

BAHRAIN BOURSE HOSTS BELL RINGING CEREMONY AS PART OF ITS COMMITMENT TOWARDS UN'S SUSTAINABLE STOCK EXCHANGES INITIATIVE



As part of its active role in promoting gender equality and empowering women in the capital markets sector, Bahrain Bourse hosted a bell ringing ceremony in parallel with the celebration of International Women's Day on Thursday 14th

March 2019. Narjes Farookh Jamal, Chief Operating Officer and Abeer AlSaad, Director of the Capital Markets Supervision at the Central Bank of Bahrain rang the market-opening bell in the presence of the Governor of

the Central Bank of Bahrain H.E. Rasheed Mohammed Al-Maraj and Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse alongside other senior officials and female executives from listed companies. (Continued on page 2)

BAHRAIN BOURSE & BAHRAIN CLEAR CORPORATE ACCESS DAY MET WITH KEEN INTEREST ATTRACTING HIGH-PROFILE INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT FUNDS



As part of Bahrain Bourse's and Bahrain Clear's endeavors to strengthen links with international investment funds, a corporate access day was conducted in Dubai on 27th & 28th February 2019, with successful participation from leading international investment funds & global custodians. The event took place alongside the HSBC MENAT Securities Forum 2019, one of the largest regional securities forums.

During the event, Bahrain Bourse and Bahrain Clear showcased key business development plans and proposed product roll-outs. The event was successfully concluded on Thursday 28th February 2018, and attracted 8 global custodian & leading investment funds. The event provided a strong indication of the growing appetite from international investors towards the capital markets in the Kingdom of

Bahrain, as fund managers from key global institutions are further solidifying their presence in the market. The market has seen a growth in the number of international institutional investors at 150% in 2018 compared to 2017. Active engagement with international investment funds plays a pivotal role in maintaining participation of international investors.

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Bahrain Bourse has joined 83 other global exchanges to mark the occasion over a week of bell-ringing activities for the first time since its establishment, in partnership with the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) Initiative, the World Federation of Exchanges, IFC, UN Global Compact, UN Women. The event is being held for the fifth

consecutive year globally, and this year Bahrain Bourse participated in the event for the first time. Held throughout March, these bell-ringing events aim to raise awareness on women's economic empowerment and the opportunities for the private sector to advance gender equality and sustainable development. As part of the events, participants are

encouraged to make commitments to improve gender equality in their markets, improving diversity in senior management and on the boards of directors, or improving transparency on gender policies and practices. It is noteworthy that Bahrain Bourse has recently announced that it has officially joined the United Nations Sustainable

Stock Exchanges (SSE) initiative to demonstrate its voluntary commitment to promoting sustainable and transparent capital markets. The SSE initiative focuses on sustainable disclosure of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors.



BAHRAIN BOURSE AND TAMKEEN SIGN AN MOU TO SUPPORT GROWTH BUSINESSES TO LIST ON BAHRAIN INVESTMENT MARKET



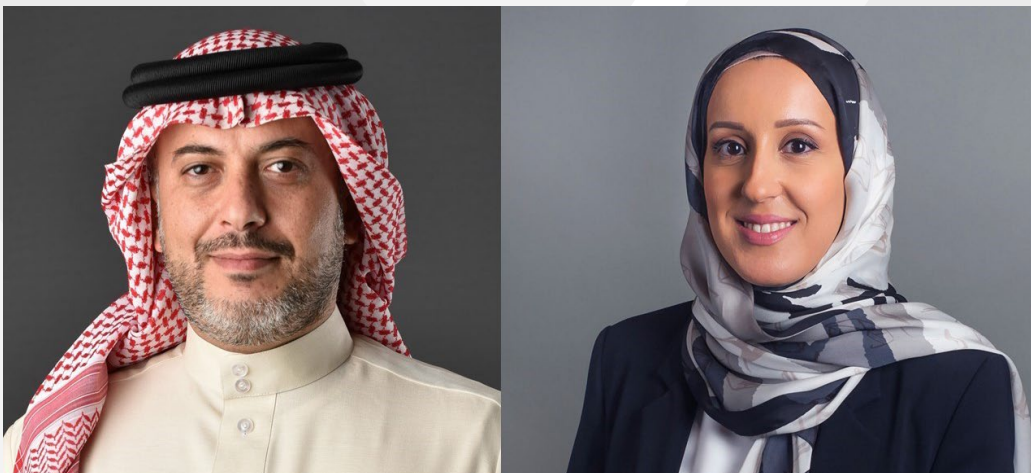
Bahrain Bourse and Tamkeen signed an MOU on 7th March 2019 to expand the scope of Tamkeen's Business Development Program to include support of growth businesses interested in listing on the Bahrain Investment Market (BIM), an innovative equity market designed specifically to offer the region's fast-growing companies

an alternative cost-and-time effective means for raising capital. The MOU was signed by the CEO of Bahrain Bourse Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa and the Chief Executive of Tamkeen, Dr Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi in the presence of several officials from both organisations. According to the MoU, the

support extended to growth companies will cover 50% of the costs associated with listing on Bahrain Investment Market and appointing an Authorized Sponsor (specialized advisory firm) at a cap of BD30,000 per company. In addition, the support will cover 10 companies over a one-year period. The BIM is an innovative equity market launched by Bahrain Bourse to enable fast-growing companies in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the GCC and MENA region to obtain growth capital via direct offering. The market offers a more relaxed regulatory framework with easier disclosure and minimal admission requirements, as well as support and guidance provided through specialized advisory firms (Sponsors).

According to Bahrain Bourse's regulations, companies interested in listing on Bahrain Investment Market are required to appoint and retain the services of an Authorized Sponsor at all times (prior and during the listing process). The Authorized Sponsor will be responsible for providing companies with the required support and guidance to fulfill the admission for listing on criteria Bahrain Investment Market, and ongoing financial disclosure requirements once listed. Currently, the BIM's network of authorized consulting firms includes Grant Thornton, KPMG, Key Point, BDO Consulting, SICO, and Almoayyad Chambers.

CBB ISSUES RESOLUTION NO. (23) OF 2019 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS IN RESPECT OF SHORT SELLING AND GIVING SECURITIES ON LOAN



As part of the Central Bank of Bahrain's ("CBB") effort to develop the financial sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain and in line with international best practices, the CBB has issued Resolution No. (23) of 2019 for the Issuance of Regulations in

respect of Short Selling and Giving Securities on Loan, published in the Official Gazette No. (3411), on Thursday 21st March 2019. By virtue of Article (92) of the Decree No. (64) of 2006 with respect to promulgating the

Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law ("CBB Law") which states that, "The Central Bank shall specify the types of securities, which may be traded by loan and short sale, the terms and procedures of such transactions and the rights

and obligations of all concerned parties", this Resolution introduces short selling and giving securities on loan into the Kingdom's capital markets ecosystem. In order to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of this Resolution, the CBB emphasized that the Licensed Exchange and the Licensed Clearing House shall issue their own rules and guidelines and shall establish controls and procedures related to dealing in securities through lending and borrowing and short selling according to the provisions stipulated in the Resolution.

BAHRAIN CLEAR SIGNS MOU WITH SECURITIES DEPOSITORY CENTER COMPANY (EDAA)



Bahrain Clear, a fully owned subsidiary of Bahrain Bourse today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Securities Depository Center Company (Edaa), which is a wholly-owned by the Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul) and the sole entity responsible for providing custody, registration, clearing and settlement services for

securities traded on the Saudi Stock Exchange. The MoU was signed in the Saudi capital Riyadh with the aim of strengthening bilateral cooperation in the dual listing of securities between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. The agreement falls within the framework of cooperation between the two countries to achieve a common vision and bolster

bilateral cooperation on common key issues. The agreement is also part of Edaa and Bahrain Clear joint efforts to enhance their regional standing and implement the highest standards of governance and transparency in the listing processes. The agreement aims to identify and standardise the operational, administrative and technical

procedures between the two countries, and establish effective cooperation on dual listing of securities in both markets. This will be achieved through the exchange of information and data related to ownership registry, transactions carried out by brokers, members, or investors, transfer of securities, and updating securities ownership registry in both countries.

KHCB INAUGURATES 'KHALEEJI ETRADE' PLATFORM



Khaleeji Commercial Bank (KHCB), one of the leading Islamic banks in the Kingdom, has inaugurated its "Khaleeji eTrade" platform in the presence of Mr. Khalid Hamad, Director of Banking Supervision in the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), Shaikh Ahmed Bin Isa Al Khalifa, Vice Chairman of Khaleeji Commercial Bank, Mr.

Abdulkareem Bucheeri, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bahrain Bourse, Shaikh Khalifa bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain Bourse, Mr. Sattam Sulaiman Algosaibi, CEO of Khaleeji Commercial Bank and a number of representatives of various financial institutions. The inauguration came on the sidelines of the annual E-Payment

and Online Banking Summit, which is organized in the Kingdom of Bahrain on the 11th - 12th of March, 2019 under the patronage of the Central Bank of Bahrain. The platform is the first of its kind in the Kingdom that offers many privileges, making it an essential engine for the bank's clients as it enables them to easily open accounts to trade stocks listed

on Bahrain Bourse, place Buy and Sell Orders, review market performance charts, receive the latest news on the local and international markets and other services that could be conveniently accessed through the application allocated for smart devices.

BAHRAIN BOURSE HOLDS ITS 2nd ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH CEOs OF LISTED COMPANIES



Bahrain Bourse announced conducting its second roundtable discussion with the CEOs of listed companies on Bahrain Bourse on Tuesday, 5th February 2019, with the attendance of Mr. Abdulkareem Bucheery, Chairman of Bahrain Bourse, Shaikh Khalifa Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse, and various

CEOs of listed companies. The discussion addressed various topics including Bahrain Bourse's performance during 2018 and its recent plans and projects. The discussion also highlighted the recent developments in the capital market in the region along with the opportunities and challenges occurring in light of

the current economic changes. It is worth to mention that Bahrain Bourse began the Roundtable discussions last year, where the first session was held on the 22nd of October 2018. The discussions are part of a series of discussions conducted with CEOs of other listed companies. The discussions aim at offering a platform

of open discussion and encourages exchange of ideas, recommendations and opinions on developing the capital market in the Kingdom of Bahrain in a way that serves and benefits listed companies on one hand, and contributes to enhancing investors' confidence in the market on the other hand.

BAHRAIN BOURSE ENDORSES "MUTAMAHIN" PROGRAM



Bahrain Bourse (BHB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 3rd February 2019 with CFA Society Bahrain that aims at enhancing the areas of joint cooperation between BHB and CFA Society in general and supporting the Mutamahin Program in particular. The MoU was signed by Sh. Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse, and Mr. Mahmoud

Nawar, President of the CFA Society Bahrain. Based on the MOU, Bahrain Bourse will provide internship positions for graduates of the Mutamahin Program. In return, CFA Society will provide seats within the Mutamahin program to eligible students of the TradeQuest (University) finalists. Mutamahin is a graduate training program aimed at developing and nurturing young university

graduates, with the long-term vision of contributing to a new generation of ethical, dedicated and seasoned investment professionals. Until date, the programme has trained over 250 candidates and has partnered with top Bahraini institutions to secure over 100 six-month internships seats for these candidates to participate in. The Mutamahin program will provide a 12 weeks intensive

training to university students in six distinct modules covering the areas of Business Ethics, Communication, Teamwork, Project Management, Technical Training and Personal Branding led by top experts in the region. CFA Society Bahrain will then select top participants for 6 months internships at some of the top financial institutions in Bahrain.

BAHRAIN CLEAR CALLS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PLEDGED SECURITIES



Bahrain Clear (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bahrain Bourse) announced that all parties involved in pledged securities are required to register the pledges at Bahrain Clear based on Resolution (59/2011) and its amendments issued by the Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain with

respect of "Specifying the Procedures to be followed for Registrations of Pledges and Liens on Securities and the discharging and Lifting of such Pledges and Liens" published in the Official Gazette Issue 3032 dated 29 December 2011. According to the Resolution, all

companies and institutions that provide its services in the capital markets sector, including banks that maintain securities issued by public shareholding companies as a guarantee to its loans and banking services or any other parties related to securities mortgage agreement are

required to undertake all necessary steps to ensure its adherence to the requirements of the Resolution and Regulations in general, and to coordinate with Bahrain Clear to register all pending securities pledges in order to abide by registration requirements.

AHLI UNITED BANK SILVER SPONSOR OF BAHRAIN BOURSE'S 2nd EDITION OF THE "SMART INVESTOR" PROGRAM



Bahrain Bourse has announced Ahli United Bank, the leading region bank, as a silver sponsor for the "Smart Investor" Program in its 2nd edition for the academic year 2019/2020. The Smart Investor program is a national awareness program organised in collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain, and aims at promoting financial and investment literacy among elementary school students

in Bahrain. To formally announce the sponsorship, Mrs. Narjes Jamal, Chief Operating Officer of Bahrain Bourse, received Mr. David O'Loan, Deputy Group CEO, Treasury & Investments of AUB, along with officials from both organisations. The Smart Investor program is a national awareness program launched in 2018 in collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain targeting

grade school students. The program aims at equipping young students with basic concepts related to money management, savings and smart financial planning through interactive edutainment activities in order to assist them in making sound financial decisions. The Program consists of seven-themed sessions designed to equip students with the

following concepts: Thinking, Specifying, Planning, Execution, Saving, Progression, and Evaluation. The program's next edition is expected to kick-off during the academic year 2019/2020 with planned activities targeting the public scheduled for the summer period.

GUESTS



Students of Ibn Khuldoon National School



Students of Kingdom University



The Economic Attaché of the French Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain



Students of Creativity School

GUESTS



Students of Al-Marefa Secondary Girls School

ACTIVITIES

Bahrain Bourse Concludes its Participation as Co-Partner in the 2nd E-Pay Summit

Bahrain Bourse concluded its participation as Co-Partner in the 2nd E-Payments and Online Banking Summit which was held in the Kingdom of Bahrain on 11-12 March 2019 at the Ritz-Carlton Bahrain under the patronage of the Central Bank of Bahrain and Chairmanship of Mr. Abdulkareem Bucheery, Chairman of Bahrain Bourse.



Bahrain Bourse Holds its Semi-Annual Brokers Meeting

Bahrain Bourse held its semi-annual brokers meeting for its broker members and market makers, which was held at the Bourse's premises in the Bahrain Financial Harbour. The meeting began with a brief presentation presented by Mr. Abdulla Janahi, Director of Trading Operations at Bahrain Bourse to update brokers on key developments taking place during 2019 which includes new fees implementation and leasing of brokers' offices in Bahrain Bourse.



ACTIVITIES

C5 Accelerate hosts Bahrain Bourse as part of their Policy Hack Series

C5 Accelerate, in partnership with Tamkeen, hosted Sheikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim AlKhalifa, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse for the fifth edition of C5's POLICY HACK series. The event, which took place on Tuesday, March 26 at the Cloud10 campus in Sanabis, discussed how the Fourth Industrial Revolution combined with effective regulation and supervision, can expand the scope, scale, and reach of financial services and startups in particular.

Sheikh Khalifa addressed Bahrain Bourse's role in enabling high growth businesses, regulations related to listing such companies on the stock exchange, and how that relates to strengthening the entrepreneurial landscape and contributing to economic growth.

Sheikh Khalifa also touched on the investor-centric services that Bahrain Bourse is currently offering or planning to roll-out, especially through the launch of myShare Card, along with BHB's collaboration with various retail banks to offer the Bahrain Trade Platform to their respective clients.

The event ended with an open Q&A session with the startup community and networking opportunities.

This event was planned ahead of the Global Entrepreneurship Congress (GEC) spearheaded by Tamkeen from 15th to 18th April 2019. GEC is a global gathering of entrepreneurs, policymakers, startups and investors with the aim to gain insights into new policy ideas, provide startups with the knowledge on how to scale new ventures and to provide valuable networking opportunities.



BHB FAMILY

Bahrain Bourse and Bahrain Clear Team Take Part in Bahrain Sports Day

In conjunction with Bahrain sports day celebrated all over the Kingdom, and with the aim of promoting lifestyle sports among employees, Bahrain Bourse and Bahrain Clear Team took part in Bahrain Sports Day on Tuesday, 12th February 2019.



Bahrain Bourse and Bahrain Clear Organize a Desert Camp Gathering

Bahrain Bourse and Bahrain Clear organized on Friday, 22nd February 2019 a desert camp gathering for the employees and their families.

Aiming at strengthening employees social connection and engagement, the gathering included various entertainment activities and raffles targeting different age groups.



BHB FAMILY

Mother's Day Celebrated

Bahrain Bourse and Bahrain Clear marked the occasion of Mother's Day on Thursday, 21st March 2019.

Female employees at Bahrain Bourse and Bahrain Clear who are mothers, were celebrated and recognized for their efforts in balancing the work and family aspects of their life.



BHB FAMILY

New Joiners



Mohamed Adeeb
Senior Administrator
of Financial & Accounting Affairs



Layla Adel Rasti
Senior Administrator
of Listing & Disclosure



Omar Ebrahim Alshair
Senior Administrator
of Central Depository



Husain Ali Haji
Senior Administrator
of Clearing & Settlement



Fatema Baqer Mahroos
Senior Administrator
of Marketing & Business
Development

BHB FAMILY

Happy Occassions

Engagements

- Noora Ali Alshamlan, Head of Financial & Accounting Affairs
- Ali Husain Harmazi, Senior Administrator of Trading Operations

INTERACTIVE VIDEOS



Bahrain Bourse Co-partner in the 2nd ePay Summit



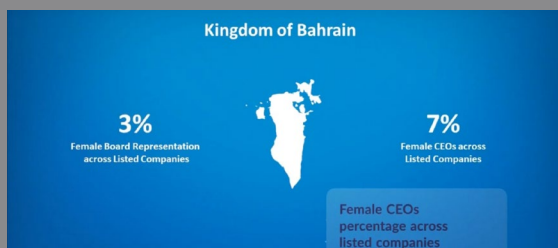
CEO of Bahrain Bourse's Interview with CNBC Arabia



BTV's coverage of Bell Ringing Ceremony for Gender Equality



Bahrain Bourse Hosts Bell Ringing Ceremony as part of its Commitment towards UN's Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative



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