

## Baptiste new BATT president

THE Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago (BATT) has appointed Nigel Baptiste as its new president.

In a release issued yesterday, BATT said the appointment took effect on August 14.

Baptiste will serve a two-year term from 2025 to 2027.

Baptiste, who is president and managing director of Republic Bank Ltd, succeeds Gayle Pazos, managing director of Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago.

'With over three decades of experience in the banking sector, and having previously served as BATT's president, Baptiste brings a wealth of expertise and steady leadership to the role,' BATT stated.

Baptiste holds a Bachelor of Science with honours and a Master of Science in Economics from The University of the West Indies (UWI) and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Programme.

In addition, he holds a diploma with distinction from the ABA Stonier Graduate School of Banking (USA) and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers (England).

*The release added that under his stewardship, BATT will continue to advance initiatives aimed at:*

**☑ Strengthening capacity for SMEs and the wider services sector ☑ Promoting ease of doing business with customers at the centre of solutions ☑ Deepening financial education and digital literacy, with special attention to vulnerable communities, the unbanked, and the underbanked.**

'BATT acknowledges and thanks Ms Pazos for her commitment and impactful leadership over the past two years. During her tenure, the Association successfully executed several initiatives alongside its members to expand financial inclusion and accessibility across T&T,' a release stated.

It added that the association was confident Baptiste would strengthen the financial sector and contribute meaningfully to national economic growth.