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Dear Mr. Al Serkal,

**Subject: GFH announced as Platinum Sponsor of 21st Annual World Islamic Banking Conference**

**[Manama, 22 November 2014]:** GFH, the Bahrain based Financial Group, today announced its Platinum Sponsorship of the 21st Annual World Islamic Banking Conference (WIBC 2014) to be held in the Kingdom of Bahrain under the patronage of HRH Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, The Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

For the 2nd year running, GFH will lend its support to the Islamic summit, which is also backed by the Central Bank of Bahrain and scheduled to be held in the Kingdom from the 1st to 3rd of December 2014.

As a long standing industry pioneer and sponsor of the WIBC, GFH will be represented at the event by a delegation of its senior management team headed by the Bank's CEO, Mr. Hisham Al Rayes, highlighting GFH's ongoing commitment to supporting the industry's growth. The Bank will also take part as an exhibitor with a team of its regional relationship managers available to present the Bank's regional and international investment opportunities and projects to investors and potential partners.

The three day event will focus on the growth of the Islamic finance industry over the past decade and its future prospects, despite economic downturns globally. Under the theme *"Islamic Finance: Towards the New Paradigm Shift in Global Financial Markets,"* the conference will also highlight key areas impacting Islamic finance and investing such as regulatory, strategic, Shari'ah, operational and risk transformation for the next phase of development. More than 1,300 high-level industry attendees from 50+ countries are expected to take part.

Yours Sincerely,

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