

DANAT's services in Jewellery Arabia

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During the upcoming Jewellery Arabia tradeshow to be held under the patronage of HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister, visitors will be treated to a wide array of services the Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT) offers its clients and the public alike.

Located in the Al Fanar hall for the duration of the show, in addition to complimentary consultation services, the DANAT exhibition will comprise of a jewellery and precious stone display, VIP lounge and history corner, as well as educational seminars conducted by its team of expert gemmologists.

Visitor consultations will provide consumers with a brief analysis of gemstones, pearls, and jewellery pieces.

Commencing on November 21, the five-day, massive jewellery affair is expected to attract traders, jewellers and enthusiasts from across the globe. DANAT's participation will enable it to play a vital role in enhancing the public's trust in jewellery in all its forms while further building its reputation as the preferred institute for third party natural pearl and gemstone verification services.



A renaissance necklace containing natural pearls and rubies

Commenting on the Institute's participation, DANAT's Chief Executive Officer, Kenneth Scarratt said, "Serving jewellery experts and customers through our verification and authentication consultations, we're excited to be showcasing a select collection of stunning jewels to be seen for the first time in Bahrain. These include a private collection of 15th Century Venezuelan pearls, Nacreous and Non-Nacreous natural pearls, Ethiopian emeralds, natural Bahraini pearl necklaces, a unique renaissance era necklace, a unique spinel and diamond ring designed by the late award winning designer James Currens and

a superb melo pearl, diamond and Montana sapphire brooch both from a private collection."

As part of its consultation services, the latest technologies will be used to distinguish, lead glass-filled rubies from authentic stones, and synthetic, lab grown diamonds from natural ones. Additionally, DANAT will accept items for formal testing and certification. These items will be transported to its state-of-the art laboratory each evening, using Secure Services.

On each day of the five-day event, five seminars will be offered by DANAT's team of experienced gemmologists including the

Research Director, Stefanos Karamelas who has published roughly 40 papers on gemmology in renowned scientific journals; Executive Director, Abeer Al Alawi, who has accumulated over 25 years' experience in the gemstone testing industry, in addition to other specialists including Vincent Pardieu from VP Consulting and Peter Balogh from the Prehistoric Foundation.

Lectures will focus on a wide range of topics including DANAT's pearl testing methods, Venezuelan pearls dating to the era of Christopher Columbus, new sapphire discoveries in Madagascar, and rubies from the new amphibole deposits.

Corporate Governance Workshop for Ithmaar Group Board



Ithmaar Group Chairman, HRH Prince Amr Mohammed Al Faisal (seated centre) with, seated from right, Members of the Board of Director Elham Ebrahim Abdulla Hassan, Abdelhamid Mohamed Aboumoussa, Dr. Amani Khaled Bouesli and Abdulshakoor Hussain Tahlak and standing from right, Ahmed Abdul Rahim, Seamus Gillen, Members of the Board of Directors Abdullah Ebrahim Al-Qassimi, Mohammed A. Rahman Bucheerei and Omar Abdi Ali

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Ithmaar Group, which consists of Ithmaar Holding and its two wholly-owned subsidiaries, Ithmaar Bank, a Bahrain-based Islamic retail Bank, and IB Capital, a Bahrain-based Islamic Investment firm, commissioned the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) to deliver an interactive workshop for members of the Group's Board of Directors and Executive Management teams.

The workshop, which was designed to highlight the importance of good corporate governance while reinforcing Ithmaar's principles of high-quality governance, aimed to help protect and further grow shareholder value. The

workshop was delivered by Seamus Gillen, the founder and Director of Value Alpha Limited, a governance advisory service with significant experience in delivering such programmes.

Ithmaar Group Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Abdul Rahim, who stressed the critical importance of corporate governance, thanked BIBF Director, Dr. Ahmed Al Shaikh and the BIBF team for their arrangement of such an engaging workshop.

"The workshop allows members of our Board of Directors and Executive Management teams the opportunity to further reinforce their understanding of corporate governance principles," said Abdul Rahim.

Lulu to host World Week of Italian Cuisine

All the world loves a hearty pasta and the ingredients for a gourmet Italian meal are available right here in Bahrain at Lulu Group's six Hypermarkets.

Extraordinary Taste

In celebration of the World Week of Italian Cuisine, the region's largest retailer shall showcase the best of Italian products at "The Extraordinary Italian Taste", a week-long gastronomic festival of Italian cheeses, finest olive oil, pasta and desserts.

Italian support

The festival, supported by the Embassy of Italy in Bahrain and the Italian Trade Agency, shall be inaugurated by Italian Ambassador Domenico Bellato with the presence of Michelin star Chef Giuseppe Biuso from Sicily.

The inauguration, which is open to the public, shall take place at Lulu Hypermarket in Hidd on November 22 at 6 pm.

Cool Trends

Exhibitions

Along with food specials from Lulu's kitchens, guests shall also get a glimpse of Italian culture, engineering and style. There will be a mandolin performance of Italian music and a display of iconic Italian cars as well as Vespa scooters and class Ducati motorbikes.

Cookery contest

To enliven the festival, Italian food fans shall be invited to participate on 25 November at Lulu Hypermarket in Juffair in an Italian Pasta and Dessert cookery contest to be judged by three Bahrain-based Italian food experts, Michela, Martina and Daniela.

Cacio & Pepe

The experts will also give a demonstration of fine Italian cooking with secret tips. They have developed a new culinary approach which is a fusion of Bahraini spices and Italian ingredients under a brand Cacio & Pepe (Cheese & Pepper).



"It is well-known that Italian food is among the most popular in the world and Lulu Hypermarket has always brought the finest Italian products to customers here – cheeses, olive oil, herbs and a range of pasta, Italian rice and halal meats. We are delighted to showcase these with special promotions during Italian Week."

**Regional Director
Juzer Rupawala**

Italian Ambassador Domenico "Italian food is a distinctive character of Italian culture and lifestyle, widely appreciated throughout the world. In Bahrain there are very good Italian restaurants and people are well aware of the unique quality of our culinary tradition".

Italian Ambassador Domenico Bellato

"There will be sampling of classic Italian cheeses and ingredients, demonstrations on how to cook the best Italian meal by the three amazing lady chef consultants and also a feast from Lulu's talented chefs, of some of the favourite Italian foods." The cookery contest will focus on contestants' pasta and dessert skills and there are exciting prizes to be won. To participate, one just has to fill out a form and drop it at any Customer Service counter and bring the prepared dish to the Lulu Hypermarket in Juffair on Saturday, November 25th.