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### **HSBC 'Goes for Gold' with Largest Corporate Marathon Entry**

Nearly 130 staff from HSBC have entered the Jersey Marathon this year, making it the largest entry of corporate runners in both the relay and full race.

The Bank has put forward 22 relay teams of 110 individuals, and 17 full distance runners and also has a number of staff volunteering to help look after everybody on the day.

Not just for fun and fitness, the marathon is also an important event in the Island's fundraising calendar and HSBC plans to exceed the total of £2,000 raised by the Bank's runners in 2017. This year, all funds raised will be split equally between the Marathon's nominated charities, Jersey Hospice Care and Seeing is Believing.

The Jersey Marathon is split into three categories, Marathon, Relay Race and 3K Fun Run. Last year it attracted around 2,700 entrants with over half of marathon runners coming from off the Island.

Commenting on the Bank's entry to the race, Tracy Garrad, CEO HSBC Channel Islands and Isle of Man, said:

"The Marathon is such a key fundraising event for Jersey and HSBC is always pleased to take part and contribute to the chosen charities. We are proud to be entering the highest number of runners, including staff and senior members from across the Bank's network, and I wish them the very best of luck. Taking part in events such as this is good for your health, mentally and physically, but also helps build valuable teamwork skills and friendships within the Bank."

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