



Fitch Learning and Times Professional Learning Announce Strategic Partnership

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Fitch Learning and Times Professional Learning, a division of Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd, are pleased to announce their strategic partnership to provide leading financial education programmes and training across India.

Under the new RBI policy of higher standards and capacity building for financial professionals, the Indian Bank's Association (IBA) has selected Fitch Learning to provide training programmes and enhance the skill level across the financial services sector. As part of this, Fitch Learning has developed programmes which are aimed at specific banking institutes and would comply with the specifications for certification mandates laid down by the RBI. These programmes aim at training and certifying bank officers who man key responsibilities in four areas: Credit Management, Risk Management, Accounting and Treasury Operations.

The other mode of delivery of Fitch Learning's product offering is the open course where mid to senior level executives from BFSI segment can enrol and attend these higher level programmes. The course will make its debut in the financial hub of India, Mumbai in November 2017 starting with Financial and Credit Risk programmes including 'Warning Signals and Lessons Learned in Corporate Credit'.

Fitch Learning has partnered with Times Professional Learning to promote Fitch Learning products, digital learning solutions and industry leading qualifications through its full suite of media distribution channels to those working within India's financial services industry.

"India is a key growth market for Fitch Learning. This is an important step in our strategic growth plan and we are excited to be expanding our local presence in India's rapidly evolving financial education sector with the highly respected Times Professional Learning," said **Andreas Karaiskos, Chief Executive Officer of Fitch Learning.**



Emphasising the importance of up-skilling in this sector, **Anish Srikrishna President, Times Professional Learning** stated, “The complexity of the banking business has grown exponentially. We are therefore pleased to be the Partner of Fitch Learning to bring their decades long specialisation and world class training programmes to India for the very first time.”

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About Fitch Learning

Fitch Learning, a preeminent training and professional development firm, offers learning solutions to the financial services industry across the globe. Focused and committed to partnering with clients to enhance knowledge, skills and conduct, Fitch Learning supports professionals through designing and delivering solutions to accelerate their performance and the organisation across their career lifecycle. Fitch Learning specializes in a number of key areas: regulatory and certification exam training, professional skills development and blended e-learning solutions.

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