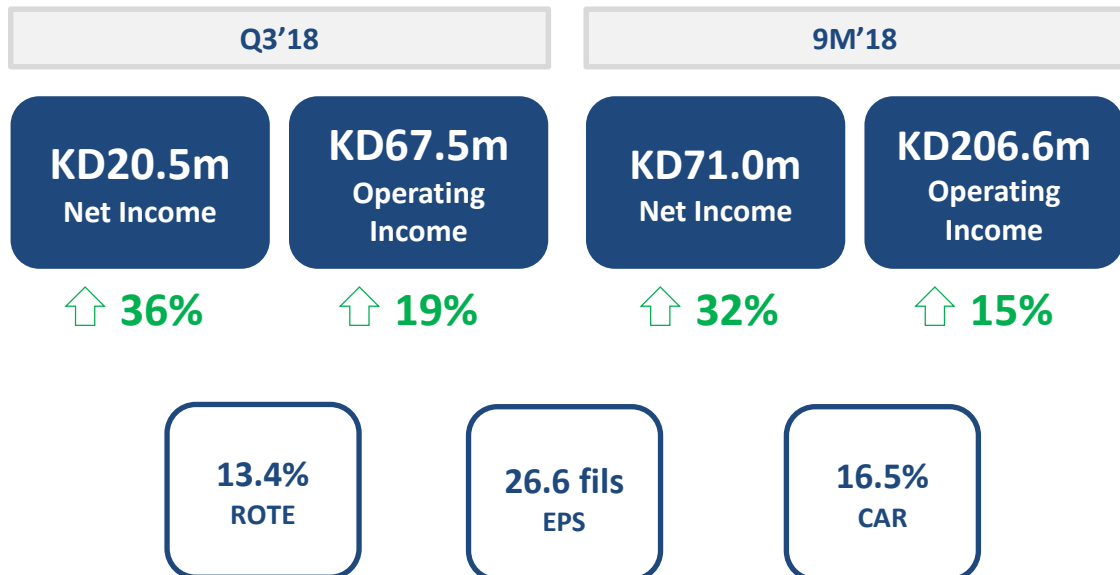




Burgan Bank Announces Another Strong Quarter

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Operating Income reaching KD206.6 million (USD685 million) in Nine months, 15% growth YoY reflecting Solid Operating Capabilities



Kuwait – October 30, 2018: Burgan Bank Group announced today its nine months earnings for the financial year 2018 reporting a net income of KD71.0 million (USD235 million) with a growth of 32% year on year while during the third quarter of 2018 the Bank registered KD20.5 million (USD68 million) growing 36% in comparison to the same period last year. The set of results for the period ending in 30th September 2018 demonstrated solid operating capabilities and efficiencies.

Earnings per share grew for the first nine months by 38.5% year-on-year reaching 26.6 Fils, and achieving return on tangible equity (ROTE) of 13.4% for the same period.

During the first nine months of 2018 and compared with the same period of 2017, operating income grew by 15% to reach KD206.6 million (USD685 million). As of end of September 2018, total assets reached KD6.8 billion (USD 22.6 billion), loans and advances to customers at KD 4.2 billion (USD 13.7 billion), and deposits from customer at KD 3.8 billion (USD 12.7 billion).

Mr. Majed Essa Al Ajeel, Chairman of Burgan Bank Group said: “We continue delivering solid results in 2018 and we are pleased with the Group’s performance. We have confidence in our business model and adaptability and we are supported by our prudent approach to risk and returns. Our commitment to executing our strategy allowed us to deliver well ahead of expectations and amid shifting circumstances.”

“The balance between domestic and international operations and focus on enhancing operating income streams has proven successful. We have a strong pipeline. We trust our operating capabilities and we remain focused on prudence and selective growth.” added Al-Ajeel.

On 10th of October 2018, Burgan Bank successfully completed its Rights Issue, whereby the bank raised KD62.55 million of equity by issuing 240.58 million shares. The Rights Issue was oversubscribed with healthy participation from its existing shareholders, underscoring the strength of the franchise. The net proceeds of the Rights Issue will be used to further strengthen the Bank’s capital position, and for general corporate purposes.

"On behalf of the board, I take this opportunity to thank our customers and shareholders for the trust they have in our capabilities. We are grateful for their support as the oversubscription in our Rights Issuance reflects their confidence in the bank’s performance and its future prospects.” continued Al-Ajeel.

"I would also like to thank our executive management team for their leadership and the excellent execution of the corporate strategy, and to our staff for their continued support and commitment." concluded Al Ajeel.

The consolidated financials encompass the results of the Group's operations in Kuwait, and its share from its regional subsidiaries, namely Burgan Bank – Turkey, Gulf Bank Algeria, Bank of Baghdad, Tunis International Bank. Burgan Bank Group has one of the largest regional branch networks with 167 branches across Kuwait, Turkey, Algeria, Iraq, Tunis, Lebanon and representative office in Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

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About Burgan Bank

Established in 1977, Burgan Bank is the youngest commercial Bank and second largest by assets in Kuwait, with a significant focus on the corporate and financial institutions sectors, as well as having a growing retail, and private bank customer base. Burgan Bank has majority owned subsidiaries in the MENAT region supported by one of the largest regional branch networks.

The Bank has continuously improved its performance over the years through an expanded revenue structure, diversified funding sources, and a strong capital base. The adoption of state-of-the-art services and technology has positioned it as a trendsetter in the domestic market and within the MENA region. Burgan Bank's brand has been created on a foundation of real values – of trust, commitment, excellence, and progression, to remind us of the high standards to which we aspire. 'People come first' is the foundation on which its products and services are developed.

The bank was re-certified with the prestigious ISO 9001:2015, making it the one of the few banks in the GCC and Kuwait to receive such certification for the Fifth consecutive time. The Bank also has to its credit the distinction of being the only Bank in Kuwait to have won the JP Morgan Chase Quality Recognition Award for twelve consecutive years.

Burgan Bank, a subsidiary of KIPCO (Kuwait Projects Company), is a strongly positioned regional Bank in the MENA region.