

WITH THE LISTING OF 11 ISSUES

THE CBB GOVERNOR LAUNCHES THE T-BILLS MARKET AT BHB



Under the patronage and presence of H.E. Mr. Rasheed Mohammed Al-Maraj, the Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) and Mr. Yusuf Abdulla

Humood, Chairman of Bahrain Bourse (BHB) along with other VIPs and officials from financial institutions and banks, Bahrain Bourse launched the "Treasury

Bills Market" at the bourse on Sunday, 31st January 2016 with the listing of 11 issues in this market issued by the CBB. (Continued on page 2)

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY COMMERCE & TOURISM VISITS THE BOURSE



Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister also Minister in charge of Bahrain Bourse, Zayed bin Rashid Al-Zayani, paid a visit to Bourse premises at the financial harbor on

Wednesday, 17th February 2016. The minister was received by Bahrain Bourse CEO Shaikh Khalifa bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa who gave an overview of the Bourse main

objectives and strategies, as well as plans and programmes adopted to achieve the Bourse desired goals. (Continued on page 10)

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CEO'S MESSAGE



Dear Readers,
I would like to welcome all of you to our 7th issue of Bahrain Bourse newsletter. This issue covers the successful launch few ambitious initiatives that we believe will have a positive impact on the market in the future.

Those include launching the Treasury Bills market at BHB, the

creation of the REITs market and the adoption of REITs & Funds instruments trading guidelines.

Last but not least, and following the apposition of the Bourse to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, and the highly appreciated visit of His Excellency Mr. Zayed bin Rashid Alzayani, the Minister of Indus-

try, Commerce, & Tourism to the Bourse's premises, the Bourse is confidently and steadily moving toward achieving its strategic goals and future initiatives.

Sh. Khalifa Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa
Chief Executive Officer

BAHRAIN BOURSE T-BILLS MARKET LAUNCHED

H.E. Mr. Rasheed Al-Maraj said that the launch of this market goes in line with the Government's plan to support and enhance the Capital Markets sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain, which is considered one of the main and vital sectors to the economy. H.E. Mr. Al-Maraj assured the CBB's commitment to continue developing the legislations and rules governing the Capital Markets sector in accordance to International Standards in a way that will allow more listings of investment instruments and trading them in a well-regulated environment that protects the rights of all related parties thereby enhancing confidence in the legislative infrastructure of the sector and its institutions.

"The CBB is keen to support Bahrain Bourse in order to increase its competitiveness to attract more local and foreign

investments that will lead to the prosperity of national economy," H.E. Mr. Al-Maraj said.

"The CBB is continuously working closely with BHB and related parties to offer innovative products and services to develop and enhance the legislative infrastructure of the Capital Markets sector in order to secure the soundness of the market and ensure that operations are conducted in a fair and transparent manner that protects investors and maintains the rights of all related parties," H.E. Mr. Al-Maraj added.

Mr. Yusuf Humood expressed his delightedness for the launch of the Treasury Bills market and praised the vital role of the CBB Governor in launching this market. Mr. Humood thanked the officials of the Central Bank of Bahrain for their cooperation in

all legislative, legal, and technical aspects that had an effective role in launching the T-Bills market.

"The launch of the Treasury Bills market will play a great role in enhancing cash liquidity in local and foreign banks that deal in Bahraini T-Bills," Mr. Humood said.

Mr. Humood said that the Treasury Bills market in BHB is considered one of the largest markets in the region, taking in consideration the number of issues currently listed and expected to list in the future.

"This will provide more investment alternatives for all investors to diversify their portfolios and minimize their investment risk. BHB will continue developing the investment environment in order to encourage and facilitate the accessibility of investors to BHB and benefit from the opportunities

available in all listed instruments at BHB," Mr. Humood added.

It is known that Treasury Bills are one of the investment instruments used by governments and central banks for short-term financing with reasonable returns taking in consideration the term of these issues that is usually between 3-12 months. T-Bills are usually issued weekly and monthly, and are considered very low-risk investments for investors.

It is worth mentioning that a Resolution was issued by BHB's Chairman in respect of introducing the Treasury Bills Market at Bahrain Bourse and adding it to the markets at BHB. The resolution was followed by the approval of the BHB's CEO on the Guidelines of Trading Treasury-Bills at Bahrain Bourse.



BHB'S BOARD APPROVES 2015 FINANCIAL RESULTS



The Board of Directors of Bahrain Bourse (BHB) held its first meeting for the year 2016 on Monday, 7th March 2016 chaired by Mr. Yusuf Abdulla Humood, Chairman of the Bourse.

The Board discussed the subjects on the agenda including the latest developments at Bahrain Bourse. The Board also reviewed the periodic report on BHB's performance, other bourses, and

GCC stock markets as well as a report on the follow-up of the Board's resolutions.

The Board approved the financial results for the year ended 31 December 2015 as well as the estimated budget for the year 2016.

The Board also approved BHB's Corporate Governance Report for the year 2015 and the Money Laundering policy and procedures.

In addition, the Board discussed the progress of BHB's operational plan that is part of the

Bourse's strategic plan, along with its evaluation criteria.

The Board also discussed the project of developing the services provided by Clearing, Settlement, and Central Depository and took the required recommendations in this regard.

The Board discussed the reports and recommendations of the Board's Committees and decided on the actions to be taken.

TRADELINE JOINS BAHRAIN BOURSE AS A BROKER

Bahrain Bourse announced on Wednesday, 27th January 2016 that Tradeline Securities W.L.L. has joined the bourse as a brokerage company to be able trade at BHB as of Thursday, 28th January 2016 following the completion of the requirements.

Tradeline Securities is a Bahraini licensed brokerage company that will provide all bro-

kerage services to its clients in addition to trading in securities listed at BHB for the account of its clients and their account.

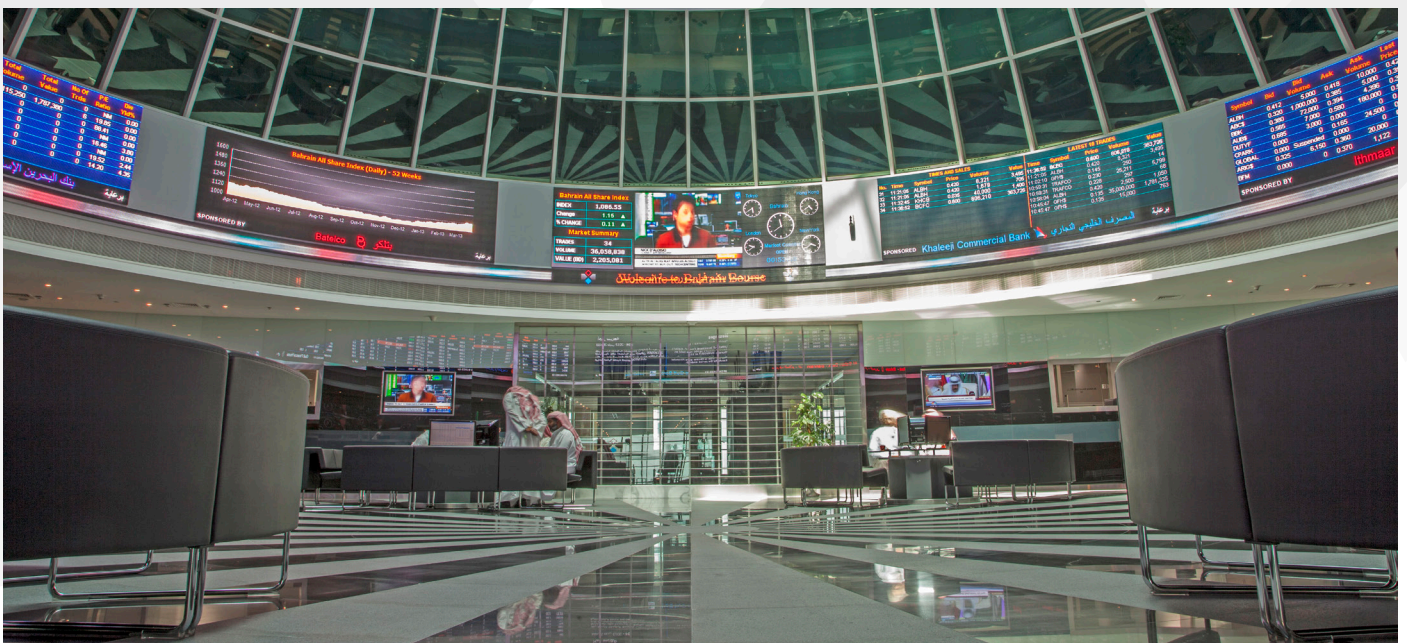
Sh. Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse welcomed Tradeline Securities wishing it success in its operations. Sh. Khalifa assured that brokers are one of the main catalysts in developing

the capital markets sector. He also said that BHB is committed to undertake all the required procedures to provide the solid work infrastructure that will enable related parties to interact in a fair and transparent manner in order to achieve its objectives.

"The bourse's management will continue its cooperation with related parties, especially bro-

kers, to carry out the possible actions that will develop all work aspects at the bourse in a way that will benefit everyone, wishing Tradeline success in all of its activities," Sh. Khalifa added.

With the joining of Tradeline as a brokerage company, the number of registered brokers at the bourse increased to 13 brokers.



BAHRAIN BOURSE ADOPTS THE TREASURY BILLS TRADING GUIDELINES



The Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse (BHB), Sh. Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa issued on Sunday, 24th January 2016 Resolution No. (1) of 2016 in respect of adopting the Guidelines on the Trading of Treasury Bills (T-Bills) at the Bourse.

Sh. Khalifa said that the T-Bills Market is one of the joint initiatives between the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) and Bahrain Bourse that aims to enhance and develop the capital markets sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain and increases the depth of the market by offering investors with more investment options. Sh. Khalifa

expressed his sincere thanks to the officials of the CBB and H.E. Mr. Rasheed Moh'd Al-Maraj, the Governor of the CBB for their efforts and cooperation in transforming this initiative to a reality.

“We hope that all related parties benefit from the markets available at BHB in order to meet their financing needs as this instrument is they are considered less costly for issuers in comparison to other ways of financing,” Sh. Khalifa added.

It is known that Treasury Bills are one of the investment instruments used by governments and central banks for short-term financing with reasonable returns taking in consideration the term of these issues that is usually between 3-9 months. T-Bills are usually issued monthly, and are considered very low-risk investments for investors.

Trading in Treasury Bills will be conducted during the trading session of BHB, from Sunday to Thursday between 9:30am and

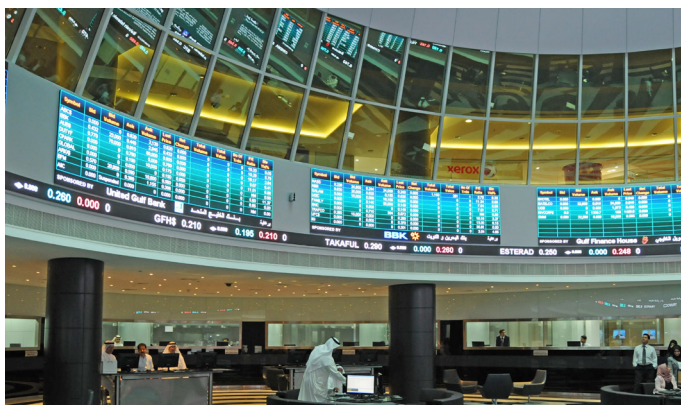
1:00pm. According to the guidelines, investors can submit their orders to the brokers to enter them in the T-Bills Market through the Automated Trading System that will match the buy and sell orders in accordance with the principles for matching orders as per the “Matching Priority” Rule of BHB.

The minimum accepted order in the T-Bills Market is BD5000 (Five Thousand Dinars) or its equivalent in the T-Bill currency. In addition, the guidelines determine the pricing and settlement mechanism implemented in the T-Bills Market, in which the Automated Trading System will automatically calculate the full value of the T-Bills in each transaction individually calculated until the settlement date based on the duration the T-Bill has been held. The settlement day for the trades is two days following the trade date (T+2). The guidelines also stipulate that the daily price variations (up or down) is limited to a maximum of 5% of the previous closing price.

T-bills are issued through a competitive bidding process at a discount from par, which means that rather than paying fixed interest payments like conventional bonds or Islamic sukuk, the appreciation (movement) of the T-bills toward maturity provides the return to the holder until he gets the full par value of the T-bills at maturity.

It is worth mentioning that a Resolution was issued by BHB's Chariman last Wednesday in respect of introducing the Treasury Bills Market at Bahrain Bourse and adding it to the markets at BHB. Several T-Bills issued by the Central Bank of Bahrain are expected to list at the Bourse that will enable investors to trade this new instrument and benefit from its availability in the secondary market. Adding the T-Bills Market to BHB will provide investors the opportunity to diversify their investment portfolios and manage their risk by investing in more than one instrument.

THE BOURSE LISTS 10 TREASURY BILL ISSUES WORTH BD542 MILLION



Bahrain Bourse (BHB) announced on Sunday, 6th March 2016 the listing of 10 issues in

the Treasury Bills Market worth a total of BD542 million, issued by the Central Bank of Bahrain with

discount rates ranging between 1.86% and 2.14% for 3-6 months. With the listing of those issues, the total number of Treasury Bills listed at Bahrain Bourse became 19 issues.

It is known that Treasury Bills are one of the investment instruments used by governments and central banks for short-term financing with reasonable returns taking in consideration the term of these issues that is usually be-

tween 3-12 months. T-Bills are usually issued weekly and monthly, and are considered very low-risk investments for investors.

It is worth mentioning that the bourse launched the Treasury Bills Market on 31st January 2016 with the aim of enhancing cash liquidity in local and foreign banks and institutions dealing in this market, and providing investors in BHB with more investment opportunities.

BAHRAIN BOURSE CREATES “REITs” MARKET AND ADOPTS THE REITs & FUNDS INSTRUMENTS TRADING GUIDELINES



The Chairman of Bahrain Bourse (BHB), Mr. Yusuf Abdulla Humood issued a resolution in respect of the creation of the Real Estate Investment Trusts “REITs” Market at Bahrain Bourse and adding it to the markets at BHB. In this market, REITs licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) can be listed and traded by investors in the secondary market in accordance to the general trading guidelines in BHB’s Rulebook. The details of the market and the trading mechanism of REITs will be announced later on by the Chief Executive Officer of the Bourse. It is worth mentioning that the Automated Trading System at Bahrain Bourse comprises of several markets such as the Equity Market, Debt Market, Mutual Funds Market, Treasury Bills Market, and the REITs Market.

Those markets provide investors with various options that will enable them to manage their portfolios in order to diversify their risk and maximize their profitability.

BHB ADOPTS REITs AND FUNDS INSTRUMENTS TRADING GUIDELINES

The Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse (BHB), Sh. Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa issued on Wednesday, 16th March 2016 Resolution No. (11) of 2016 in respect of adopting the Guidelines on the Trading of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Funds Instruments listed at Bahrain Bourse.

Trading in the REITs and Funds Instruments Market will be conducted during the trading session

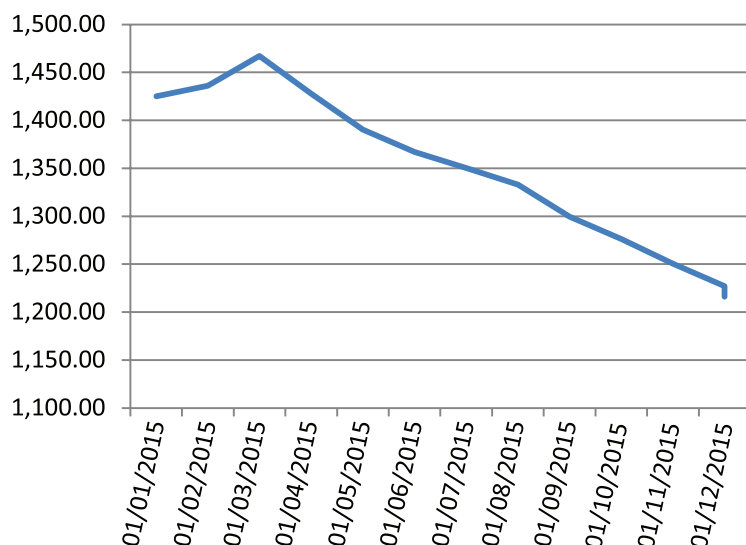
of BHB, from Sunday to Thursday between 9:30am and 1:00pm. According to the guidelines, investors can submit their orders to the brokers to enter them in the REITs and Funds Instruments Market through the Automated Trading System that will match the buy and sell orders in accordance with the principles for matching orders as per the “Matching Priority” Rule of BHB.

The minimum accepted order in the REITs and Funds Instruments Market is BD500 (Five Hundred Dinars) or its equivalent in the REITs currency. The pricing mechanism implemented in the REITs and Funds Market will depend on supply and demand, and the Net Asset Value (NAV) will be an indication to specify the value of the Trust. The daily price fluctuation (up or down) is limited to a maximum of 10% of the previous closing price, and the settlement day for the trades is two days following the trade date (T+2).

It is worth mentioning that a Resolution was issued by BHB’s Chairman on 7th March 2016 in respect of creating the REITs Market at Bahrain Bourse and adding it to the markets at BHB. Several REITs are expected to list at the Bourse that will enable investors to trade these new instruments and benefit from their availability in the secondary market. Adding the REITs Market to BHB will provide investors the opportunity to diversify their investment portfolios and manage their risk by investing in more than one instrument.

MARKET STATISTICS 2015

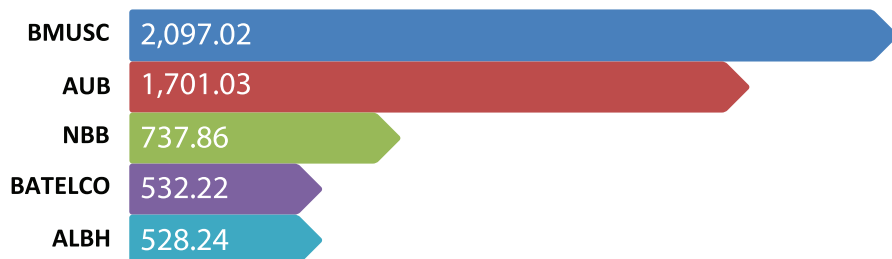
Index Performance



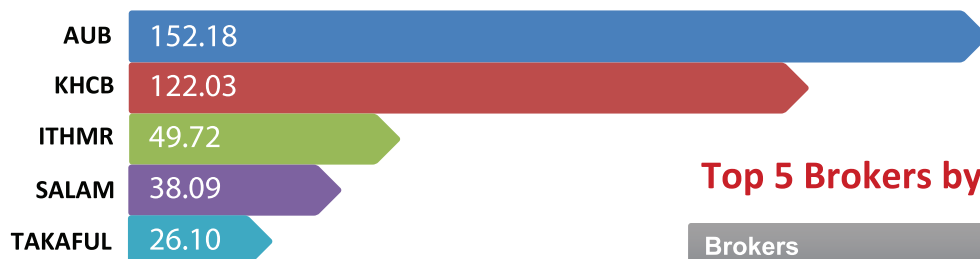
Index Monthly Closings

Date	Index
08/01/2015	1,425.07
05/02/2015	1,435.94
05/03/2015	1,467.01
02/04/2015	1,427.63
07/05/2015	1,390.26
04/06/2015	1,367.06
02/07/2015	1,350.38
06/08/2015	1,333.02
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05/11/2015	1,250.48
31/12/2015	1,215.89

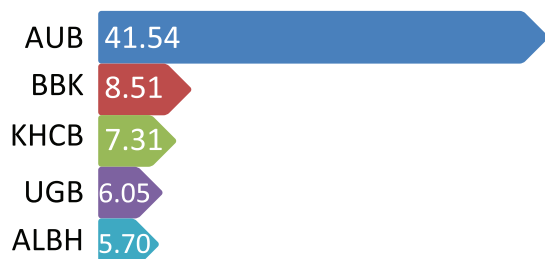
Top 5 Companies by Market Cap. (BD Million)



Top 5 Companies by Volume (Million)



Top 5 Companies by Value (BD Million)



Top 5 Brokers by Number of Transaction

Brokers	No. of Trans.	% to Total Trans.
Gulf Securities Company	6,480	28.81%
SICO	4,651	20.67%
BBK	2,229	9.91%
Yousif H. Al-Ajaji	2,094	9.31%
Nasser Abbas Khosrou	2,020	8.98%

Number of Transactions	11,248
Total Volume	515,560,631
Total Value	109,974,535
Market Cap	9,532,910,521

GUESTS



BIBF



Alhussan International School



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Omama Bint Al-Noaman Secondary Girls School



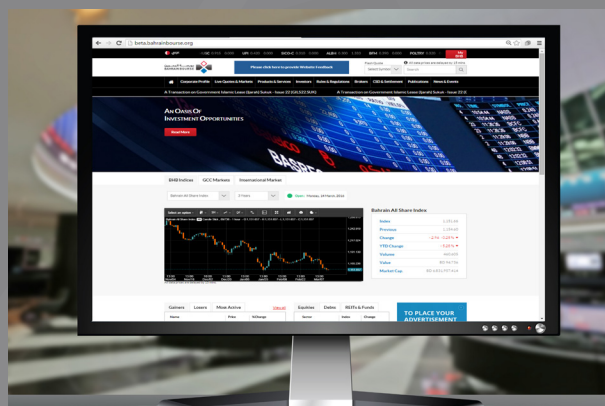
University College of Bahrain

ACTIVITIES

The Bourse Launches BHB Beta Website

Bahrain Bourse launched on Wednesday, 9th March 2016 its Beta Website, inviting the general public to provide thier comments and feedback on the Website to be taken into considerations in the process of developing the new website of Bahrain Bourse.

To send your comments and feedback on BHB's Beta Website and contribute in BHB's new website development, kindly visit the BHB's Beta website on <http://beta.bahrainbourse.com/>



Alhussan International School Visit

A total of 75 students from Alhussan International School visited Bahrain Bourse on 4th and 15th April 2016.

The students of the Saudi-based school were given a brief about Bahrain Bourse and a tour in the the Bourse Trading floor.



ACTIVITIES

The Bourse Hosts Takaful's AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Takaful International Company B.S.C. was held in Bahrain Bourse Auditorium on 23rd March 2016 with a quorum of 78.11%, where the proposed agenda was approved during the meeting.



BHB FAMILY

Happy Occassions

Births

- Mohamed Ebrahim Abdulghaffar, Help Desk & IT Infrastructure Management Specialist - A baby girl
- Hussain A.M Aljamri, Head of Network & Telecommunications - A baby boy

Engagements

- Faisal Ahmed Mohammed Saleh, Market Control & Members Affairs Supervisor

New Joiners

March

- Ahmed Omar Al Sharif, Risk Management Assistant

BHB FAMILY

THE VISIT OF THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE & TOURISM TO BHB

Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister, the Minister in charge of Bahrain Bourse, Zayed bin Rashid Al-Zayani, toured the Bourse during his visit, and was briefed about the different directorates at the Bourse in addition to the tasks undertaken by each directorate.

The Minister was also presented with the main responsibilities of the Bourse and its strategic objectives in addition to the plans and programs undertaken by the Bourse to achieve these objectives.

