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New ANZ Willis Street branch completes big picture

ANZ today celebrated the official opening of its new branch at Willis Street, in the heart of Wellington's Central Business District (CBD).

The branch – at 22 Willis Street - was officially opened by Mr Fang Qiu, Counsellor, from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, the Labour Party's Deputy Leader Hon David Parker, Wellington City Councillor Andy Foster, Charlie Howe, ANZ General Manager Central and Marcel Goulding, ANZ Willis Street Branch Manager.

Fred Ohlsson, ANZ's Managing Director, Retail and Business Banking, said it was exciting to have a new branch in one of Wellington's most bustling streets and it further signifies ANZ's commitment to the Wellington region.

"We've been part of the Wellington community for 170 years, it's great to have a strong presence in the capital," he said.

"In addition to our 1200 Retail and Business Banking staff, we have over 1500 other staff in our Wealth, Commercial and Agri, Global Technology Services & Operations (GTSO) and Global Enablement teams in the region.

"With the completion of our new Willis Street branch, it's great to say we now have the Wellington Golden Mile covered, with branches in Courtenay Place, Manners St, 215 Lambton Quay, 188 Lambton Quay, North Lambton Quay and Molesworth Street.

"There's less than five minutes' walk between all our Wellington CBD branches, making it easy for our customers to bank where it's most convenient for them," Mr Ohlsson said.

The new branch features a 24/7 Smart ATM, which accepts deposits and cheques. To celebrate Matariki, the Māori New Year, the ATM frontage has been redesigned by artist and carver Arekatera Maihi. The branch also features an ANZ Change Machine where customers can insert notes in exchange for coins.

Mr Goulding said he and the team of 25, including six Migrant Banking experts, are looking forward to meeting new customers and helping them with all their banking needs.

"A number of the team, from the nearby Featherston Street and Wellington branches, are now based at the new Willis Street branch, so customers will see the same faces and same expert service they have come to expect at any of our branches in Wellington," he said.

ANZ Willis Street is open from 8am - 6pm.

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