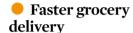
# Talabat expands Smart Stores

More dark stores, more local reach



Freshness and tech focus

Support for local vendors

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**■** alabat 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 fulfreshness and accuracy for customers across the Kingdom.

### Fresh and fast

Strategically located across



essentials, and personal care Mart Bahrain. items. Orders are picked and packed directly from these facil-

filment centres dedicated exclu- Bahrain, Talabat Mart's dark network allows us to bring our local entrepreneurship. Talabat growing digital customer base. sively to online orders. Talabat stores stock a wide variety of promise of reliability and con- Mart currently works with over The company views this as part says the expansion will improve products including fresh fruits venience to more customers 175 Bahraini business partners of a broader investment in Bahservice coverage, reduce delivand vegetables, premium meats, across Bahrain," said Syed Khurand collaborates with Bahrain rain's connected and sustainable ery times, and help maintain dairy, frozen foods, household ram, General Manager of Talabat Export to promote locally made digital economy.

### **Boosting local business**

"Expanding our dark store ens the company's support for visibility, and access to Talabat's tems, predictive analytics, and

products.

benefit from fast-tracked prodities to ensure quality and speed. The expansion also strength- uct listings, increased in-app powered by smart inventory sys-

Talabat Mart's operations are

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.



**Talabat Mart supports** over 175 Bahraini business partners, giving local products prime in-app visibility and faster access to a growing digital customer base.

# 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 Unitry leaders, government officials, and academics gathered to mark key achievements in ICT education. The recognition reflects



The award ceremony

Vision 2030.

# **Investing in skills**

stc Bahrain's role in aligning talent strategy is the Jeel ICT skills to contribute directly to youth empowerment.

versity of Bahrain, where indus- economic goals under Bahrain's training initiative designed to vancement. bridge academic learning and industry readiness. The pro- stc Bahrain, described the recoggramme equips young Bahrainis nition as a reflection of the com-At the heart of the company's with practical, market-relevant pany's long-term commitment to digital innovation with national programme, a fully nationalised the Kingdom's technological ad-

Eng. Khalid Al Osaimi, CEO of

"We are honoured to be rec- Ceremony celebrated collabora-

ognised as the 'Talent Develop- tive efforts across the public and ment Strategic Partner' at this private sectors to develop homeimportant event. At stc Bahrain, grown expertise. stc Bahrain's we believe that investing in our recognition at the event marks youth is essential to building a a milestone in its contribution sustainable and innovative fu- to national capacity-building ture for the Kingdom," he said.

### **Backing Bahrain's digital shift**

stc Bahrain has attracted more play a central role in expanding ture. With the support of pro- ience. grammes like Jeel ICT, Bahrain's ICT sector is projected to see a 35% increase in IT employment by 2027.

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** 

through education, technology, and inclusive economic participation.

The company remains comthan USD 130 million in IT invest- mitted to enabling the next genment to date and continues to eration of Bahraini tech talent to take the lead in a future shaped the country's tech infrastruc- by innovation and digital resil-



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