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# INOVEST Records Nine Month Net Profit of US\$ 18.9 million

- *Net profit up by 106% in comparison to the first nine months of 2016*
- *Operating Net Profit up by 59% in comparison to the first nine months of 2016*
  - *14% Return on Equity*

**Manama, Bahrain; October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017:** INOVEST Group announced its financial results for the first nine months of 2017, reporting an expected continuation in its profitable growth with an increase of 109% in consolidated net profit attributable to equity shareholders of US\$19.1 million as compared to US\$9.2 million in the first nine months of 2016. For the three months ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Group realized a net consolidated profit of US\$1.9 million in comparison to US\$3.8 million for the same period in 2016.

INOVEST's consolidated operating income increased by 43%, reaching US\$17.6 million compared to US\$12.3 million in the first nine months of 2016. Likewise, within the same timeframe this year, consolidated net operating profit rose by 59% to US\$10.4 million as compared to US\$6.5 million for the first nine months of 2016. The Group also reported Earnings Per Share attributable to the equity of the parent company in the nine months of 2017 of US cents 6.64 compared to an Earnings Per Share of US cent 3.23 for the same period in 2016.

Meanwhile, on the asset side, the Group saw a continued growth of 9% increase in the consolidated total assets to reach US\$285 million as compared to US\$263 million at the end of 2016. The Group's financing from banks was reduced by 16% to reach US\$ 13.8 million, and it further saw an overall reduction in its total liabilities of 2%. The Group's key performance indicators for the period reflected its solid results with the capital adequacy ratio standing at 146% as compared to the Central Bank of Bahrain minimum of 110%, Return on Consolidated Assets at 7%, and Return on Equity attributable to the equity of the parent company at 14%.

INOVEST's results come against a backdrop of a recent shift in the ownership structure within INOVEST, ushering in a new Board of Directors; changes which are expected to support and further the Group's operations. INOVEST's recently elected Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Abdulla Alhumaidi expressed his satisfaction with the quarterly results, "INOVEST's third quarter results fall well into the spectrum of profitability and solid performance that we are now accustomed to seeing associated with INOVEST." Dr. Alhumaidi further noted that the Board and Executive Management of INOVEST were in the process of planning for the Group's next stage of growth and development which would see an expansion in market activities, enhanced investment exposure on a geographic level, and diversification of the Group's portfolio towards an end goal of delivering greater value to shareholders. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Dr. Al Humaidi took the opportunity to thank the executive management team and employees of INOVEST for their dedication and service.

Commenting on the results, CEO, Murad Al Ramadan said, "Our performance this quarter, and to that end for the past few years, demonstrates that we are on the right strategic track and that we have the capability to deliver and sustain solid growth and profitability. This quarter's results are

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the result of continued proceeds from positively performing current investments, investment and property exits, and sustained delivery and performance within our subsidiaries and associates.” Mr. Al Ramadan, completed his statement saying, “We expect, God Willing, to close this year with a strong fourth quarter. We look forward to building upon this year’s deliverables in the forthcoming periods, and to delivering even stronger performance and strategic growth.”

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## About INOVEST

Established in 2002 in the Kingdom of Bahrain, INOVEST is a Sharia’a compliant Category 1 investment firm regulated by the Central Bank of Bahrain and publicly listed on both the Bahrain Bourse and Boursa Kuwait. INOVEST’s business spans three principle areas: direct investment, asset management, and real estate investment. Based in the Kingdom of Bahrain, INOVEST is the parent company for Al Khaleej Development Company “Tameer” and Tamcon Contracting Co. For more information, please visit [www.inovest.bh](http://www.inovest.bh)