In line with the Bank's commitment to supporting community social and financial well-being

Al Salam Bank Sponsors 5 American University of Bahrain Scholarships to Students

- **Al Salam Bank grants American University of Bahrain scholarships to 5 high school graduates with demonstrated academic excellence**
- **The sponsorships come in line with the Bank's commitment to supporting students' pursuit of different academic qualifications, empowering them for future success**
- **In line with the Bank's CSR platform, Al Salam Helping Hands, its Guiding Principle, 'We Act with Empathy', and United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals**

Manama, Bahrain – 27 December 2022: With its commitment to contributing to educational development, Al Salam Bank has sponsored scholarships for five high school graduates with outstanding academic records in collaboration with the American University of Bahrain, the Kingdom's first comprehensive, purpose-built, American-model co-educational university. This initiative was designed to ease the financial burdens associated with the pursuit of higher education. It also aims to empower the students throughout their education journey while ensuring their future professional success.

Al Salam Bank has consistently expanded its services and financing offerings in order to cater to various segments of society, as part of its inclusive corporate ethos which is firmly built on an empathetic philosophy to contribute to supporting the social and financial well-being of the local community. With this sponsorship, the Bank continues to provide its unwavering support with a solution-oriented approach and the requisite financial assistance to effectively enable students to pursue higher levels of education across a diverse selection of academic levels, starting from kindergarten and higher education all the way to professional certifications.

Commenting on the occasion, Muna Al Balooshi, Head of Human Resources and Administration at Al Salam Bank, said, "Al Salam Bank has a vested interest in supporting academic initiatives and reinforcing talent. This stems from our belief in the importance of education for the progress of society at large. Our collaboration with the American University of Bahrain aligns with our commitment to engaging with the future generation. This will motivate them to pursue their academic endeavors, ultimately priming them for their professional careers. Our efforts remain focused on adding significant value to the banking sector and Bahraini society in general. We make this happen by cultivating long-standing relationships with local institutions that serve the community as we continue to support Bahrain's youth as future leaders and as socially responsible individuals."

The sponsorship comes in line with the Bank's guiding principle "Act with Empathy," a guiding pillar under the Bank's brand DNA, in addition to the Bank's social responsibility platform, Al Salam Helping Hands. In step with the Bank's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) framework, the initiative also falls under the following UN's Sustainable Development Goals: (4) Quality Education, (8) Decent Work and Economic Growth, and (17) Partnerships for the Goals.

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