

**CMH SHAREHOLDERS APPROVE CAPITAL INCREASE
to US\$ 100 million through 16.5% stock dividends**

Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain - 3 March 2009 – The Bahrain based Capital Management House ("CMH"), announced today that following its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 26 February 2009, its shareholders approved the distribution of 16.5% bonus shares to bring the capital of the business to US\$ 100 million. CMH has now completed all the requirements for upgrading its license from the Central Bank of Bahrain to wholesale Islamic investment Bank status.

Mr. Khalid A. Al Bassam, Chairman of CMH said, "The issue of bonus shares provides CMH with sufficient balance sheet strength to increase its participation in the local and regional markets and complete the formalities of upgrading our operating license. 2008 was a significant year in terms of our financial performance with return on average capital of 27.8% and these results are based on our investment insight and prudent approach to our investment strategies and timely exits. 2009 will bring additional challenges and opportunities and as a wholesale Islamic Investment Bank we will now be able to provide our shareholders and clients with a wider variety of investment opportunities. We are also pleased to announce that the shareholders approved the appointment of Mr Abdulhakeem Al-Khayyat and Mr Fahad Abdullah Al-Rajhi to join our Board of Directors."

Mr Khalid Najibi, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of CMH added, "The approval by shareholders of this initiative further enhances the strength of the CMH business model. Despite the global turmoil we had excellent results. Our income increased by 255.6% over 2008. We anticipate that 2009 will be a challenging year however being a larger institution with greater access to participation with our local and regional clients, we anticipate that we will meet and exceed our shareholders' expectations."

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About Capital Management House

Capital Management House is Islamic investment firm which was incorporated in Bahrain in May 2006. Regulated by the Central Bank of Bahrain, Capital Management House was the first company granted a Category I license to operate as an Islamic Investment business. The firm, which has an authorized share capital of US\$ 200 million was established by reputable regional institutions and prominent investors from Bahrain and across the region. Its recent capital increase enabled CMH to upgrade its current license to a wholesale Islamic investment Bank and to expand its products and services.

Providing unique and creative solutions to clients' financial and investment requirements CMH continues to focus on its vision to be the clients' investment banker of choice by maintaining a high level of integrity, diversity and product quality.

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