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Mr. Hassan Al Serkal

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Dear Mr. Al Serkal,

Subject: GFH Awarded Best Investment Bank in Middle East for 2016

GFH would like to inform its shareholders and the markets that it has received five top honours at The Banker Middle East Awards. These include being named as the Best Investment Bank – Middle East, Best Bank – Bahrain, Fastest Growing Bank – Bahrain, Fastest Growing Bank – Middle East and its CEO was awarded the Investment Banker of the Year.

The awards were presented to GFH at a gala dinner and ceremony in Dubai which was attended by more than 500 leading bankers from across the region. The awards, which first began in 1999 by CPI Financial, have become known as the most important recognition of financial excellence in the Middle East. GFH was recognized in each category as a result of its strong financial performance and metrics reported over the past year.

Yours Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Nabeel Mirza, featuring a stylized 'N' and 'M' with a circular flourish.

Nabeel Mirza

Senior Director Compliance & MLRO