



Immediate Release

**UGB announces nine months net profit attributable to the shareholders of parent
of \$ 15.7 million**

Bahrain – 13th November 2014: United Gulf Bank B.S.C. UGB today announced a net profit attributable to the shareholders of parent of \$ 15.7 million for the nine months ended 30 September, 2014 a 7 times increase (\$ 2.2 million) over same period last year. Net loss attributable to the shareholders of parent for the third quarter was \$ 0.7 million compared to a loss of \$ 7.4 million in 3Q13.

Key Financial Highlights

- Net profit attributable to the shareholders of parent of \$ 15.7 million (Sept 13: \$ 2.2 million)
- Total income of \$ 117.8 million (Sept 13: \$ 44.6 million)
- Earnings per share 1.93¢ (Sept 13: 0.27¢)
- Total assets of \$2.6 billion (2013: \$1.26 billion)
- Capital adequacy ratio of 15%
- Net loss attributable to shareholders of the parent for 3Q14 of \$ 0.7 million (3Q13: \$ 7.4 million)

Financial Performance

On a nine months basis, UGB recorded a total income of \$ 117.8 million compared to \$44.6 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2013.

UGB consolidated FIMBank – Malta from 31 March 2014 in which equity ownership was increased to 61.2% from 30%.

UGB's total assets increased to US\$2.6 billion as at 30 September 2014, compared to US\$ 1.3 billion at 31 December 2013.

Total equity increased to US\$ 562.9 million (2013: US\$ 459.6 million) and a capital adequacy ratio of 15% was maintained. This is well above the Central Bank of Bahrain's minimum level of 12.5%.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Rabih Soukarieh, Chief Executive Officer of UGB, said:

"Our total income and operational ratios have continued to show positive trends. Liquidity ratio as well as our debt maturity profile has also further improved."

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About UGB:

UGB is the merchant banking subsidiary of KIPCO Group. Its proprietary investments include assets in commercial banking, real estate, private equity, and quoted securities. As of 30 September 2014 assets under management exceeded US\$ 11.9 billion (31 December 2013: US\$ 9.7 billion).

UGB's core subsidiaries, associates and joint venture include: Burgan Bank, KIPCO Asset Management Company (KAMCO), North Africa Holding Company, United Gulf Financial Services – North Africa, Takaful Savings & Pension Company, FIMBank p.l.c, United Capital Transport Company and United Real Estate Company.

UGB and its subsidiary KAMCO have a proven track record of successfully completing more than 60 investment banking transactions for its clients since 2001 with an aggregate value of over US\$ 8 billion including corporate finance, advisory, new issue placement and underwriting, corporate restructuring, bond issuance and merger and acquisition.

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