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DUBAI ISLAMIC BANK ISSUES US$ 1 billion SENIOR SUKUK

The largest senior unsecured Sukuk issuance globally by a financial institution with a strong order book of USD 2.2 billion

Dubai, UAE; February 8, 2017. On Tuesday, 7th February 2017, Dubai Islamic Bank announced the successful pricing of the largest senior Sukuk issuance by a financial institution globally. The US$ 1 Billion Sukuk was issued with a 5 year tenor, maturing on 14th February 2022. The issuance under DIB's USD 5 billion Sukuk Programme carries a profit rate of 3.664% reflecting the strong demand and confidence which global investors have in the UAE's largest Islamic bank.

This landmark RegS transaction was executed following investor meetings in Asia last year and a deal related roadshow in London on 6th February 2017. The issuance received more than 120 orders from a diverse investor base as part of around USD 2.2 billion order book. The instrument will carry a dual listing on the Irish Stock Exchange and Nasdaq Dubai.

Initial price thoughts of MS+185bps area were further tightened following the strong demand generated for the transaction. The issuance was subsequently priced at a profit rate of 3.664% (MS+170bps spread), being at the tightest end of price guidance, representing solid demand for DIB's paper and the investor interest in Sukuk issuances.

Substantially oversubscribed, the order book was driven by significant interest from across the globe, with the varied investor type depicting the strong appetite for DIB credit spanning a broad spectrum of global investors.

Dr. Adnan Chilwan, Group Chief Executive Officer of Dubai Islamic Bank, commented "This deal represents the largest senior Sukuk issued by a financial institution globally. It is the first time this year that DIB has accessed the global capital markets and the overwhelming demand from investors has enabled us to price inside DIB's current yield curve, showcasing the massive investor interest for DIB paper in the market."

He further added: "Over the recent past, we have continuously engaged with the global investor community adopting an extremely transparent and open approach to imparting updated information to the market. The success of this deal is a testament to DIB's standing with investors across the globe and the confidence they place in the management team to deliver on the strategic agenda and plans of the bank."

Bank ABC, Dubai Islamic Bank, Emirates NBD Capital, HSBC, KFH Capital, Maybank Investment Bank Berhad, National Bank of Abu Dhabi, Sharjah Islamic Bank and Standard Chartered Bank acted as Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners on the offering.

About Dubai Islamic Bank:

Established in 1975, Dubai Islamic Bank is the largest Islamic bank in the UAE by assets and a public joint stock company listed on the Dubai Financial Market. Spearheading the evolution of the global Islamic finance industry, DIB is also the world's first full service Islamic bank and the fourth largest Islamic bank in the world. The Bank currently operates 90 branches across the UAE, is present in seven markets worldwide and is expanding its global footprint to further grow and develop the industry. Serving close to 1.7 million customers, DIB offers its growing consumer base an increasing range of innovative Sharia compliant products and services.

DIB has been proactive in creating partnerships and alliances at both the local and international level. The bank has established DIB Pakistan Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary which has a network of more than 243 branches across 62 major cities in Pakistan. DIB also received regulatory approval to increase its shareholding in PT Bank Panin Syariah in Indonesia to 40 percent.

Embarking on a newly established growth agenda in 2014, the Bank has been a leading performer in the UAE financial sector over the last three years with record breaking performance despite volatile market conditions. The massive growth has seen DIB's market share cross over 6%, the financing book nearly doubling and deposits growing by over 50% during the same period. Even more impressive is the more than 100% growth in profits in the last three years as DIB joined the exclusive USD 1 bln profit club in the country.

The Bank's ultimate goal is to make Islamic finance the norm, rather than an alternative to conventional banking for businesses and consumers worldwide. DIB has won a range of accolades that are testament to these efforts across diversified areas, including retail, corporate and investment banking, as well as CSR and consultancy services. Consequently, DIB has been recognized as "***Best Islamic Bank in the UAE" at the 2016 World Finance – Islamic Finance Awards,*** **"Strongest Islamic Retail Bank in the GCC" at the 2015 Islamic Retail Banking Awards,** and it has received four major accolades at the 11th Islamic Business and Finance Awards 2016, including ***"Best Retail Bank in the UAE, Best Corporate Bank in the UAE, Best Sukuk Arranger and Best Islamic Bank".*** Appraising its distinctive practices of delivering exceptional customer experience, the Bank collected recently three awards at the 2016 Service Olympian Awards, including ***'Best Customer Experience Strategy'***, ***Best Customer Experience Improvement Program – Call Center*** and '***Most Improved Call Centre'***, in addition to the Gulf Customer Experience Award under the ***Financial Services – Banking and Investment category***, presented by the Department of Economic Development in Dubai.

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