

Michael Williams appointed Senior Independent Non-Executive Director and Nominations Committee Chairman of BLME Holdings plc

London, Dubai, 28 February 2017; The Board of Directors of BLME Holdings plc has appointed Mr. Michael Williams as BLME Holdings plc's Senior Independent Non-Executive Director and Nominations Committee Chairman with effect from 27 February 2017.

Mr. Williams was the Senior Independent Director and Nominations Committee Chairman of BLME Holdings plc prior to his appointment as Interim CEO in May 2015, a role he fulfilled until March 2016 when he returned to being a Non-Executive director. In September 2016 the Board re-assessed his independent status and concluded that Mr. Williams should be re-designated as an independent director.

Michael Williams is a qualified banker with an extensive background in international finance. He has held a number of senior and board level positions in the UK and in the Middle East. Prior to this he was Chief Executive Officer of the International Bank of Qatar in Doha before which he was in Dubai as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Bank of Fujairah, having previously been the Managing Director of Nomura Bank International Plc for 6 years. Michael started his career with Barclays Bank Group working for them for 25 years holding a number of senior positions including Managing Director of Barclays Global Services and Corporate Banking Director at Barclays Bank PLC.

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BLME is an independent wholesale Sharia'a compliant bank based in London and is a leading provider of finance to the UK mid-market. BLME received FSA authorisation in July 2007 and is the largest of its peers in Europe. BLME is led by a management team that brings together a combination of experienced international bankers and leading experts in Islamic finance, BLME has three key business areas; Wealth Management, Corporate Banking and Treasury providing a wide range of financing solutions and investment opportunities.