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## **MoU between AUB and Hikma Pharmaceuticals PLC**

The American University of Beirut (AUB) signed a memorandum of understanding with Hikma Pharmaceuticals PLC, the fast growing multinational pharmaceutical group, as a result of the discussions that started between both parties earlier this year and culminated in signing of the MOU on August 29, 2016. The MoU was signed by AUB Acting Provost Dr. Muhamad Harajli and Executive Vice President for Medicine and Global Strategy Dean Mohamad Sayegh, and by Mr. Mazen Darwazah, Executive Vice Chairman, Chief Executive of MENA and Emerging Markets, and Dr. Salah Mawajdeh, Head of MENA Business from Hikma.

This is a first-of-its-kind research partnership that would accelerate innovative therapies in the fields of molecules co-development and the co-development of Super Generic Products, and is in line with the mission and vision of the AUB Faculty of Medicine's Center for Drug Discovery, and in line with Hikma's mission to improve lives. This initiative, which combines AUB strengths and capabilities in research and Hikma's expertise in the industry, will pave the way for tremendous collaborations to develop new treatments and products to improve the health of our patients.

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master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full-service 420-bed hospital.

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