

Al Ramz expands leading role as market maker in Nasdaq Dubai equity futures

- **Al Ramz Capital LLC will be market making all listed futures on Nasdaq Dubai**
- **Resulting support for liquidity facilitates trading in UAE and Saudi contracts.**

Dubai, 31 March 2020 – Al Ramz, a leading financial institution in the UAE, has expanded its market-making activities on Nasdaq Dubai to strengthen its status as the leading provider of liquidity on all listed futures.

The expanded activity by Al Ramz follows its strategy to develop market making and liquidity providing offerings.

The move supports liquidity in the exchange's futures market on behalf of investors who wish to take positions on the price moves of UAE and Saudi companies.

Mohammad Al Mortada Al Dandashi, Managing Director of Al Ramz Corporation Investment & Development PJSC, said: "We are delighted to greatly expand our collaboration with Nasdaq Dubai's equity futures platform, which is one of the most exciting initiatives underway in the region's capital markets. Al Ramz is committed to providing competitive spreads through our highly efficient market-making infrastructure, enabling investors to generate attractive returns and protect their wealth in the dynamic Middle East marketplace."

Hamed Ali, Chief Executive of Nasdaq Dubai, said: "The strengthening of our longstanding collaboration with Al Ramz, as one of the UAE's leading financial institutions, will be of great benefit to investors as they make use of the flexibility and leverage provided by our futures market. As we add further futures contracts, including on other stocks and equity indices across the GCC, Al Ramz's expertise and experience will help to underpin the growth and success of the market."

Nasdaq Dubai currently offers single stock futures on 17 leading UAE-listed companies including Emaar Properties and DP World, as well as 12 Saudi single stock futures including Al Rajhi Bank and Saudi Basic Industries (SABIC). The market also includes futures on the DFMGI index of Dubai Financial Market (DFM), the ADI index of Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX), the MSCI United Arab Emirates Equity Index and the FTSE Saudi Arabia Index.

Nasdaq Dubai's futures give regional and international investors the ability to gain exposure to the UAE and Saudi equity markets without owning shares. The futures enable investors to hedge as well as make use of leverage.

About Nasdaq Dubai

Nasdaq Dubai is the international financial exchange serving the region between Western Europe and East Asia. It welcomes regional as well as global issuers that seek regional and international investment. The exchange currently lists shares, derivatives, Sukuk (Islamic bonds), conventional bonds and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS).

The majority shareholder of Nasdaq Dubai is Dubai Financial Market with a two-thirds stake. Borse Dubai owns one third of the shares. The regulator of Nasdaq Dubai is the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA). Nasdaq Dubai is located in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC).

About Al Ramz

Founded in 1998, Al Ramz is a UAE domiciled public joint stock company listed on the Dubai Financial Market and regulated by the UAE Securities and Commodities Authority and the Dubai Financial Services Authority.

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