



Zallaq to be home to a unique retreat destination!

Al Zallaq Real Estate Company yesterday announced the launch of Zallaq Springs, a unique retreat destination in the Southern Governorate, at a press conference held at Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa.

First of its kind

The project spread across an area of 25,338 m2, with a spacious car park, and inspired by ideas of international atmospheric spaces including the Japanese Zen gardens, will be developed to be the first of its kind botanical garden in the kingdom.

The project includes water springs, 10 restaurants and coffee shops surrounded by manmade ponds that cover 3399 m2.

Key features

An avant-garde Central point for everyone to meet, relax, eat, socialize

An environment that houses an astounding 3,342 aquatic plants, 3699 shrubs, and 110 trees

Presence of locally bred birds, nurtured and preserved by Al Areen Wildlife Park and Reserve, such as flamingos, ducks, and swans.

Cycling routes

The project aspires to provide a platform for athletic communities to retreat to a sanctuary beside their cycling routes, away from the hustle and bustle of city life. The property would include special cycle parking stands for cyclists; with exclusive shower rooms for them to freshen up and rejuvenate.

Home to cultural events

Zallaq Springs intends on becoming home to cultural events and social activities in the Kingdom, including diverse events for families and children, and similar occasions aimed at bringing people together to unwind within a meditative and reflective environment.

'The Gardens at Zallaq'

Zallaq Springs is an open meeting point that lies adjacent to a breathtaking residential community 'The Gardens at Zallaq'. The Residential Compound comprises of 28 aesthetically designed state of the art villas equipped with a swimming pool and jacuzzi, 18 carefully crafted townhouses and a total of around 300 residents. The compound also houses a clubhouse with many community-sporting facilities such as a squash court, swimming pool, and a fully equipped gym.



The press conference was led by three main speakers : Shaikh Khalid bin Mohamed Al-Khalifa, CEO, Al Zallaq Real Estate Company; Shaikh Salman Bin Khalid Al-Khalifa, Chief Operating Officer, Al Zallaq Real Estate Company; Fahad A. Rafeea, Deputy CEO- Head of Leasing, Al Zallaq Real Estate Company.

“Under the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier; the Kingdom of Bahrain has always been focused on developing strong relationships with communities and integrating them into a positive familial lifestyle. We are proud to carry this vision forward with developments such as Zallaq Springs that appreciate the value of our indigenous habitats of flora and fauna and promotes Bahrain as a tourist oasis while further developing the Southern Governorate as a touristic destination. Zallaq Springs has been conceptualized to bring families and communities of all age groups together, as they reflect, relax and unwind,”

Shaikh Khalid Bin Mohammed Al-Khalifa.

BIW appoints new director

Bahrain Investment Wharf (BIW), a US\$1.3 billion model mixed use industrial park, announced the appointment of Abdulla Alabbasi as Director - Technical Affairs for the project. Alabbasi comes to BIW with a Government-based background in the industrial sector having served

for a number of years within the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism's Industrial Areas directorate, Technical Affairs section. He further contributes over seven years of engineering experience as well as exposure to the fields of urban planning, project management, and construction within real estate.



Abdulla Alabbasi

Bubshait named Batelco Bahrain CEO



Batelco Bahrain CEO Mohamed Bubshait

Manama

Batelco Group has announced the appointment of Mohamed Bubshait as Batelco Bahrain's new Chief Executive Officer.

Bubshait joins Batelco from the Bahrain TRA (Telecommunications Regulatory Authority) where he held the role of General Director. His career in the communications industry spans several years, including a number of years in senior roles with Batelco prior to joining the TRA.

Bubshait brings a wealth of knowledge and relevant



Batelco Chairman Shaikh Mohamed Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa

experience that will be invaluable as Batelco continues its evolution as the leading digital solutions provider in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Batelco

Chairman, Shaikh Mohamed Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa said that he welcomed Mohamed to Batelco Bahrain and looked forward to working alongside him to ensure the delivery of Batelco's future goals.

“Mohamed has shown excellent leadership skills in directing operations in his previous roll. He has vast experience in the communications industry and his knowledge and wide skill set will be invaluable in addressing the many challenges that Batelco Bahrain faces in the rapidly changing communications landscape,” he said.



The health and medical services sector committee of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) presided over by board member Adel Al A'ali held at Bait Al Tijjar a forum on the impact of implementing the National Health Insurance Scheme on the private sector. Participants expressed concern about the scheme and its outcomes. They underlined the importance of having access to detailed information about the scheme prior to its implementation so as to allow relevant bodies ample time to prepare and adapt. Participants also expressed concern about the possible negative outcomes, key among which turning the health sector into a for-profit-sector, and the wavering or decline in the income of local doctors.