

Talabat expands Smart Stores

More dark stores, more local reach

● **Faster grocery delivery**

● **Freshness and tech focus**

● **Support for local vendors**

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Talabat Mart is expanding its dark store network across Bahrain to meet growing demand for quicker, fresher, and more convenient online grocery delivery. The move reinforces the company's focus on speed, product quality, and strong ties with the local business community.

Dark stores are specialised fulfilment centres dedicated exclusively to online orders. Talabat says the expansion will improve service coverage, reduce delivery times, and help maintain freshness and accuracy for customers across the Kingdom.

Fresh and fast

Strategically located across



Bahrain, Talabat Mart's dark stores stock a wide variety of products including fresh fruits and vegetables, premium meats, dairy, frozen foods, household essentials, and personal care items. Orders are picked and packed directly from these facilities to ensure quality and speed. "Expanding our dark store

network allows us to bring our promise of reliability and convenience to more customers across Bahrain," said Syed Khurram, General Manager of Talabat Mart Bahrain.

Boosting local business

The expansion also strengthens the company's support for

local entrepreneurship. Talabat Mart currently works with over 175 Bahraini business partners and collaborates with Bahrain Export to promote locally made products.

Small and medium enterprises benefit from fast-tracked product listings, increased in-app visibility, and access to Talabat's

growing digital customer base. The company views this as part of a broader investment in Bahrain's connected and sustainable digital economy.

Driven by technology

Talabat Mart's operations are powered by smart inventory systems, predictive analytics, and

optimised picking and packing processes. These tools help ensure speed, consistency, and efficiency in every order.

Sustainability remains a key focus as well, with the company implementing eco-friendly packaging initiatives as it scales operations.

With this latest expansion, Talabat Mart is reinforcing its leadership in Bahrain's fast-evolving quick-commerce sector, aiming to serve more neighbourhoods, improve delivery times, and deepen its support for local growth.



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stc Bahrain emerges as Youth Tech Champion with ICT Talent push

Jeel ICT builds Bahrain's digital base

● **Nationalised youth training grows**

● **\$130M IT investment driven**

● **ICT jobs set to rise**

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stc Bahrain has been recognised as the "Talent Development Strategic Partner" at the Huawei Bahrain 2024 ICT Talent Achievement Closing Ceremony, reinforcing its position as a national leader in empowering Bahraini youth to drive the country's digital economy.

The award was presented at the eLearning Center at the University of Bahrain, where industry leaders, government officials, and academics gathered to mark key achievements in ICT education. The recognition reflects stc Bahrain's role in aligning digital innovation with national



The award ceremony

economic goals under Bahrain's Vision 2030.

Investing in skills

At the heart of the company's talent strategy is the Jeel ICT programme, a fully nationalised

training initiative designed to bridge academic learning and industry readiness. The programme equips young Bahrainis with practical, market-relevant skills to contribute directly to the Kingdom's technological advancement.

Eng. Khalid Al Osaimi, CEO of stc Bahrain, described the recognition as a reflection of the company's long-term commitment to youth empowerment. "We are honoured to be recognised as the 'Talent Development Strategic Partner' at this important event. At stc Bahrain, we believe that investing in our youth is essential to building a sustainable and innovative future for the Kingdom," he said.

Stc Bahrain has attracted more than USD 130 million in IT investment to date and continues to play a central role in expanding the country's tech infrastructure. With the support of programmes like Jeel ICT, Bahrain's ICT sector is projected to see a 35% increase in IT employment by 2027.

Backing Bahrain's digital shift

The company's approach goes beyond skills development, anchoring human capital growth to national transformation. Its efforts are seen as essential to positioning Bahrain as a regional hub for digital leadership.

Strategic partnership recognised

The Huawei Bahrain 2024 ICT Talent Achievement Closing Ceremony celebrated collaborative efforts across the public and private sectors to develop home-grown expertise. stc Bahrain's recognition at the event marks a milestone in its contribution to national capacity-building through education, technology, and inclusive economic participation.

The company remains committed to enabling the next generation of Bahraini tech talent to take the lead in a future shaped by innovation and digital resilience.



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