



## **Press Release**

### **AMWAL EXECUTIVE BECOMES FIRST QATARI WOMAN TO BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A LISTED COMPANY IN QATAR**

*Ms. Noora Al Mannai appointed to the Board of Directors at Dlala*

**DOHA, April, 29 2006** – Amwal today announced that Ms. Noora Al Mannai, Vice President of Business Development and Investor Relations at Amwal, has been appointed to represent the Firm on Dlala’s Board of Directors.

Mr. Hamad Bin Abdulla Al-Attiyah , Chairman of Dlala said “Qatari women are a major partner in the development of our country. We are proud to be the first listed company to have a Qatari woman as a board member. I am positive that Ms. Al Mannai ‘s will greatly contribute to Dlala’s growth.”

Prior to her current position, Ms Al Mannai was Assistant Vice-President in Amwal’s investment banking team, successfully executing transactions such as the recently closed Ithmaar Bank IPO in Qatar. Ms. Al Mannai was also a key member of the team instrumental in the establishment of Amwal’s Asset Management division, which founded the first investment fund to be registered in Qatar, “The Qatar Gate Fund.”

Ms. Noora Al Mannai has several years of experience in Investment Banking, Asset Management and Financial Planning in Qatar and the GCC. She is a founding member of the Young Arab Leaders Association- Qatar Chapter. Ms. Noora holds a bachelor degree in science of Physics from Qatar University.

Sheikha Hanadi Nasser Bin Khaled Al Thani, Vice Chairperson and Managing Director of Amwal commented, “Ms. Al Mannai’s appointment confirms the ability of Qatari women to succeed in the business environment. She will be the first Qatari woman sitting on the board of a company listed in the DSM.” Moreover she added, “We are looking forward to developing a mutual beneficial relationship with Dlala.”

Amwal Director Khaled Hassan Rashed said “ the Qatar stock market has seen an increase of 170% in market Capitalization since 2003, and the number of new companies listed on the Doha Securities Market has grown yearly. Several IPO’s are also currently scheduled for 2006.”



Mr Rashed added “Dlala has become a leader in the development of the Qatar’s Capital Markets. Since its inception in 2005, it has quickly captured a large share of the brokerage market and is well positioned to become the leading brokerage firm in the country. We are pleased to be a founder in Dlala and to be part of this success story and will contribute to work closely in the coming period to complement each other.”

On her new appointment, Ms. Noora Al Mannai said “I am very pleased to be appointed as a board member in Dlala, a company that has managed to grow in a record time and establish itself as the leading brokerage company in the country. I am also very pleased to be part of such an esteemed board members counting amongst it some of the most experienced professional calibers in the field.”

#### **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, Qatar Foundation, Qatar National Bank and Qatar Navigation.

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