

Gulf Insurance Group announces net profit of KD 8.1 million (US\$ 26.7 million) with 23.2% growth for the first half of 2019



Kuwait City, 6th August 2019: Gulf Insurance Group (**gig**) announced a net profit of KD 8.1 million (US\$ 26.7 million), or 45.32 fils per share, for the first half of 2019 compared to a net profit of KD 6.6 million (US\$ 21.7 million) for the same period last year, an increase of KD 1.5 million (US\$ 5 million) or 23.2 percent. This increase is due to the improvement in the Group's underwriting and investment performance results.

Shareholder equity reached KD 90.9 million (US\$ 299.6 million) as at June 30, 2019.

Book value per share reached 508 fils as at June 30, 2019, an increase of 2 percent from December 31, 2018.

Gross written premium reached KD 173.1 million (US\$ 570.6 million), a growth of 3 percent compared to the KD 168.1 million (US\$ 554 million) reported in the same period last year.

Net investment income and sundry income reached KD 6.9 million (US\$ 22.6 million) compared to KD 5.5 million (US\$ 18.1 million) for the same period last year, at an increase of 24.8 percent.

Net technical reserves rose from KD 150 million (US\$ 494.6 million) on December 31, 2018, to reach KD 156.3 million (US\$ 515.16 million) as at June 30, 2019. This increase, representing a growth of 4.2 percent, supports the company's technical operations and to protect the policyholders rights, thereby strengthening gig's ability to withstand emergencies and risks that may rise in the future.

Total assets reached KD 644.7 million (US\$ 2.13 billion) as at June 30, 2019, an increase of KD 77.6 million (US\$ 255.7 million) or 13.7 percent from December 31, 2018.

Total cash and investments reached KD 285.7 million (US\$ 941.7 million) during the first six months of the year, an increase of KD 32.6 million (US\$ 107.6 million) or 12.9 percent from December 31, 2018.

Mr. Khaled Saoud Al Hasan, **gig's** CEO, said,

“Our results for the first half of 2019 reflect the growth we have achieved. This is also a strong indication of the Group’s ability to protect its assets and shareholders’ equity. It is also in line with our constant strive to provide the best insurance services to our clients across all the markets we operate in, supported by our strategy for regional expansion and increasing our domestic and regional market share.”

He added,

“We thank our clients for these achievements, as well as the our shareholders, namely KIPCO – Kuwait Projects Company (Holding) – and Fairfax Middle East Ltd for their support. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to our dedicated employees for their efforts.”

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Notes to Editors:

Gulf Insurance Group is the largest insurance Group in Kuwait in terms of written and retained premiums, with operations in life and non-life as well as Takaful insurance. Gulf Insurance has become one of the largest insurance networks in the Middle East and North Africa with companies in Kuwait, Jordan, Bahrain, Egypt, Turkey, Algeria, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Emirates. Its reported consolidated assets stand at US\$ 2.13 billion as at 30 June 2019.

KIPCO – Kuwait Projects Company – is Gulf Insurance Group’s largest shareholder, followed by the Canadian-based Fairfax Financial Holding Ltd.

Gulf Insurance Group enjoys the privilege of being the first triple-rated insurance group in Kuwait. The group holds a Financial Strength Rating of ‘A’ (Excellent) and issuer credit rating of ‘a’ with stable outlook from A.M. Best Europe – Rating Services Limited, a Financial Strength Rating of A- with stable outlook from Standard & Poor’s and an Insurance Financial Strength Rating (IFSR) of ‘A3’ from Moody’s Investors Service carrying a stable outlook.

The conversion rate applied is KD 0.3034 per US\$1

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