



GFH APPOINTS TARIQ AL SAMAHJI AS CEO OF LONDON-BASED UK OPERATIONS

- Group continues to expand its international investment platform

Manama, Bahrain, xx September 2021: GFH Financial Group BSC (GFH) today announced the appointment of Mr. Tariq Al Samahiji as Chief Executive Officer of GFH's UK operations effective immediately.

Mr. Al Samahiji will be responsible for driving further expansion of GFH's international presence. He brings to the role more than two decades of experience in the global banking sector across Asset Management, Capital Markets, Islamic Finance and Credit. Most recently, he co-founded Orpheus Partners, the fast-growing GP capital advisory partnership of which he remains non-executive chairman. Prior to that, he was the CEO of BNP Paribas Najmah and Global Head of BNP Paribas Islamic Finance and Investments.

GFH currently has assets of over US\$12 billion globally and looks to build its international portfolio through organic and inorganic growth. The Group's London operation will play a strategic role in further strengthening GFH's pipeline of opportunities and partnerships while effectively managing and growing its blue-chip investments across key sectors that include real estate, logistics and warehousing, healthcare, technology and education, among others.

GFH is registered in the UK as a representative office of its Bahrain headquarters in April 2019 and went on in December 2020 to acquire a majority stake in Roebuck Asset Management, a leading real estate asset manager focused on the UK and European logistics and business space, bolstering its presence in these key markets and underscoring the Group's ongoing efforts and success in effective diversification across asset classes and geographies.

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About GFH Financial Group B.S.C.

GFH is one of the most recognised financial groups in the Gulf region. Its businesses include Asset Management, Wealth Management, Commercial Banking and Real Estate Development. The Group's operations are focused in the GCC, North Africa and India. GFH is listed in Bahrain Bourse, Boursa Kuwait and Dubai Financial Market. For more information, please visit www.gfh.com

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