

NBB Set to Bring Clients and Partners Together for Malaysia Race Weekend

The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) will join the Kingdom's official delegation as it brings clients and partners together for the excitement of the international racing weekend at Sepang International Circuit in Malaysia from 2nd to 4th October 2026.

The Bank will be present throughout the event at the Team Bahrain Lounge, the delegation's hospitality space at the circuit, where clients, partners, VIP guests and key stakeholders can enjoy high-octane racing while exchanging ideas and making new connections around shared business interests.

Commenting on the occasion, Mrs. Hala Ali Husain Yateem, Chairperson of NBB, said, "The Bahrain Grand Prix being held in Malaysia this year is a testament to the Kingdom's flexibility, resilience and ability to seize opportunities. It reflects Bahrain's readiness to adapt to changing circumstances while continuing to build on the international profile and success of an event that has become closely associated with the Kingdom over more than two decades. Hosting the



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Usman Ahmed, Group Chief Executive of NBB, added, "Our approach to business is centred around building relationships through sustained engagement with our valued clients. The race weekend gives us time together in a more informal setting where different conversations can sharpen our understanding of how we can help them progress towards their goals. From the Team Bahrain Lounge, we will introduce them to the wider Bahraini business community and to the opportunities the Kingdom is presenting to international audiences. That is the role we expect of ourselves as Bahrain's national bank: to stay close to our clients, and closer still to the growth story they are investing in."

NBB's participation in the event underscores its commitment to complementing its banking services with experiences that strengthen client relationships, encourage business collaboration, and contribute to sustainable development of the Kingdom's economic and investment ecosystem.



race in Malaysia also creates an important opportunity to further strengthen the long-standing ties between Bahrain and Malaysia, bringing our two countries closer through

sport, business and shared international engagement. As Bahrain's national bank, NBB is proud to support the Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia and to stand alongside our national partners in representing the Kingdom on the global stage. Events such as this provide an important platform to showcase Bahrain's openness, dynamism and welcoming spirit, while creating new connections and opportunities between our countries. We look forward to an exciting race weekend and to sharing the very best of Bahraini hospitality with our friends, partners and guests in Malaysia."

Gateway Gulf Returns in November



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Bahrain will host the fourth edition of Gateway Gulf on November 1-2 at the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay, bringing together senior government officials, ministers, chief executives and business leaders from the Middle East, Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America.

Hosted by the Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB), the invitation-only forum will be held under the theme "Reimagining Global Partnerships, Powering Sustainable Growth." Discussions will focus on how changing global conditions are affecting investment, capital flows, innovation and cross-border economic cooperation.

The agenda will examine geopolitical developments, the

energy transition and technological advances, alongside strategic partnerships, connectivity corridors and emerging opportunities across the global economy.

The forum comes as the GCC economy exceeds USD 2.38 trillion, supported by infrastructure investment, regional integration and economic diversification. Bahrain's non-oil sectors account for 86% of GDP, highlighting opportunities for businesses and investors seeking to expand across the region.

Around 200 senior decision-makers are expected to attend, alongside representatives from Bahrain's public and private sectors. The two-day programme will feature high-level discussions, curated networking sessions, private meetings and investment showcases aimed at supporting new partnerships and investment opportunities.

2,000 Homes Planned at Al Saya

New development brings homes, retail and public spaces

Eskan Bank has launched Al Saya Greens, a mixed-use development covering nearly 560,000 square metres in Al Saya, Muharraq, with more than 2,000 residential units and a focus on preserving the area's historic identity.

The project will include 1,065 apartments, 971 villas, a commercial boulevard, public

spaces and community facilities. Historic Ain Al Saya will form the centrepiece of the development, positioned between the commercial boulevard and surrounding public areas.

As part of the project's next phase, Eskan Bank has signed an agreement with Dar Al Khaleej Engineering after the company won the public tender to prepare the master plan and detailed infrastructure designs. The work will pave the way for the required regulatory approvals.

Eskan Bank General Manager Abdullah Taleb said the project aims to create an integrated community that combines housing, commercial and recreational facilities while preserving the heritage character of the site.

The development is expected to expand housing options, create investment opportunities and support commercial and urban development in Muharraq, while giving historic Ain Al Saya a renewed cultural and community role.



Bahrain Islamic Bank Signs a Series of Cooperation Agreements to Expand Housing Options and Services for Customers On the sidelines of the Social Housing Innovation Conference and Exhibition 2026

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative and simplified Islamic digital banking services in the Kingdom of Bahrain, announced the signing of a series of cooperation agreements with a number of real estate developers and companies specialising in interior design, furniture, and housing-related services, on the sidelines of its participation as a Platinum Sponsor for the second consecutive year at the Social Housing Innovation Conference and Exhibition 2026.

The agreements form part of the Bank's efforts to expand its network of partners and provide customers with a broader range of housing, financing, and related services, supporting them throughout the different stages of their homeownership journey.

The agreements were signed with: Khalaifat, Alakhyar Inter-



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riors, Art by Adliya Furnishing, Magic Wood Carpentry, Magic Interior, Alsalam Group, Namos Decor, Hamza Al Aswad, Ghareeb Studio Design, DN Design, Dome Natural Stone, Naseej, Alforsa, Effect Real Estate, FAJAR Alkhaleej, Delmon Gate, ERA, KAYAN Real Estate and AlRaha Real Estate.

Through these partnerships, Bahrain Islamic Bank continues

to work with more than 30 partners and real estate developers, providing customers with wider options across residential projects, interior design, furniture and home furnishing, as well as other housing-related services.

The agreements also aim to support beneficiaries of housing programmes and initiatives by connecting the Bank's financing solutions with a diverse range of services and offers provided by its partners, helping simplify the customer journey from selecting a suitable home through to furnishing it.

Commenting on the occasion, Faisal Alabdulla, Chief Executive of Retail Banking at Bahrain Islamic Bank, said: "We are committed to making the homeownership journey easier and more integrated for our customers by providing flexible financing solutions alongside a broad network of partners and real estate developers. Our col-



laboration with the partners and developers gives customers access to a wider range of options that can better meet their individual needs."

He added: "These agreements reflect our continued focus on enhancing the customer experience and expanding the range of services available to them, while supporting social housing programmes and strengthening collaboration with key stakeholders across the sector."

The agreements were signed as part of Bahrain Islamic Bank's participation in the Social Housing Innovation Conference and Exhibition 2026, held at Exhibition World Bahrain from 29 September to 3 October 2026.

For more information on Bahrain Islamic Bank's social housing solutions and offers, please visit bisb.com or follow the Bank's official social media channels.