



Halifax launches first multi-currency ATMs

Halifax today announces the launch of multi-currency ATMs that will allow customers in the UK to withdraw euros and US dollars.

The ATMs, believed to be the first of their kind from a high street bank in the UK, will accept Visa and MasterCard debit and credit cards and will dispense euro and US dollar banknotes.

The first multi-currency ATM has been installed at Halifax's Old Broad Street branch in the City of London. More machines will be rolled out across the UK before the end of this year (see Editors' Notes for details).

Halifax and non-Halifax customers will be able to use the machines, which offer euro and US dollar banknotes in denominations of 20. The ATMs will charge 0% commission (see Editors' Notes).

Nigel Turkington, head of travel money at Halifax, said:

"Our customers have told us that the immediate availability of foreign currency would be a valuable addition to the wide range of services we already offer, and we plan to roll out more of these multi-currency ATMs in the near future."

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Editors' Notes:

The machines, which are provided by Travelex, will accept Visa and MasterCard debit or credit cards and will allow customers to draw any amount up to the sterling equivalent of their specific card limit.

Halifax and Bank of Scotland debit card customers will not be charged any fees or commission for using the machines. For Halifax and Bank of Scotland credit card customers, normal cash advance rates apply. Non-Halifax and Bank of Scotland customers will be charged in accordance with their account terms and conditions.

The current list of confirmed locations for multi-currency ATMs is as follows: London Old Broad Street, London Cannon Street, London Strand, London Fleet Street, Basingstoke, Chester, Dumfries, Southampton and Windsor.