



## **HEC Paris in Qatar retains Educational Institute of the Year title**

*The Executive Education provider was awarded the prestigious award for the second consecutive year during the Qatar Enterprise Agility Awards*

**Doha, Qatar – November 16, 2016:** HEC Paris, one of the world's top three providers of Executive Education programs, has retained its title of Educational Institute of the Year after being presented with the Qatar Enterprise Agility Achiever in Education Innovation accolade for the second consecutive year.

HEC Paris in Qatar was recognized during the prestigious award ceremony organized by Entrepreneur MENA and held at the Grand Hyatt Doha to honor leading entrepreneurs, innovators, and companies across the Gulf State. Named ahead of other educational bodies, the business school was praised for continuing to boast the highest levels of excellence in education, and exceeding criteria such as highly-acclaimed educational programs, involvement with Qatar as a nation, promotion of entrepreneurship, bolstering the business through corporate custom programs, and initiatives supporting family business, amongst others.

Its high caliber of graduates was a contributing factor for HEC Paris in Qatar's nomination, including the recent graduation of Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice Chairperson and CEO of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, who joined the prestigious HEC Paris alumni community last month.

Prof. Nils Plambeck, Dean & CEO of HEC Paris in Qatar, said: "It is an honor for us to have received the Qatar Enterprise Agility Award for the second consecutive year. Receiving such an accolade strengthens and reinforces our team's efforts in driving a knowledge sharing economy for the benefit of Qatar."

"Since Qatar Foundation invited HEC Paris to establish a campus in Doha in 2010, we have celebrated the graduation of a number of key business figures representing a significant portion of Qatar's industries. As a key player in Qatar's education landscape, we continue the pursuit of partnerships to bolster the business climate in Qatar, and build upon our profound experience to develop entrepreneurs and business leaders of the future. We are proud that our partnership with Qatar Foundation helps

contribute to Qatar National Vision 2030 and the award underlines the success of our combined efforts.”

The 2016 Qatar Enterprise Agility Awards, Entrepreneur of the Year awarded successfully nominated businesses and individuals who have established and put into practice innovative ways to contribute and strengthen the lively Qatari economy. BNC Publishing, as part of the Entrepreneur MENA franchise, awarded businesses across multiple categories considered benchmark enterprises in the third annual edition of the awards.

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**Notes to Editors**

**HEC Paris**

Specializing in management education and research, HEC Paris offers a complete and unique range of educational programs for the leaders of tomorrow: Masters programs, Summer School, MBA, PhD, Executive MBA, TRIUM Global Executive MBA, open-enrolment and custom executive education programs.

Founded in 1881 by the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry, HEC Paris is a founding member of the Université Paris-Saclay. It boasts a faculty of 138 full-time professors, more than 4,400 students and over 8,000 managers and executives in training each year.

In 2010, HEC Paris joined Qatar Foundation and brought world-class Executive Education programs and research activity to Doha and the region. By 2011, HEC Paris launched Qatar’s first international EMBA. The HEC Executive MBA (EMBA) is a part-time program that provides executives with a set of fundamental skills to expand their knowledge and leadership capabilities. In addition to the EMBA, HEC Paris provides in Qatar a Specialized Master’s Degree in Strategic Business Unit Management. The institution also offers non-degree management programs for executives, in the form of open enrolment programs as well as custom-designed programs for individual companies. It has also recently introduced bespoke executive management programs for Family Owned Businesses (FOB) that are designed to meet the specific and individual needs of each client and are aimed at key decision makers, from Board level to middle management. The programs and research activities of HEC Paris in Qatar build corporate competitiveness within the global economy and are fully aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030 to support the transformation of Qatar into an advanced, competitive and knowledge-based economy. Accordingly, HEC Paris has opened a Research Office that has resulted in a number of case studies and innovative articles being published in renowned academic journals and presented at international conferences. HEC Paris has been ranked one of the world’s top 3 providers of Executive Education programs for the last seven years.

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