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Qatari Businessmen Association, QFC Authority and Amwal hosted networking event *Top businessmen, government officials and community leaders participated in major Doha gathering*

DOHA, 10 December 2012, Qatari Businessmen Association (QBA), the Qatar Financial Centre Authority (QFC Authority) and Amwal hosted the **10th Networking Event for Financial Professionals**. The event was held in the garden venue at the Four Seasons Hotel Doha, on 9th December 2012, from 6-8pm.

Among the 200 distinguished guests from business, government and the professional community were: Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim Al Thani, Chairman of the Qatari Businessmen Association, Sheikha Hanadi Nasser bin Khaled Al Thani, Founder & Chairperson of Amwal and Mr. Abdulrahman Ahmad Al Shaibi, Managing Director and Board Member of the QFC Authority.

The event was a unique forum that enabled members of the Qatar financial and business communities to mix informally, meet old and new friends and exchange views. This was another successful evening in a series of similar events the hosts have been organizing since 2006. Refreshments and a light dinner were served.

Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim Al Thani, Chairman of Al Faisal Holding and Aamal Company and Chairman of the QBA said: “We meet today, on this occasion to re-insure the leading role of the financial and banking sector in Qatar’s economy, and to help connect the experts of the same sector, in order to discuss the latest financial trends and modern business strategies in a comfortable environment.”

Mr. Abdulrahman Ahmad Al-Shaibi, Managing Director and Board Member of QFC Authority said: “The QFC Authority has a mandate to help develop Qatar’s financial sector and diversify the economy, as set out in the National Vision 2030. We serve Qatar’s flourishing business community. It is therefore a privilege for us to be supporting this distinguished gathering of leaders from across business and the wider community.”

Mr. George Shehadeh, CEO of Amwal said: “Amwal has been prominent among Qatar’s indigenous financial sector firms for more than a decade. We have deep roots in our market as providers of financial advice and fund management services. This event, which we are proud to have been co-hosting since 2006, is a great reflection on the willingness of the business and financial communities in Qatar to collaborate at many levels.”

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About Qatari Businessmen Association

Founded in 2002, under the progressive guidance of His Highness the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Qatari Businessmen Association is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization of key business people working together to improve Qatar's economic and civic vitality. The positive and entrusting relationships that QBA has threaded throughout the business community have been spectacular, for which QBA has been engaged in a number of distinctive initiatives to provide clearer dialogue and structure to better assist and advance the development of the business environment.

About QFC

The Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) is a financial and business centre established by the Government of Qatar and located in Doha. It has been designed to attract international financial services institutions and major multi-national corporations in particular those operating in the reinsurance, captive insurance and asset management sectors and to encourage participation in the growing market for financial services in Qatar and elsewhere in the region. The QFC operates to international standards and provides a first class legal and business infrastructure for those operating within the QFC. The QFC was created by Qatar Law No. (7) and has been open for business since 1 May 2005.

QFC Authority

The QFC Authority is the commercial, administrative and legislative body responsible for leading the expansion of Qatar's financial services sector, providing a uniquely sustainable platform for regional growth in reinsurance, captive insurance and asset management.

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