

The 28th edition of StartUp Bahrain Pitch Series crowns “Durrah” & “Edupath” as winners

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As part of its ongoing efforts to enhance the entrepreneurship ecosystem in the Kingdom of Bahrain and support the growth of startups, StartUp Bahrain, the Kingdom's leading national platform for supporting startups, powered by Tamkeen, hosted the 28th edition of StartUp Bahrain Pitch.

The event was held in the presence of Ms. Dalal Al Ghais, Chief Executive of the Bahrain Development Bank Board, Mr. Khalid Al Bayat, Deputy CE for Program Design & Delivery at the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), along with several members of Tamkeen's Board of Directors, the SME Development Board, and the Economic Development Board.

The Startup Pitch series is held in collaboration with the SMEs Development Board and provides an interactive platform for entrepreneurs to showcase their ventures be-

fore a group of experts and investors, and gain the mentorship and guidance needed to further develop their ideas and enhance their growth and expansion.

The event also showcased a group of innovative startups offering digital and technology-driven solutions across various sectors, including Jamaheer, a digital football platform that connects fans with their clubs through live match data, official content, fan engagement and merchandise; Edupath, a digital platform that helps parents choose the right school for their children based on personality, budget, and curriculum preferences; Durrah, an online marketplace for dress rental and resale, offering verified listings, secure payments, deposit protection and AI-generated photography; and Oberri, a retail marketplace combining



short-video product discovery and instant purchasing on one screen, featuring content from buyers and creators.

The event featured the participation of a group of leading speakers, experts and investors from the entrepreneurship ecosystem, including Sameer Uchi, Al Amanna Capital Deputy Chairman and keynote speaker, Bader Sater, Bahrain

Fintech Bay Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Salahuddin, BNVT Capital Investment Associate and Laith Al Khalili, Investments Associate Director, at Mumtalakat.

After the participating startups presented their projects and were evaluated by the judging panels, the winners were announced with “Durrah” awarded first place and

“Edupath” awarded second place.

On this occasion, Fatima Al Najem from “Durrah” expressed pride in earning first place, saying: “Winning first place represents an important milestone in our journey and is a testament to our team's dedication to developing an innovative business model that effectively addresses market needs. Participating in the StartUp Bahrain Pitch competition provided us with a valuable opportunity to present our solution to a distinguished panel of experts and investors, whose insights and feedback will play an important role in supporting our future growth and expansion.”

Meanwhile, second place winner Batool Al Abbar from “Edupath”, emphasized that

the achievement reinforces the team's commitment to advancing the project and driving its next phase of growth. She highlighted that the StartUp Bahrain Pitch competition offered an excellent opportunity to present the project to a wider audience, while building meaningful connections with entrepreneurs, investors, and ecosystem experts.

Tamkeen's support for StartUp Bahrain aligns with its strategic priorities for 2026, which focus on supporting initiatives with high economic impact, enhancing the competitiveness of the private sector, connecting skills with the needs of the labor market, and adopting innovative approaches to stimulate the growth and expansion of startups, contributing to the Kingdom's sustainable economic development.

For more information about StartUp Bahrain and to participate in future editions of StartUp Bahrain Pitch, follow @startubahrain on social media.

ASB Capital Launches the ASB Liquidity Fund

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ASB Capital, a purpose-driven asset and wealth management firm with assets under management (AUM) of USD 10.2 billion, announced the launch of the ASB Liquidity Fund. The Fund is a Shari'a-compliant money market fund designed to provide investors with a liquid investment solution focused on capital preservation, daily liquidity, low volatility, and risk-adjusted returns.

The Fund deploys capital across a diversified portfolio of high-quality short-term deposits and debentures issued by governments, government entities, banks, and other eligible issuers across the GCC and wider MENA markets. Its highly liquid portfolio is actively managed to maintain low volatility while targeting higher risk-adjusted returns.

The ASB Liquidity Fund addresses a practical challenge faced by investors managing short-term cash. Investing directly in deposits requires ongoing rate monitoring, duration management, and reinvestment. The Fund consolidates these responsibilities within a single actively managed portfolio, giving investors diversified



Hussain Abdulhaq, Chief Treasury Officer of Al Salam Bank



Rafik Nayed, Managing Director of ASB Capital

exposure without the administrative burden of managing multiple exposures directly.

The launch broadens ASB Capital's investment platform and reinforces its ability to serve clients across the full risk and liquidity spectrum, from daily liquidity and cash management requirements to longer-term public and private market allocations.

Commenting on the launch, Rafik Nayed, Managing Director of ASB Capital: “This launch marks an important step in further developing ASB Capital's investment platform across the risk spectrum. By offering clients an actively managed money market fund alongside our broader public and private market ca-

pabilities, we can support their requirements at every stage of the investment cycle and assist in capital allocation with greater efficiency and flexibility.”

Hussain Abdulhaq, Chief Treasury Officer of Al Salam Bank, added: “The ASB Liquidity Fund responds to a fundamental requirement shared by institutions, businesses, and private investors: managing available cash efficiently while maintaining liquidity and capital preservation. By bringing together active portfolio management, diversification, and daily access within a single solution, the Fund removes much of the complexity involved in managing multiple deposits and maturities.”

NMS Student Receives National Award at International Computer Science Competition 2026

New Millennium School Bahrain is proud to announce that one of its Grade 12 students Zoraiz Alraz has been recognised among the top participants from Bahrain at the International Computer Science Competition (ICSC) 2026, receiving the prestigious National Award – Bahrain.

The International Computer Science Competition, organised in Germany and coordinated by Edu.Harbour, is an international competition open to students from different countries and conducted primarily online. The award recognises Zoraiz's strong computer science knowledge, algorithmic thinking and problem-solving skills, demonstrated during the competition.

The achievement has also

been officially featured on the ICSC 2026 Announcement Page, highlighting the student's performance among the top participants from Bahrain.

Congratulating Zoraiz on this remarkable achievement, Principal Dr Arun Kuumar Sharma expressed his delight at seeing NMS students demonstrate their knowledge, creativity and problem-solving abilities on an international platform. He remarked that Zoraiz's achievement reflects his dedication, commitment and pursuit of excellence, and congratulated him on this well-deserved recognition.

Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Mrs Geeta Pillai also congratulated Zoraiz on this significant accomplishment and expressed their appreciation



Zoraiz Alraz

to his mentors and parents for their guidance, encouragement and support in his journey towards this achievement.

New Millennium School Bahrain congratulates Zoraiz Alraz on this noteworthy accomplishment and wishes him continued success in his academic journey and future endeavours in the field of computer science.

Marking a new milestone in its efforts to support Social Housing initiatives

Al Salam Bank Finances All First Residential Units Handed Over to Beneficiaries at Danat Sanad



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Al Salam Bank announced that it financed all of the first residential units handed over to beneficiaries at Danat Sanad, a Social Housing project developed under the Government Land Development Programme (GLDP), marking a new milestone in the Bank's efforts to support Social Housing beneficiaries and facilitate their journey towards homeownership.

The achievement builds on Al Salam Bank's earlier milestone at the same project, where the Bank completed the Kingdom of Bahrain's first Social Housing financing transaction for an off-plan unit under the GLDP, enabling a beneficiary to purchase a residential unit at Danat Sanad.

Danat Sanad is a Social Housing project developed by Al Namal Contracting & Trading Co. W.L.L. under the GLDP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning and Eskan Bank. The project comprises 47 residential units available to eligible beneficiaries through various Social Housing Financing programmes.

Commenting on the occasion, Her Excellency Mrs. Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, said: “The handover of residen-

tial units to beneficiaries represents an important milestone that demonstrates the tangible outcomes of collaboration between the public, private and banking sectors in supporting Bahrain's Social Housing ecosystem. Danat Sanad is among the projects developed under the Government Land Development Programme, which contributes to expanding housing options for eligible citizens through collaboration with various partners.”

Her Excellency added: “We value the role of banking institutions in providing financing solutions to beneficiaries and look forward to further strengthening our collaboration with our partners to support Social Housing Financing programmes and facilitate citizens' journey towards homeownership.”

Mr. Anwar Murad, Group Deputy Chief Executive Officer – Banking at Al Salam Bank, said: “We are proud to have financed all of the first residential units handed over to beneficiaries at Danat Sanad, particularly as this achievement builds on an earlier milestone delivered through the same project, when we completed the Kingdom's first Social Housing financing transaction for an off-plan unit under the Government Land Development Programme. These achievements reflect Al Salam Bank's capabili-

ties in Social Housing Financing and our commitment to providing solutions that support citizens throughout the different stages of their homeownership journey.”

He added: “Social Housing Financing remains a strategic priority for Al Salam Bank, and we will continue working closely with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, Eskan Bank and our partners across the private sector to support Social Housing initiatives and provide beneficiaries with a seamless and convenient financing experience.”

Abdulla Taleb, General Manager of Eskan Bank, said: “The handover of the first residential units at Danat Sanad marks an important milestone in our joint efforts to expand housing options available to citizens and strengthen collaboration with the private sector and banking institutions. We are pleased to see these efforts translate into tangible outcomes that support beneficiaries in achieving their homeownership aspirations.”

This achievement reaffirms Al Salam Bank's commitment to supporting Social Housing initiatives through its financing capabilities and collaboration with relevant stakeholders, contributing to the provision of financing solutions that meet the needs of eligible citizens and support their aspirations for homeownership.

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