

# GK INVESTMENT HOLDING GROUP NEWSLETTER

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GK Investment Holding Group Chairman Kamel Ghribi was presented with a prestigious award at the *Arab International Investor Forum* Held at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of September, the award was presented in recognition of Kamel Ghribi's tireless work in promoting sustainable investment and innovative investment projects that contribute to the advancement not only across Arab nations but society as a whole.

In particular, his outstanding in the field of healthcare projects that promote and raise the profile of Arab institutions not only within the region but gain recognition globally.

Here below you will find an excerpt of the acceptance speech.

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## **GK Investment Holding Group Chairman Kamel Ghribi's Speech during the Arab Investors Forum in thanks for Receiving the Arab Investors Award – Paris 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2019**

Respected Excellencies, distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I begin my speech by thanking our hosts for the award that has been bestowed upon me this evening.

As a citizen of the world, who happens also to be Tunisian, I am very proud and appreciative towards the country of my birth. However, it also goes without saying that I am equally proud and grateful of my Arab culture. The diversity it embodies is generously propagated around the world in every sphere of life.

Therefore, as a Tunisian Arab, I feel very proud that even though we are going through such challenging times, we still find ourselves here this evening to celebrate Arab excellence.

But not only.

We are also here this evening to hope for a better future, a brighter future, and I firmly believe that we have the power to do so.

While a lot has been achieved, our journey ahead is still very long. As Arab citizens of the world, we need to be consistent and united in our vision if we hope to make it a reality.

As a businessman, the vision I have for the future is not about making investments just for profit but about making investments that bring added value and tangible benefit to both the nations receiving investments and the nations funding investments.

As Arab citizens of the world, I believe we have the solutions to many of our own problems. But we need to unite and start investing in value generative initiatives that are of benefit to us.

We need to transfer the skills, knowledge and technology gained from strategic investments and share the results among all nations rather than simply creating profit for the investor.

A good investment will always bring a profit but we need to combine profit with reinvestment in projects that will benefit our region as a whole. I passionately believe that without serious collective effort lasting change in our region will remain elusive.

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Yes we will continue to generate profit, but unless we can find a way to share the fruits of the research and development funded from our investments then we cannot move forward and help our neighbours evolve and develop.

That is to say, we cannot help them to become functioning nations able to provide security, education, housing and healthcare for their citizens.

Just as in the Western world, so in the Arab world there is a great variation in sovereign wealth.

My hope for the future is that we can unite and forge a vision that will see investors spending their wealth on projects that will bring technical advances, growth and development to our brothers and sisters in emerging nations, Not only our closest neighbours, but throughout the African continent.

As well as a united vision, we need successful leadership. We need to share coherently our vision for the welfare of humanity.

Occasions such as this evening are ideal opportunities for sharing, because they bring together agents of change who believe in the same vision, that is, to bring about positive change to society through wise investments that create added value for all.

I am a global citizen and I have travelled widely, especially in Africa and the Middle East and I do my utmost to find solutions that will have an impact both on nations and individuals.

Developed nations, such as our host nation this evening, together with her European partners can help their Arab brothers and sisters to resolve the difficulties faced on a daily basis by her oldest neighbours and allies in the Mediterranean basin.

Our world faces unprecedented challenges. We cannot survive with so much division and power brokering for political, strategic or economic advantage. Therefore, it is of critical importance that we set aside our private agendas and engage in constructive dialogue with each other.

We need to pull our resources. Bring benefit to the many rather than the few.  
We must work towards an end objective that is value generative for all and will finally see emerging nations emerge.

As the great Greek hero Odysseus came to realise, as mortals all that we can leave behind is our legacy. However, in order to create a legacy, we must choose our deeds wisely.

This evening, I challenge us all to work together. Not exclusively for financial gain, but to make a greater difference in the world through a new vision and a new answer to the challenges in our world today.

We collectively command great skills and resources so let's use our position to make a very important difference now.  
Let us find ways to invest together, to work with individual nations as a united group, and to improve the quality of life for many.

I am focussed on helping my own country Tunisia emerge from uncertainty but I look forward to working together with all of you to make the Middle East and Africa a haven for investment and value generation.

We need not the wisdom of one but of many, so I invite you to join me in looking beyond individual gain and leave a better tomorrow for our children.

United we will build a better world.

Thank you