



## GFH ANNOUNCES SPONSORSHIP OF “INVEST IN BAHRAIN 2017 FORUM”



*- Group set to showcase major investments and landmark development projects –*

**Manama, Bahrain – 15 October 2017:** GFH Financial Group (“GFH”) today announced its sponsorship of “Invest in Bahrain 2017 Forum” taking place under the patronage of H.R.H. the Prime Minister, Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa. Organised by Bahrain’s Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, the annual Forum now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year is taking place at the Bahrain International Center for Conferences and Exhibitions on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. It is set to attract hundreds of local, regional and international investors already actively engaged or looking for compelling opportunities in Bahrain.

GFH, as one of Bahrain’s leading and largest investors, will utilize this important platform to showcase a number of its iconic real estate projects. On display at the GFH stand will be the model for the Group’s Harbour Row project, which aims to bring together world-class amenities, prestigious lifestyle brands and global citizens in a vibrant development which in total will include some 475 residential units across six buildings in addition to a broad range of expected retail outlets and other related facilities on par with the world’s top business and city holiday destinations. Also being featured will be special promotions from GFH’s Al Areen Palace and Spa Hotel. In addition to the real estate sector, GFH also has major investments across other key sectors in the Kingdom’s economy. This includes Islamic banking and finance, industry, manufacturing and education, to name a few.

Commenting Mr. Hisham Alrayes, CEO of GFH, said, “In line with our ongoing and major investments in the Kingdom of Bahrain, we are delighted once again to announce our support



and participation in the “Invest in Bahrain 2017 Forum.” With more than US\$ 900 million of investments in the Kingdom today, and presence dating back well over a decade, GFH remains one of most significant investors in Bahrain and firm believers in the massive opportunities Bahrain’s economy continues to provide across numerous sectors including many in which we are active. This is a country with sound regulations, strong foundations and vision and we look forward to taking part in this Forum which brings all of these attributes to light.”

Also supporting the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in the organisation and convening of the Forum is cooperation from other key stakeholders such as: Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Economic Development Board (EDB), Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), Labour Fund (Tamkeen), Mumtalakat Holding Company, Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting (GOIC) and Federation of Chambers of the Gulf Co-operation Council (FGCCC).

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