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Mr. Hassan Al Serkal

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Dear Mr. Al Serkal,

## **Subject: GFH Acquires Two Trophy Properties in Chicago**

GFH Financial Group ("GFH") would like to inform its shareholders and the markets that, in a deal valued at approximately US\$150 million, it has acquired a new investment opportunity in the US comprising of two trophy suburban office properties in Chicago.

The investment has been undertaken in partnership with Crestlight Capital and Lincoln Property Company, who in addition to acting as the asset and property managers, have coinvested alongside GFH. GFH's contribution in the deal is 93%.

The properties are considered to be leading, Class A, trophy properties in the suburban Chicago market. They comprise of two striking mid-rise office buildings with two parking decks on a 25-acre plot. The properties are built to meet the highest institutional standards, equipped with a full-service health club and swimming pool, conference facilities, dining outlets and a child day care center. Furthermore, the properties have a long-established institutional and credit rated tenant base.

The transaction is expected to have a positive impact on GFH's P & L during 2018 with a cash yield exceeding 9% per annum.

Yours Sincerely,

**Nabeel Mirza** 

Senior Director Compliance & MLRO