



Press Release

Amwal – Official Investment Banking Firm of First Qatar Economic Forum

DOHA, April 15, 2006 - Amwal is proud to be the official Investment Banking firm of the first Qatar Economic Forum, organized by the Ministry of Economy and Commerce and the Pan-Arab Al-Iktissad Wa'l Amal Group. The Forum will address key developments and challenges facing the rapidly growing Qatar economy. The Qatar Economic Forum will bring together professionals from the government and private sectors as well as financial and business leaders to assess new business prospects and opportunities across various sectors of the economy.

As the leading investment banking, asset management and financial planning firm in Qatar, Amwal will be a key contributor at the forum, tapping into the expertise of the Firm's more than 50 investment professionals. The Qatar Economic Forum will take place on April 17th and 18th, 2006 at the Sheraton Hotel in Doha.

Sheikha Hanadi Nasser Bin Khalid Al Thani, Vice Chairperson and Managing Director commented, "I am very pleased that Amwal is participating in the first of what I believe will be an ongoing series of very productive annual conferences. Amwal's mission is to grow alongside the Qatar economy by participating in the development of the financial services sector. The Qatar Economic Forum provides us with a great platform to be able to accomplish this."

Sheikha Hanadi Nasser Bin Khalid Al Thani, will moderate a session on "Investing in Qatar" Monday April 17 in the presence of high-profile experts from the investment, energy and real estate sectors from across the Gulf.

On Tuesday April 18, Mr. Khaled Hassan Rashed, Board Member of Amwal, representing Abraaj Capital will speak about investment opportunities in Qatar and about Amwal's experience as an investor and as an investment firm in the country. Mr. Rashed said "We are very pleased to be the official investment banking firm of the Qatar Economic Forum. This reflects our firm commitment to developing alongside and participating in the development of the financial sector in Qatar since Amwal's inception in 1998."

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About Amwal

Founded in 1998, Amwal is the first investment company to be licensed by the Central Bank of Qatar operating in three lines of business; investment banking, asset management and financial planning. The firm has launched the first investment portfolio and the first mutual fund investing in the Doha Securities Market and under-wrote the first non-Qatari Initial Public Offering in the country. Amwal has one of the largest investment teams in Qatar, employing more than 50 talented professionals. The firm benefits from a strong shareholder base comprising of Abraaj Capital and SHUAA Capital from the UAE, Qatar Foundation, Qatar National Bank and Qatar Navigation.

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