Press Release

Amanat reports another profitable year in its second anniversary

Dubai, UAE; February 13, 2017: Amanat Holdings PJSC ("Amanat") today reported its financial results for the 12 months ending 2016, with the region's largest integrated healthcare and education company enjoying strong growth in its second full year of operations.

Amanat's net profit for the 12 months ending December 31, 2016, reached AED 38.4 million, which excluding last year's sale of Al Noor Hospital Group and pre-operating expenses, equated to a growth of more than 5 folds over last year. This substantial growth was driven by further deployment of capital which contributed to the increased profit from associates by 126 per cent and was also driven by higher interest revenue by 93 per cent.

The increase in associate profit from 8.9 million in 2015 to AED 20.1 million in 2016 was driven by the share from new investments, Madaares PrJSC ("Madaares") and International Medical Company ("IMC") as well as the increase of the share of profit from Sukoon International Holding Company CJSC ("Sukoon"). Meanwhile, Amanat also received AED 12.2 million in dividends from Madaares in its first year of investment

The board of directors has approved the preliminary financials also including a proposal to distribute dividends of 1.5% of the nominal value for each shares (1.5 fils per share) subject to the approval of the shareholders in the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The proposal is in line with Amanat's dividend of last year.

Faisal Bin Juma Belhoul, Chairman of the Board of Amanat, said: "Amanat continued to build a portfolio of high quality healthcare and education assets throughout 2016, with each associate having the potential for significant future growth and expansion. In parallel, we have been able to establish strong working relationships with the rest of the shareholders of these associates who share our vision and strategic direction. We look forward to the next financial year as we support the growth of our existing portfolio and continue to identify additional opportunities that meet to our focused investment approach."

Amanat invested AED 540 million during 2016, which included two new acquisitions. In April 2016 Amanat completed the acquisition of a 16.34 per cent stake in Madaares for approximately AED 145.8 million. Operating under the Taaleem brand, Madaares is one of the leading school and nursery education providers in the UAE. Amanat also closed an acquisition of a 13.18 per cent economic interest in IMC, a best-in-class 300-bed best in class multi-disciplinary hospital serving Saudi Arabia's Western Region for AED 359.8million towards the end of 2016. In addition, Amanat approved to participate in a loan to its associate Sukoon in an amount up to AED 92.5 million alongside other major shareholders, out of which AED 34.4 million has been drawn down to date to fund working capital and capex requirements and may be paid in the form of equity or cash at the option of the lenders.

Khaldoun Haj Hasan, Chief Executive Officer of Amanat, added: “Investing in businesses that are highly differentiated with proven management where we can add value underpins the Amanat’s investment philosophy. We are an active investor that works closely with other major shareholders and management teams to identify and implement strategic initiatives that are aimed at strengthening the business and fuelling its growth. With a healthy deal pipeline in place, we will continue to be very selective in pursuing opportunities that meet our investment criteria.”

Dawod Alghoul, Chief Financial Officer added, “Amanat is committed to add value to our shareholders with all the key financial indicators showing strong growth. We expect the share from associates to improve as their full year performance starts to be reflected in our financials.” ”

Amanat has now deployed AED737 million on strategic investments in the UAE and Saudi Arabia healthcare and education sectors, representing almost 29.4 per cent of its total capital.

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About Amanat
Amanat Holdings PJSC is the region’s largest integrated healthcare and education company with a capital of AED 2.5 billion. Listed on the Dubai Financial Market (DFM), Amanat has a mandate to establish, acquire and incorporate companies working in the healthcare and education sectors, and develop, manage and operate these companies within the GCC.

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