



GFH Records Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders of US\$87.23 Million For the First Nine Months of 2017



Bahrain – 12 November 2017: GFH Financial Group (“GFH”) announced a net profit attributable to shareholders of US\$**87.23** million for the nine months of the year ended 30 September 2017 representing a 2108% increase from US\$3.95 million in the first nine months of 2016. The Group reported a consolidated net profit of US\$91.04 million for the period, an increase of 839% from a consolidated net profit of US\$9.70 million for the comparable prior-year period. Net profit attributable to shareholders for third quarter of 2017 increased to US\$25.09 million from a loss of US\$7.58 million for the comparable period in 2016, a rise of 431%. Consolidated net profit for third quarter of 2017 increased to US\$25.52 million from a loss of US\$8.26 million in the prior-year period, an increase of 409%.

During the first nine months of 2017, the Group’s total consolidated revenues grew 70% to US\$169.03 million as compared to US\$99.34 million in the first nine months of 2016, primarily from revenues generated from the Group’s investment banking business and real estate development projects. Consolidated operating profit was US\$91.21 million in the first nine months of the year, as compared to US\$34.76 million in the first nine months of 2016. Total operating expenses for the period was US\$77.83 million compared with US\$64.58 million in the prior-year period.



Commenting on the results, Chairman of GFH, H.E. Sh. Ahmed bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, said “We are pleased to report another period of significantly enhanced financial results and growth in the Group’s profitability for the first nine months of 2017. We are effectively seeing the fruits of our strategy and the growth of our revenue streams. We have established a strong portfolio across our business lines and the sharp improvement in our performance and profitably underscores the quality of our investment team and strategic investments.”

Mr. Hisham Alrayes, CEO of GFH, added “We are delighted with the continued and strong progress we are making and contribution from the operational income. In the third quarter, contributing to our strong revenue growth was the placement of our investments in the United States yielding assets and the real estate sales in our development projects. These transactions underscore investor confidence in GFH as a brand and the value of the opportunities we are creating. With the solid foundations we have set, we look forward to a strong close to 2017 and results that would please our investors and shareholders.”

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