

# A sustainable vision

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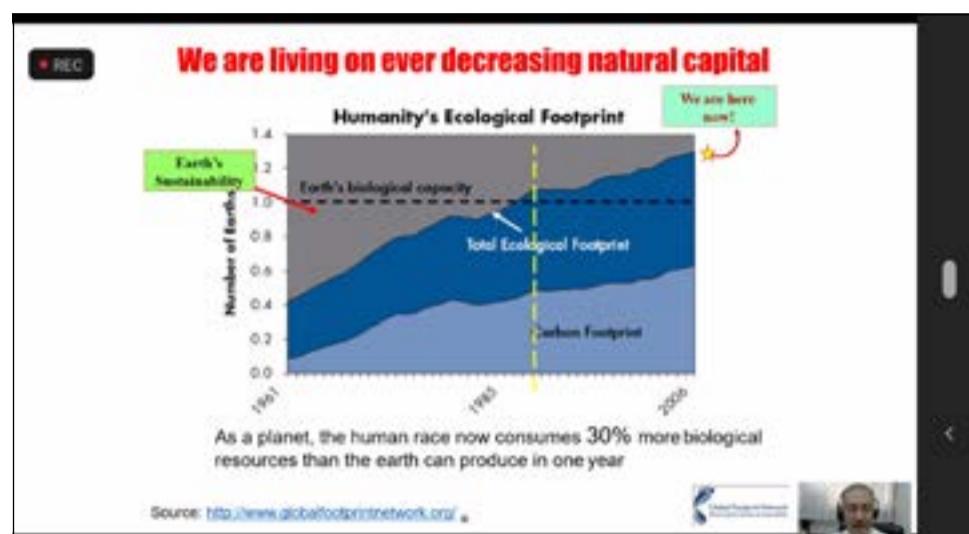
THE coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic provided an opportunity to explore innovative mechanisms to use public space and technology in the region, according to an expert.

This, in turn, created the need to pursue a sustainable urban future by accelerating the transition from traditional development, added Arabian Gulf University (AGU) Professor Odeh Al Jayyousi.

He was speaking during a webinar, 'Post Covid-19 Innovative and Sustainable Cities: Lessons and Policy Implications', organised by the Bahrain Centre for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat) yesterday.

"We are living on ever-decreasing natural capital as the human race now consumes 30 per cent more biological resources than the earth can produce in one year," said Prof Al Jayyousi.

"The fourth industrial revolution presents great promise to leapfrog traditional development and accelerate the transition to a



■ Prof Al Jayyousi speaking during the webinar

more sustainable urban future.

"Today's emerging economies attract more urban citizens than ever before.

"Cities in Asia and Africa are forecast to absorb 90pc of the world 2.5 billion new urbanites by 2050."

According to Prof Al Jayyousi, there are game-changers in the fourth industrial revolution for emerging cities.

He highlighted that these include adaptive cities which make the most of multifunctional space, seamless cities which connect people and places, and empowered cities that optimise urban energy systems.

Prof Al Jayyousi added that there are living cities which are advancing circular resource management and regenerative cities which intelligently re-

spond to catastrophic risk.

"There are challenges we are facing in terms of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and these include water, energy, the environment, education and health," he said.

The SDGs are 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a 'blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all'.

Intended to be achieved by

2030, the goals are: No poverty, zero hunger, good health and well-being, quality education, gender equality, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, decent work and economic growth, industry, innovation and infrastructure, reducing inequality, sustainable cities and communities, responsible consumption and production, climate action, life below water, life on land, peace, justice, and strong institutions, and partnerships for the goals.

"The pandemic has allowed for two types of innovation – and they are incremental and radical – and in order to achieve a sustainable community we must aim for radical innovations and not incremental.

"We must implement artificial intelligence such as robotics and analyse large amounts of data and this is a chance to transform into a smart city but this needs a smart community which understands this technology."

He also stressed the vital importance of also aiming for a healthy city in addition to achieving a smart sustainable city through focusing on innovating urbanisation, transportation and logistics, infrastruc-

ture, health and environmental cities, and utilising energy.

"The pandemic has forced us to rethink of adaptation ways to various catastrophes such as the community's relationship with renewable energy, circular economy and land use and the provision of services to avoid future problems such as pandemics which could create massive losses," he added.

## Zoning

"Zoning is critical to best utilise the land we possess to achieve the goals set for self-sufficiency, health and justice.

"There must be a balance between creating benefit and the utilisation of public and private space.

"There are positive changes in Bahrain that are working towards achieving the SDGs through agility and resilience as well as connection and utilisation of technologies."

He highlighted that the pandemic has accelerated the use of emerging technology and innovative methods for international co-operation, sharing of expertise and data analysis on a large scale.

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## Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 September 2021 (Reviewed)

|  | Reviewed<br>30 September<br>2021<br>US\$ 000 | Audited<br>31 December<br>2020<br>US\$ 000 | Reviewed<br>30 September<br>2020<br>US\$ 000 |
|--|--|--|--|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |  |  |  |
| Demand and call deposits with banks                                    | 82,107                                       | 111,000                                    | 125,663                                      |
| Placements with banks  | 58,676                                       | 72,486                                     | 145,203                                      |
| Investments carried at fair value through statement of income          | 87,780                                       | 71,836                                     | 85,824                                       |
| Investments carried at fair value through other comprehensive income   | 107,006                                      | 120,089                                    | 123,844                                      |
| Investments carried at amortised cost                                  | 25,339                                       | 33,098                                     | 27,911                                       |
| Loans and receivables  | 33,666                                       | 33,098                                     | 27,911                                       |
| Other assets   | 62,888                                       | 62,729                                     | 63,121                                       |
| Investments in associates  | 85,018                                       | 64,675                                     | 66,460                                       |
| Investment properties  | 134,853                                      | 98,716                                     | 102,197                                      |
| Property and equipment   | 16,013                                       | 47,666                                     | 49,904                                       |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets                                   | 63,509                                       | 64,242                                     | 64,627                                       |
| Assets of disposal group held for sale                                 | 2,829  | -  | 4,815  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>  | <b>759,684</b>                               | <b>746,537</b>                             | <b>859,569</b>                               |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>  |  |  |  |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>   |  |  |  |
| Due to banks and other financial institutions                          | 186,480                                      | 167,519                                    | 173,505                                      |
| Deposits from customers  | 14,452                                       | 42,053                                     | 68,051                                       |
| Loans payable  | 26,621                                       | 32,906                                     | 91,093                                       |
| Long term bonds  | 132,780                                      | 131,497                                    | 130,719                                      |
| Other liabilities  | 83,843                                       | 79,601                                     | 85,288                                       |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>   | <b>444,176</b>                               | <b>453,576</b>                             | <b>548,656</b>                               |
| <b>EQUITY</b>  |  |  |  |
| Share capital  | 116,132                                      | 116,132                                    | 116,132                                      |
| Share premium  | 5,687  | 5,687                                      | 5,687  |
| Statutory reserve  | 52,032                                       | 52,032                                     | 52,032                                       |
| General reserve  | 31,763                                       | 31,763                                     | 31,763                                       |
| Fair value reserve   | (11,757)                                     | (10,720)                                   | (8,233)                                      |
| Foreign currency translation reserve                                   | (4,687)                                      | (4,693)                                    | (5,294)                                      |
| Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)                                | 1,221  | (8,959)                                    | 5,569  |
| <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PARENT</b> | <b>190,391</b>                               | <b>181,242</b>                             | <b>197,656</b>                               |
| Perpetual Additional Tier 1 capital                                    | 33,000                                       | 33,000                                     | 33,000                                       |
| Non-controlling interests  | 92,117                                       | 78,719                                     | 80,257                                       |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>  | <b>315,508</b>                               | <b>292,961</b>                             | <b>310,913</b>                               |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>                                    | <b>759,684</b>                               | <b>746,537</b>                             | <b>859,569</b>                               |

## Interim Consolidated Statement of Income

For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2021 (Reviewed)

|  | Three-month period ended 30 September<br>2021<br>Reviewed<br>US\$ 000 | 2020<br>Reviewed<br>US\$ 000 | Three-month period ended 30 September<br>2021<br>Reviewed<br>US\$ 000 | 2020<br>Reviewed<br>US\$ 000 |
|--|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Continuing operations</b>                                   |   |                              |   |                              |
| Investment income (loss) - net                                 | 3,180   | 5,688                        | 22,544  | (873)                        |
| Interest income  | 1,782   | 1,228                        | 5,218   | 3,963                        |
|  | 4,962   | 6,916                        | 27,762  | 3,090                        |
| Fees and commissions - net                                     | 16,410  | 13,371                       | 46,326  | 44,494                       |
| Foreign currency translation (loss) gains - net                | (809)   | 2,526                        | (1,821)   | 2,702                        |
| Share of results of associates - net                           | 1,681   | 675                          | 7,565   | (6,476)                      |
| <b>Total income</b>  | <b>22,244</b>   | <b>23,488</b>                | <b>79,832</b>   | <b>43,810</b>                |
| Interest expense   | (3,507)   | (4,730)                      | (11,272)  | (13,849)                     |
| Operating income before expenses and provisions                | 18,737  | 18,758                       | 68,560  | 29,961                       |
| Salaries and benefits  | (9,346)   | (7,278)                      | (32,495)  | (23,576)                     |
| General and administrative expenses                            | (4,404)   | (4,791)                      | (13,156)  | (15,361)                     |
| Operating income (loss) before provisions and tax              | 4,987   | 6,689                        | 22,909  | (8,976)                      |
| Expected credit losses - net                                   | (184)   | 184                          | (493)   | (171)                        |
| Profit (loss) before tax from continuing operations            | 4,803   | 6,873                        | 22,416  | (9,147)                      |
| Taxation - net   | (6)   | (27)                         | (5)   | (62)                         |
| <b>PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b> | <b>4,797</b>  | <b>6,846</b>                 | <b>22,411</b>   | <b>(9,209)</b>               |
| <b>Discontinued operations</b>                                 |   |                              |   |                              |
| Net profit from discontinued operations                        | -   | 112                          | -   | 556                          |
| <b>NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>                        | <b>4,797</b>  | <b>6,958</b>                 | <b>22,411</b>   | <b>(8,653)</b>               |
| <b>Net profit (loss) for the period attributable to:</b>       |   |                              |   |                              |
| Shareholders of the parent                                     |   |                              |   |                              |
| from continuing operations                                     | 2,187   | 3,395                        | 11,222  | (7,062)                      |
| from discontinued operation                                    | -   | 88                           | -   | 334                          |
|  | 2,187   | 3,463                        | 11,222  | (6,728)                      |
| <b>Non-controlling interests</b>                               |   |                              |   |                              |
| from continuing operations                                     | 2,610   | 3,451                        | 11,189  | (2,147)                      |
| from discontinued operation                                    | -   | 44                           | -   | 222                          |
|  | 2,610   | 3,495                        | 11,189  | (1,925)                      |

## Interim Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2021 (Reviewed)

|  | Three-month period ended 30 September<br>2021<br>Reviewed<br>US\$ 000 | 2020<br>Reviewed<br>US\$ 000 | Three-month period ended 30 September<br>2021<br>Reviewed<br>US\$ 000 | 2020<br>Reviewed<br>US\$ 000 |
|--|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>  |   |                              |   |                              |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income  | 4,797   | 6,958                        | 22,411  | (8,653)                      |
| Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods                     |   |                              |   |                              |
| Foreign currency translation reserve   | 202   | 771                          | 694   | (2,226)                      |
| Fair value changes of investments carried at fair value through other comprehensive income | (7,292)   | 932                          | (498)   | (2,715)                      |
| Cash flow hedges   | -   | -                            | (19)  | (129)                        |
|  | (7,090)   | 1,703                        | 177   | (5,070)                      |
| Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods                |   |                              |   |                              |
| Fair value changes of investments carried at fair value through other comprehensive income | 2,716   | 519                          | 1,263   | (3,689)                      |
| Total other comprehensive (loss) income  | (4,374)   | 2,222                        | 1,440   | (8,759)                      |
| <b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>                                    | <b>423</b>  | <b>9,180</b>                 | <b>23,851</b>   | <b>(17,412)</b>              |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to:   |   |                              |   |                              |
| shareholders of the parent   | (1,475)   | 4,441                        | 10,901  | (11,530)                     |
| non-controlling interests  | 1,898   | 4,739                        |   |                              |