

BAHRAIN BOURSE HOSTS BELL RINGING CEREMONY FOR THE 2nd CONSECUTIVE YEAR 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

Sunday 8th March 2020 for the second consecutive year. H.E. Rasheed Mohammed Al-Maraj, the Governor of the Central Bank rang the market-opening bell in the presence of Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse,

Sh. Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa and Narjes Farookh Jamal, Chief Operating Officer rang alongside Bahrain Bourse's senior management. (Continued on Page 2)

BAHRAIN BOURSE HOLDS BAHRAIN INVESTMENT MARKET WORKSHOP FOR BAHRAIN AWARD ENTREPRENEURSHIP WINNERS



As part of its participation and support of the 4th edition of the Bahrain's Award for Entrepreneurship that was held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and Chairman of the Economic Development Board and organized by Bahrain's Labour Fund (Tamkeen), Bahrain Bourse (BHB) held an awareness workshop for the Bahrain Award for Entrepreneurship (BAE) award winners to showcase the opportunities available

for scale-ups seeking growth capital to list on the Bahrain Investment Market (BIM). The winners of the seven categories were welcomed by Sh. Khalifa Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse where he congratulated them on their achievements. The seven categories winners included: Doctori Online Services founded by Ahmed Abdulhameed Alawadhi and Ahmed Wafeeq Mahmood winners of Micro-Enterprise of the Year, Shepherd Design Studio Co WLL

founded by Rashed AlAraifi, Ahmed AlMannai and Abdulla Binhindi winners of Start-Up of the Year, LalaBella Events founded by Nahla Almahmood winner of SME of the Year, Kalaam Telecom Bahrain B.S.C founded by Nezar Al Saie winner of Enterprise of the Year with International Footprint, All Food for Food Stuff founded by Mohamed Abdulaal winner of Sustainability in Business Award, Clever Play founded by Sh. Latifa Mohammed Al-Khalifa winner of Female Entrepreneur of the Year, and VillaMamas founded by Roaya Saleh.

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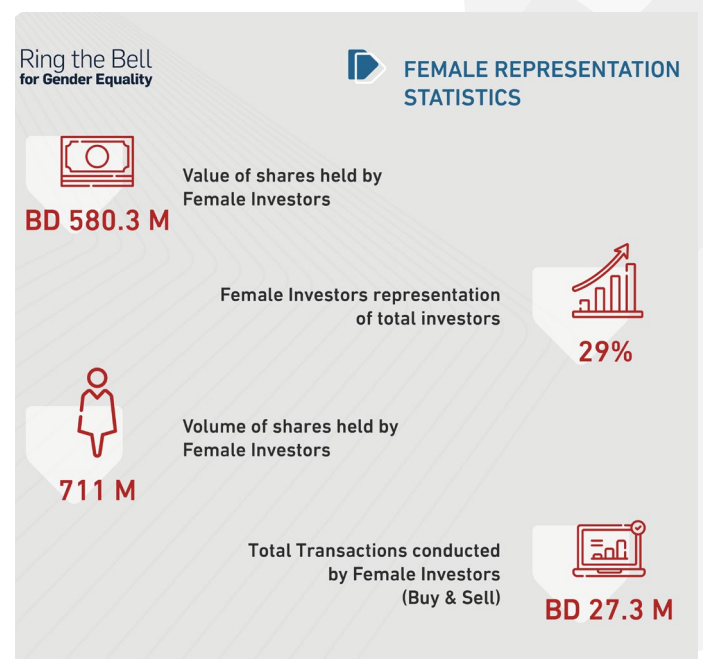
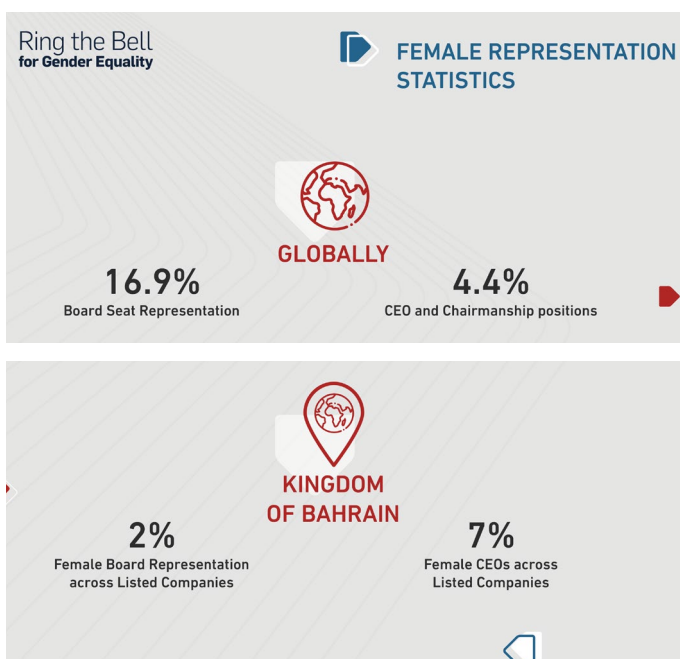


Bahrain Bourse has joined 81 other global exchanges to mark the occasion over a week of bell-ringing activities for the second consecutive year, in partnership with the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) Initiative, the World Federation of Exchanges, IFC, UN Global Compact, UN Women to help raise awareness and highlight opportunities for the capital market ecosystem

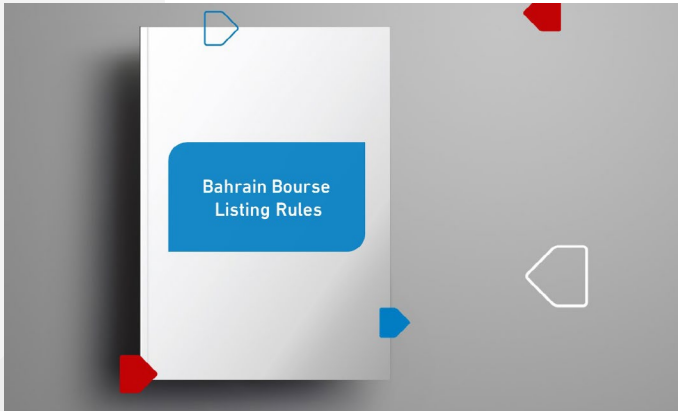
to advance gender equality and sustainable development. The event is being held for the 6th consecutive year globally. This year, the UN's International Women Day is themed 'I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights'. Held throughout March, these bell-ringing events aim to raise awareness on 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 announced in 2019 its voluntary commitment towards the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) initiative in promoting sustainable and transparent capital markets. The SSE initiative focuses on sustainable disclosure of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors.



BAHRAIN BOURSE ADOPTS ITS NEW LISTING RULES



As part of Bahrain Bourse's ("BHB") continuous efforts to develop the Capital Market in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and in pursuance of Central Bank of Bahrain Resolution No. (11) of 2018 for the implementation of the Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO), Bahrain Bourse published the new Listing Rules on 13th January 2020. The new listing rules aim to clarify the regulatory and organizational framework governing all operational aspects of Bahrain Bourse, particularly future listings. The new Listing Rules will be effective immediately, allowing for companies currently

listed on the market a grace period of 3 months to abide by the requirements of the new rules. The new listing rules apply to all listed securities which are currently listed on the market as well as those interested to list on Bahrain Bourse. The new listing rules aim to regulate the offering of securities in the Kingdom of Bahrain, which includes the conditions of the offer of securities and identifies the requirements of listing and offering, as well as the conditions and requirements of capital changes. In addition, the rules regulate the continuing obligations on issuers whom their securities are listed

in the Main Market as well as the suspension of trading listed securities and delisting of listed securities. Further, the Listing Rules also govern the listing of Exchange Traded Funds as well as Real Estate Investment Funds. In accordance with the Listing Rules, BHB shall become the "main point of contact" for all Applicants and Issuers for matters pertaining the listing application and ongoing obligations, in which issuers of securities and financial instruments interested to list on Bahrain Bourse are required to submit their listing application and supporting documents to Bahrain Bourse directly. The Bourse will then discuss the outcomes of the application review with the Central Bank of Bahrain's Capital Markets Supervision Directorate, in a period not exceeding 28 days from the application submission date. The Listing Rules also specify the ongoing obligations that Issuers have to comply with following listing on Bahrain Bourse

including maintaining a Free Float of at least 10% of the total issued outstanding shares. In addition, an Issuer must sign the deposit of securities agreement with Bahrain Clear, in accordance to article (94) of the CBB Law prior to the listing of its Securities. In addition, BHB may discretionally impose administrative fines on Issuers for any non-compliance with Listing Rules and any other applicable BHB rules, regulations and Directives. The rules also state that all Issuers must have effective systems and internal complaint procedures for handling of complaints made by their investors, as per CBB Rulebook Volume 6 - Dispute Resolution, Arbitration and Disciplinary Proceedings Module. The Bourse Investigation Committee (BIC) shall receive complaints which constitute a violation to BHB's law.

BAHRAIN BOURSE ENHANCES CORPORATE ACTION TIMELINE



As part of Bahrain Bourse's ("BHB") continuous efforts to develop the Capital Market in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and in relation to the Listing Rules published on 13th January 2020 and recent amendments to requirements

under CBB Disclosure Standards, Bahrain Bourse would like to notify shareholders of all listed companies of amendments put in place for providing specific timeframes in relation to recommendation of declaration of dividends. The corporate action timelines amendments aim to provide further flexibility for shareholders to conduct their trading transactions post the recommendation of declaration of dividends announced during the General Meeting date. The Listing Rules published on 13th January 2020 along with Central Bank of Bahrain's amendments in relation to Corporate Actions

timeline (has been implemented with an objective to enhance the existing practice and eliminate any potential redundancy and ambiguity with respect to the timeline mechanism of declaration and payment of dividends and Bonus shares if any. Further, the amendments have been put in place in line with international best practices and to achieve consensus across market participants. The amendments of corporate action timelines and mechanism provides specific timeframes in relation to recommendation of declaration of a dividend

(including bonus shares, if any), the rate and amount per share, the Record Date, the Cum-Dividend Date, the Ex-Dividend Date and the Payment Date. The amended corporate action timelines, which came into effect as of December 2019, requires that the Cum-Dividend Date falls at least one trading day (excluding the date of the general meeting) after the date of the general meeting. Issuers must ensure payment of declared dividends to shareholders, whose names are registered in the company's share register on the Record Date, no later than 10 trading days from the Record Date.

BAHRAIN BOURSE HOLDS BAHRAIN INVESTMENT MARKET WORKSHOP FOR KUWAIT-BASED SCALE-UPS



As part of Bahrain Bourse's efforts to promote the Bahrain Investment Market (BIM), Bahrain Bourse (BHB) hosted a workshop for various Kuwait-based scale-ups to showcase the opportunities available for companies seeking growth capital by listing on the Bahrain Investment Market (BIM). 8 representatives from various companies attended the workshop, as part of the

Roadshow organized by Brilliant Labs to explore Bahrain's supportive entrepreneurial ecosystem. During the workshop, attendees were introduced to the Bahrain Investment Market, a market that has been designed specifically to offer fast-growing companies an alternative cost and time-effective means for raising capital. The workshop highlighted the benefits of

listing on the BIM and outlined the process of listing and registration. It is worth noting that Bahrain Investment Market is an innovative equity market designed for fast-growing companies seeking growth capital. As per BIM rules, companies must appoint and retain an authorized sponsor before and during the listing process. In return, the authorized sponsor provides support and

guidance services to companies interested in listing on the BIM to ensure that listing and disclosure requirements are met. Currently, the BIM's network of authorized consulting firms includes Grant Thornton, KPMG, Key Point, BDO Consulting, SICO, and Almoayyad Chambers.

BAHRAIN BOURSE HOLDS WORKSHOP ON KEY INVESTOR RELATIONS THEMES IN 2020 UNDER MEIRA BAHRAIN CHAPTER



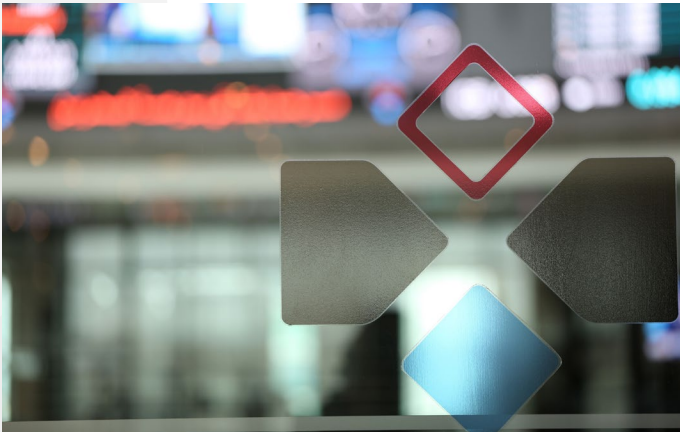
Bahrain Bourse held a workshop on Key Investor Relation (IR) Themes in 2020 on 24th February 2020 as part of its efforts to encourage engagement of best IR practices across listed companies. The workshop was attended by more than 30 representatives

from listed companies along with Middle East Investor Relations Association "MEIRA" Bahrain Chapter members. The workshop highlighted the key IR themes in 2020 which include shareholder activism, growing importance of Environmental,

Social & Governance (ESG) integration, gender equality and compensation, rapid digitalization, and passive investment. The workshop was followed by a panel session titled "Challenges and Opportunities for Bahrain Investor Relations Officers" which

was moderated by John Gollifer, General Manager at MEIRA. Panelists include Sh. Abdulla Al-Khalifa, Director of Communications & Investor Relations at Zain Bahrain and Leena Al Olaimy, Co-founder & Executive Chairperson at 3BL Associates. The workshop was concluded by an open discussion addressing questions from the attendees. The founding members of MEIRA chapter in Bahrain include Aluminium Bahrain ('ALBA'), Bank ABC, Bahrain Telecommunications Company ('Batelco'), Bahrain Bourse, Ithmaar Holding, National Bank of Bahrain, and SICO BSC (c).

BAHRAIN BOURSE ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ITS TRADING FLOOR AS PREVENTATIVE MEASURE WITH TRADING ACTIVITY CONTINUING AS USUAL



As part of the efforts of Bahrain's government entities to combat the spread of Corona Virus (COVID 19), Bahrain Bourse announced temporary closure of its trading

floor to the public as a preventative measure effective Thursday 19th March and until further notice. Bahrain Bourse & Bahrain Clear consider the health and safety of its

employees, investors and business partners as one of its top priorities. Hence, several precautionary measures have been instated. The temporary closure of the Trading Floor will not impact affect the trading activity as it continues as usual. Bahrain Bourse offers various trading channels, traditional via authorized brokers and digital via Bahrain Trade participating financial institutions. Investors will also be able to process payment and settlement of fees online via Fawateer platform. Investors will also be able to track the market via

Bahrain Bourse website, Bahrain Bourse Mobile App, and view their statement via eServices. Bahrain Bourse would like to assure all stakeholders that we are fully prepared, with a robust Business Continuity Plan (BCP) in place which encompasses several measures to ensure continuity of key business functions appropriately without disruption. We are following guidance from international and local health authorities including World Health Organization (WHO), Ministry of Health, Supreme Council of Health.

BAHRAIN CLEAR ANNOUNCES OFFERING OF VIRTUAL AGM MANAGEMENT SERVICE FOR LISTED COMPANIES



As part of Bahrain Clear's ongoing efforts to further enhance post-trade services and in line with Bahrain Clear's role to enhance capital markets infrastructure with the overall aim of protecting clients' securities transactions, Bahrain Clear announced the offering of Virtual AGM Management Service for listed

companies. Bahrain Clear aims to offer various digital solutions including the Virtual AGM management service to listed companies within its efforts to provide added-value services, as this innovative service aims at facilitating the accessibility to investors and enhancing participation in AGMs via virtual



platforms. The Virtual AGM management service has been offered based on the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Tourism's resolution (No. 26 for the year 2020) and based on the Central Bank of Bahrain's circular (OG/108/2020) issued on 19 March 2020. The Virtual AGM management

service has been provided as a result of Bahrain Clear & Bahrain Bourse's vision to undertake various precautionary measures in line with the current international health scenario and activation of business continuity management to fully support investors and issuers and all related stakeholders.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES INITIATED BY BAHRAIN BOURSE AND BAHRAIN CLEAR



Circulation of COVID-19 Guidelines to all staff



Encouraging investors to communicate and conduct their transactions online via the various channels available



Disinfection and sterilization of Bahrain Bourse and Bahrain Clear premises



Activation of remote working and online internal and external meetings



Discontinuation of the fingerprint attendance system



Offering of Virtual AGM Management Service for Listed Companies



Temporary Closure of BHB's Trading Floor



Sanitization & temperature checks of all staff and visitors upon entering the premises

BAHRAIN BOURSE PROMOTES INTEGRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE BEST PRACTICES



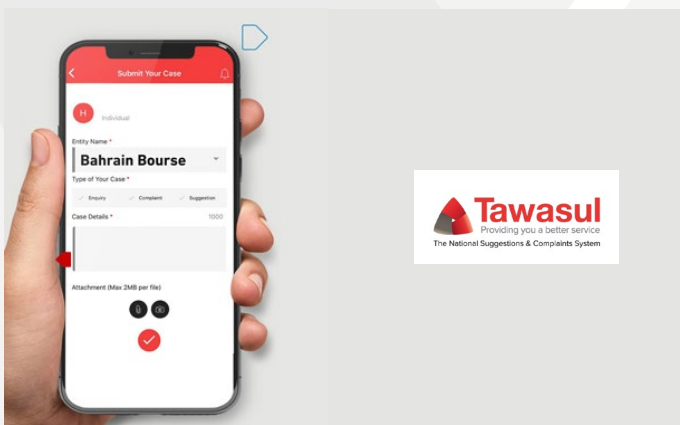
Bahrain Bourse signed a Memorandum of Understanding on January 16, 2020 with the advisory firm Sustainability Excellence which aims to formalize the deployment of a series of strategic sustainability initiatives aimed at further enhancing transparency and disclosure of sustainability/ESG information among Bahrain Bourse listed companies. The MoU is aimed at

deploying Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) -related initiatives that would enable Bahrain Bourse to promote ESG and sustainability values and practices among its listed companies and investors as well as internally. The scope includes deployment of a series of engagement sessions with the listed companies, conducting workshops to encourage

dialogue between investors and listed companies on key ESG issues, and developing a collaborative research report on the status of sustainability in Bahrain's capital market based on key ESG information. In 2019, Bahrain Bourse announced it 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 has also conducted an awareness workshop for its listed companies to highlight the importance of ESG disclosure in meeting growing investors' demands during September 2019.

BAHRAIN BOURSE JOINS TAWASUL



Bahrain Bourse today announced that it has joined the National Suggestions & Complaints System 'Tawasul', in line with its efforts to further enhance its communication with key

stakeholders such as investors, issuers, intermediaries, and market participants. Individuals and institutions will be able to submit enquires, suggestions, and complaints

on 'Tawasul', finding suitable and timely responses on their most frequently asked questions related to the general work of Bahrain Bourse, the opening of accounts, and deposits, withdrawals and transfers of shares, among other. A Bahrain Bourse dedicated team will handle these queries. 'Tawasul' is an easy-to-use system that enables users to submit any enquiry, suggestion, or complaint to Bahrain Bourse at any time and place. Bahrain Bourse collaborated with the Information & eGovernment Authority in order to ensure the successful utilization of the

'Tawasul' system and handle enquiries/suggestions/complaints in an effective and professional manner. 'Tawasul' is accessible via the National Portal at Bahrain.bh or through the Tawasul app downloaded via the Government Apps Store at www.Bahrain.bh/apps. Users can also access the National Suggestions & Complaints System, 'Tawasul' through Bahrain Bourse's website www.bahrainbourse.com. Bahrain Bourse is a self-regulated exchange, licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain, which is fully owned by the government of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

GUESTS

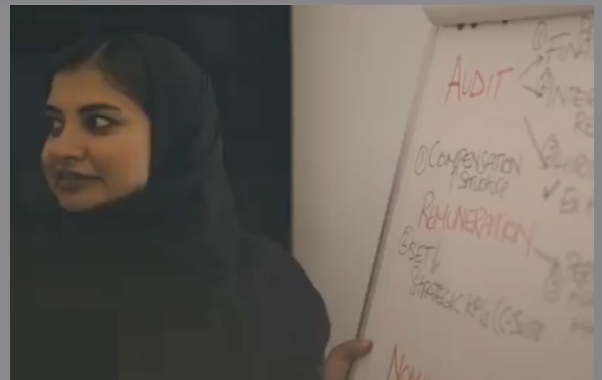


Abdulla Ali Hassan, Minister of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Somalia and accompanying delegation

ACTIVITIES

Bahrain Bourse Female Executives Attend 'Directors Development Program'

Bahrain Bourse female executives attended 'Directors Development Program for Woman', which took place on 26th & 27th February 2020. The program was organized by Emic Training alongside its strategic partner the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), GCC Board Directors Institute and supported by Tamkeen Bahrain. The program aims to help current and aspiring females to take up Director roles.



Bahrain Bourse Participates at the BBK Digital Economy Forum & Expo 2020

Bahrain Bourse participated at the BBK Digital Economy Forum & Expo 2020 from 14th - 15th January 2020. The forum addressed the importance of digital transformation in revolutionizing the economy, how the economy can benefit from the growth potential of the digital revolution of today, and its impact on the national economy.



BHB FAMILY

International Woman's Day Celebrated



Bahrain Bourse and Bahrain Clear Participate in Bahrain Sports Day



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Bahrain Bourse and Bahrian Clear Organize a Desert Camp Event for Employees



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New Joiners



Salman Mustafa Qaed
Senior Administrator
of Central Registry

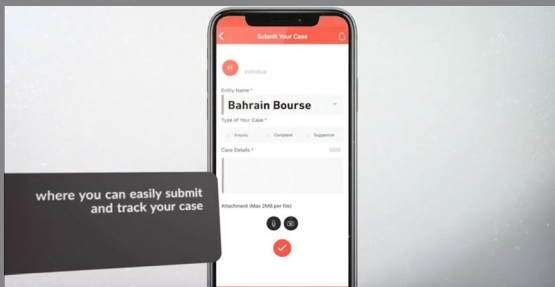


Sara Husam Saif
Specialist of Surveillance &
Systems Administration



Ghadeer Abdulkarim Buallay
Senior Administrator of
Financial & Accounting Affairs

INTERACTIVE VIDEOS



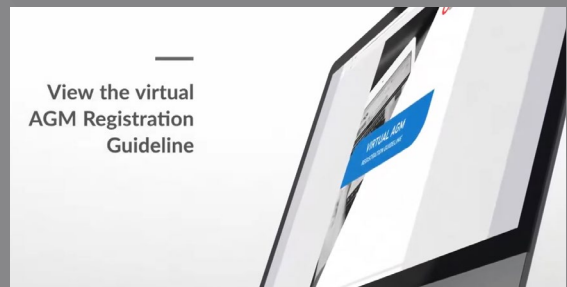
Bahrain Bourse Joins Tawasul App



Key Investor Relations Themes in 2020
Workshop



Bahrain Bourse Chairman's interview with
CNBC Arabia



Virtual AGM Registration