

Changes to the Board of Directors of BLME Holdings Plc

London/Dubai, 16 March, 2017; London: BLME Holdings Plc has announced today that Frank Vermeulen, Independent Non-Executive Director and Zeyad Al Mukhaizeem, Non-Executive Director and will be standing down from the Board of Directors of BLME Holdings Plc with effect from 31st March 2017.

BLME Holdings Plc further announces the appointment to the Board of Directors of Abdullah Al-Mejhem as a Non-Executive Director and Calum Thomson as an Independent Non-Executive Director with effect from 1st April 2017. Abdullah Al-Mejhem will join as a member of the Remuneration Committee and Calum Thomson will be joining the Board as Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Board Risk Committee.

Adel Al Majed, Chairman of the Board of BLME Holdings plc said;

“Firstly I would like to thank Frank Vermeulen and Zeyad Al Mukhaizeem for their years of service, support and guidance. Their contribution to the Board of BLME Holdings has been invaluable. Secondly, I welcome Abdullah Al-Mejhem and Calum Thomson to the Board and look forward to working with them. BLME is fortunate to have such experienced and knowledgeable professionals joining the Board.”

About our new Non-Executive Directors

Abdullah Al-Mejhem

Abdullah Al Mejjhem joins the Board of BLME Holdings in April 2017, and is a member of the Remuneration Committee. Abdullah is General Manager of Private Banking at Kuwait Finance House, he has extensive experience in Financial Services specialising in investment products, private banking and real estate. Abdullah is a qualified accountant, holds an MBA and he has held various Executive Management roles at Kuwait Finance House including Investment Advisory, Market and Liquidity risk and as acting Executive Manager of Investment Risk. During Abdullah’s early career he was a Principal at Deloitte covering a number of sectors including financial advisory services, consultancies, accounting services and auditing. Abdullah also sits on the Board of Enmaa real estate Co.

Calum Thomson

Calum Thomson joins the Board of BLME Holdings in April 2017 as Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of both the Board Risk Committee and the Board Credit Committee. He has over 25 years of experience in the Financial Services industry and was at Deloitte LLP for the past 21 years, specialising in the financial services sector. During his career at Deloitte he has lead the global and UK asset management groups. Calum qualified as an accountant at EY, from there he went on to work at Lloyds of London's Regulatory Review department. His experience includes clients in the Middle East, Malaysia, UK and the US covering wealth management, private banking, private equity and the General Insurance Markets. Calum is also Non-Executive Director and Audit Committee Chair of The Diverse Income Trust plc, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of La Serenissima.

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About BLME

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.