



## **Gulf Finance House Wins ‘Best Islamic Investment Bank’ Award for 2012**

*Endorsed as Bahrain’s Best Bank for innovative approaches to Islamic financial structures and unique projects*

Gulf Finance House (GFH) was declared the winner of the ‘*Best Islamic Investment Bank in Bahrain in 2012*’, at the prestigious CFI.co Awards, announced recently on January 2013. The CFI award programme identifies and applauds individuals and organisations that add true value with their operations in niche areas. The Bank was recognised for its steadfast approach to investing primarily in high quality infrastructure and private equity projects that help provide sustainable growth opportunities in the region.

GFH’s innovative approach to Islamic financial structures and recent recognized restructuring activities for the bank and its projects that benefit all stakeholders has placed the Bank as a leading example. Following from the global financial crisis and bank restructuring, GFH welcomed the successes of 2012, in which it demonstrated resilience and the ability to thrive in all climates.

Mr. Hisham AIRayes, Acting CEO of GFH on receiving this prestigious award said: “We at GFH are proud that the Bank has been recognised and awarded the ‘Best Islamic Investment Bank in Bahrain’ by Capital Finance International.

“Receiving this award is a testament of GFH’s commitment to formulate and operate in niche and profitable areas. Over the years we have earned a formidable reputation for securing innovative investment opportunities that reward investors with excellent returns, in recent years we have excelled in restructuring activities and reigniting the business and hence we are proud to receive this award in recognition.



“We always continue to identify and create investment opportunities that balance risk with reward with an aim to provide unique Islamic investment banking offerings to our investors and shareholders,” he added.

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#### **About Gulf Finance House**

Since its establishment in 1999, Bahrain based Gulf Finance House (GFH) has while distinguished by managing and placing investment in the Middle East and North Africa "MENA" region. Banks activities are focused on development of Islamic Financial Institutions, Infrastructure Projects, Private Equities, and Asset Management. GFH is listed on the Kuwait Stock Exchange, the Bahraini Stock Exchange, the Dubai Financial Market and the London Stock Exchange in the form of a GDR.

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