

Law No. (57) of 2009  
Regarding Bahrain Stock Exchange

We, King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain,

After taking cognizance of the Constitution, and;

Law Decree No. (4) of 1987 for the establishment and organisation of Bahrain Stock Exchange, as amended by Law Decree No. (21) of 2002; and

The Commercial Companies Act promulgated by Law Decree No. 21 of 2001; and

The Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law promulgated by Law No. (64) of 2006, and;

Pursuant to the approval of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives, we hereby enact the following Law:

**Article 1**

Law Decree No. (4) of 1987 regarding the establishment of Bahrain Stock Exchange, as amended by Law Decree No. (21) of 2002, shall be repealed, after the correction of position of Bahrain Stock Exchange within a period of six months starting from the day following the publication of this Law in the Official Gazette. Any provision contrary to this Law shall also be repealed.

**Article 2**

The Board of Directors of Bahrain Stock Exchange and all the Exchange's organs functioning at the time this Law is coming into force, shall continue to assume their functions, until such time the market position is corrected in accordance with this Law, as a financial institution licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain acting under its supervision and control.

**Article 3**

The Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Bahrain and the Board of Directors of Bahrain Stock Exchange, each within its own authority, shall take the necessary measures to correct the position of the Exchange and issue the regulations required subject to the Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law.

#### Article 4

The Bahrain Stock Exchange, upon the correction of its position, shall be registered with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce as a Joint Stock Company governed in the exercise of its activities by its Memorandum and Articles of Association without contravening the Commercial Companies Act, and shall undertake its business on profit driven basis and sound commercial practices.

#### Article 5

The Bahrain Stock Exchange established under Law Decree No. (4) of 1987 shall, in regards to its rights and obligations, be replaced by the Joint Stock Company upon its registration with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the formation of its Board of Directors. All moveable and immovable assets and intellectual property rights of the Exchange, shall be transmitted to the Company.

All employees of the Exchange shall be transferred with all their rights and entitlements to the Company subject to the requirements of the Commercial Companies Act.

#### Article 6

The Prime Minister and the Ministers, each within their authority, shall execute this Law with effect from the day following its publication in the Official Gazette.

King of the Kingdom of Bahrain

Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa