

Gulf One Establishes New Office in Germany

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Gulf One Investment Bank B.S.C. (c) (Gulf One) announces the establishment of a new office; Gulf One GmbH, in Munich, Germany.

Gulf One GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of Gulf One, will support the management of portfolio companies of the bank's private equity funds and source new investments and advisory business opportunities for the bank. The new office will be supported by Gulf One's Private Equity, Structured Finance, Advisory and Business Development teams located in its offices across the GCC. Gulf One GmbH Managing Director (MD), Günter Pröpster, will provide local clients with on the ground presence and access to Gulf One.

Co-founder and CEO, Dr. Nahed Taher, commented on the expansion, "Gulf One identified Germany as a strategic centre to conduct international business in Europe as it holds one of the world's strongest national economies. Germany is a global leader in many sectors of interest to Gulf One and the MENA region. Gulf One is already engaged in sectors like automotive, aviation, healthcare and heavy industry such as steel."

Gulf One, since inception, has been investing in Infrastructure globally, with focus on ten main industries; Water, Oil and Gas, Petrochemical, Education, Communication, Transportation, Mining, Clean Energy, Power and Healthcare. The establishment of Gulf One GmbH marks a time of great momentum for Gulf One's activities in Europe and the DACH region where the bank has two private equity funds under management with a total Net Asset Value (NAV) in excess of Euro 80 million. Since 2007, Gulf One has delivered stellar performance for its investors in the DACH region.

Co-founder and CIO, Mr. Ziyad F. Omar added, "In Germany, Gulf One has given special focus to the Mittelstand -small and medium- sized enterprises (SME). Gulf One can support this sector not only through capital infusion but by forming true partnerships that will facilitate opening markets, augment manufacturing capacity and expedite the commercialisation of products and services. German Mittelstand companies are a significant store of Germany's Intellectual Property (IP) and knowledge."

Günter Pröpster, MD Gulf One GmbH commented, "of the 3.5 million companies in Germany, 98% are Mittelstand companies with a recognised potential for investors. Mittelstand companies continue to employ 70% of Germany's workforce and contribute to 50% of its Gross Domestic Product. Our German office will help enhance our relationships with the business community and create new opportunities in both the DACH and MENA regions."



Munich is the third largest city in Germany; it serves as a financial hub for international business in the country and is a leading high tech cluster in Europe. Gulf One GmbH is conveniently located at 18 Widenmayerstraße, 80538 Munich, Germany and is registered under HRB 197219 with the Munich Commercial Register.

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Notes to the Editor:

Gulf One Investment Bank B.S.C. (c) ("Gulf One")

Gulf One is a leading knowledge based investment bank focused on providing professional and high-quality infrastructure related investments and opportunities for the MENA region. Opportunities are identified and developed through an independent approach based on knowledge, expert insight and innovative thought, which produces secured, ethical and profitable results for all stakeholders and brings meaningful contributions to society. Gulf One was jointly founded in 2006 by Dr. Nahed Taher, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Mr. Ziyad Omar, Chief Investment Officer (CIO).

Gulf One's primary focus is on vital economic sectors including water, power, mining, transport and down-stream petrochemicals. Guided by Islamic principles, Gulf One's products and services offer unique financial solutions custom tailored to meet and build regional capacity. The Bank's financial model is based on a complete alignment of interests with clients, demonstrating a transparent, long-term commitment to them.

Gulf One is an independent investment bank and exclusively focuses its core products and services on large scale energy-related and infrastructure development projects. The aim of the bank is to facilitate sustainable economic development and create wealth and prosperity.

Headquartered in Bahrain, Gulf One operates under a conventional wholesale banking license granted by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), CR 62199, with a paid-up capital of USD 113,888,889. www.gulf1bank.com