



Press Release

Sheikha Hanadi named 'Woman CEO of the Year' First Qatar First Qatari Business Woman to receive award from the Middle East CEO Awards Institute

Doha, March 25, 2006: Leading Qatari business woman, Sheikha Hanadi Bint Nasser Bin Khalid Al Thani, was named 'Woman CEO of the Year' at the 3rd Middle East CEO Awards Institute, for her significant contribution in developing Qatar's economic and social presence in the Arab world. In her capacity as CEO of Al Waab City, VP of Nasser Bin Khaled Al Thani & Sons Holding Group and Vice Chairperson & MD of Amwal, Sheikha Hanadi manages a wide range of businesses including real estate and investment banking.

The award was introduced by the Middle East Excellence Awards Institute and presented at a ceremony in Dubai by Hon. Anwar Ibrahim, Former Deputy PM of Malaysia and Hon. Joschka Fischer, Former German Deputy Chancellor and Foreign Minister.

"I am honoured to receive this prestigious award," said Sheikha Hanadi, "It is wonderful to be recognised for my efforts. It also highlights the potential of Arab women entrepreneurs and the trendsetting role they play in today's economies. I believe that with farsighted vision and perseverance backed by our rich heritage, Arab women have many opportunities to be at the forefront of the business world."

The 'Woman CEO of the Year' award recognizes outstanding women professionals from government and business organizations in the Middle East, the important position they occupy in the business world and the inspiration they provide to future generations of business and community leaders in the Arab world. The jury's selection criteria included past achievements, ongoing contribution to the community as well as contribution to education, careers, and personal development of women professionals in the Middle East region.

Sheikha Hanadi added, "In particular, I am grateful to Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser Al Misnad, the Consort of the Emir of Qatar. Her guidance has been a catalyst in my career growth. Her vision and commitment to the development of Qatar have inspired young Qataris, both men and women, and will continue to be an inspirational source for generations to come."



Sheikha Hanadi is a fervent supporter of community activities. She is on the executive committee of the Young Arab Leaders (an initiative of the World Economic Forum). She also serves as a trustee on the board of the Arab Women's International Forum and the College of Business and Economics, University of Qatar. She was voted personality of the year in 2005 by Arrayah - Qatar's leading newspaper, for her vision, leadership and contribution to the economy.

Sheikha Hanadi holds a Masters degree from the London School of Economics and a degree in Economics from Qatar University, where she currently lectures.