PIF RECEIVES “A1” CREDIT RATING FROM MOODY’S AND “Aa2” SCORECARD

- Also receives issuer rating of A from Fitch
- Strong Scorecard indicated rating of Aa2 and issuer rating of A1 from Moody’s establish PIF as a strong Investment Grade credit
- PIF rated Aaa by Moody’s in five sub-categories
- The rating reflects PIF’s high-quality domestic and international portfolio, strong governance and financial profile, and its leading role in transforming Saudi Arabia’s economy in line with Vision 2030

Riyadh and New York, 7 February 2022 — The Public Investment Fund (“PIF” or “the Fund”) has today received international credit ratings from Moody’s and Fitch for the first time, underlining the creditworthiness of the Fund and the quality of its investment portfolio in line with its growth targets. The new credit ratings represent a milestone achieved following the reforms introduced in 2015 under the leadership of HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister. As part of these reforms, PIF’s management was reconstituted and oversight was transferred to the Council of Economic and Development Affairs, which led to the launch of the Fund’s strategy and transformed it into one of the enablers of Vision 2030.

Global credit rating agency Moody’s has assigned PIF with a first-time issuer rating of A1 and a scorecard indicated rating of Aa2, with a stable outlook. Fitch has assigned PIF with a long-term issuer rating of A, with a stable outlook.

His Excellency Yasir Al-Rumayyan, Governor of PIF, said, “Under the leadership of HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman, achieving a credit rating is an important step for PIF as we continue to grow our investment portfolio and achieve our objectives, having paved the way through PIF’s Strategy 2018-2020 and 2021-2025.

“Our rating is a significant achievement and a reflection of several factors, including our world-class governance, strong financial profile, and the diversity of our business and portfolio. This result will further enhance our access to international capital markets and continue to diversify our sources of funding which is in line with PIF’s strategy.”

In addition, Moody’s rated PIF Aaa in five sub-categories, the highest rating achievable. The five sub-categories are:

- Capital adequacy
- Earnings quality and stability
- Inflation risk
- Country risk
- Legal and political framework
• Business Diversity
• Financial Policy
• Debt Coverage
• Leverage
• Liquidity

Setting out its assessment, Moody’s highlighted PIF’s significant scale with assets under management of US$410 billion as of December 2020, up from US$150 billion in 2015, combined with its steady income stream and a high-quality investment portfolio.

The Moody’s rating affirms PIF’s strong governance principles, where it has a commitment to maintain a strong credit profile at the subsidiary level by being represented on the board and involved in determining the financial policies of these entities. In addition, PIF’s governance framework is guided and reviewed by five management-level committees focused on investments, risk and liquidity.

It also focused on PIF’s diversification across the Fund’s priority sectors, locally and internationally, as well as its robust financial position with low leverage, very high interest coverage and excellent liquidity profile.

Moody’s also singled out the strategic importance of PIF to Saudi Arabia as one of the main vehicles for achieving the country’s Vision 2030 objectives.

In assigning PIF with a long-term issuer rating of A, Fitch highlighted PIF’s low level of debt and net cash positive position giving it a very strong financial outlook. Fitch also focused on the importance of PIF to Saudi Arabia and its role in promoting the diversification and the development of the non-oil sector of the national economy under Vision 2030.

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About PIF
The Public Investment Fund ("PIF") is one of the largest and most impactful sovereign wealth funds in the world. Since 2015, when the Board was reconstituted and oversight transferred to the Council of Economic and Development Affairs, the Fund's board of directors has been chaired by HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Council for Economic and Development Affairs. By the end of Q4 2021, PIF's Assets under Management amounted to more than 1.8 trillion Saudi riyals. The Fund plays a leading role in advancing Saudi Arabia's economic transformation and diversification, as well as contributing to shaping the future of the global economy. Since 2017, the Fund has established 47 companies and created, directly and indirectly, more than 450,000 jobs as at the end of 2021.

PIF is building a diversified portfolio by entering into attractive and long-term investment opportunities in 13 strategic sectors in Saudi Arabia and globally. The Fund's strategy, as set out in the PIF Program 2021-2025 - one of the Vision 2030 realization programs - aims to enable many promising sectors and contribute to increasing local content by creating partnerships with the private sector, in addition to injecting at least 150 billion riyals annually into the local economy. PIF works to transfer technologies and localize knowledge to build a prosperous and sustainable economy in Saudi Arabia. As the investment arm of Saudi Arabia, the Fund looks to make unique investments, and is building strategic alliances and partnerships with prestigious international institutions and organizations, which contribute to achieving real long-term value for the Kingdom in line with the objectives of Vision 2030. PIF has also created an operational governance model that reflects its main tasks and objectives, in line with best international practices. Applying this model of governance enhances the level of transparency and effectiveness in decision-making and future progress.

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