.

"For the past 140 years, HSBC has played a key role in Malaysia's growth and development. Since opening the doors to our first office in Penang in 1884, we have supported and continue to support our customers and communities, growing and prospering together. The installation of the lion now at our Malaysia headquarters at Menara IQ is a concrete representation of our dedication to our clients over the past 140 years and for years to come", said Dato' Omar.

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HSBC's presence in Malaysia dates back to 1884 when the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited established its first office in the country on the island of Penang, with the permission to issue currency notes. HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad was locally incorporated in 1984 and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, founding member of the HSBC Group. In 2007, HSBC Bank Malaysia was the first foreign bank to be awarded an Islamic banking subsidiary licence in Malaysia, namely HSBC Amanah Malaysia Berhad. HSBC Malaysia offers a comprehensive range of banking and financial services including Islamic financial solutions. HSBC Malaysia has also led innovation in Malaysia by introducing Malaysia's first ATM and Electronic Touch Banking in the early 1980s. Today, HSBC Malaysia has launched innovative solutions such as HSBCnet for secure banking for businesses, Trade Transaction Tracker and Facial Recognition on supported mobile phones.

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