

HH Shaikh Isa issues directives to launch initiatives and programmes for national talent in the healthcare sector

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), met with His Excellency Lieutenant General Doctor Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health. His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa affirmed the Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to investing in local talent employed across all sectors. During the meeting, His Highness also issued directives to strengthen collaboration between Tamkeen and the Supreme Council of Health and launch a new support package aimed at developing and training national talent within the healthcare sector. This includes providing support for more than 750 Bahrainis, including doctors and nurses, to further improve capabilities and strengthen the sector's workforce. For his part, His Excellency Lieutenant General Doctor Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health, expressed his appreciation for the royal support. Her Excellency Dr Jaleela bint Alsayed Jawad the Minister of Health, His Excellency Mr. Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Her Excellency Ms. Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez, Tamkeen Chief Executive, along with a number of officials, also attended the meeting.



Saudi's Real Estate Power Play Goes Global

Over \$5 trillion in focus

- Cityscape returns to Riyadh
- Global leaders join summit
- Giga projects drive interest

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With over \$5 trillion in capital set to be unlocked, Cityscape Global 2025 is poised to showcase Saudi Arabia's growing influence in shaping the future of urban living. Returning to Riyadh this November, the world's largest real estate event will bring together more than 450 exhibitors, 500 speakers, and global investors seeking access to the Kingdom's giga projects and real estate transformation.

Organised under the theme 'The Future of Urban Living', this year's edition is sponsored by the Ministry of Municipalities and Housing in partnership with the Real Estate General Authority, Vision 2030, and the Housing



Program. The event is expected to draw more than 172,000 participants from across the global real estate value chain.

Giga projects in spotlight

Cityscape Global has become synonymous with the scale and ambition of Saudi Arabia's real estate strategy. Alongside the Kingdom's showcase of flagship

developments, the 2025 event will welcome over 70 international developers and 20,000 global attendees. Prominent brands confirmed for the exhibition include Qatari Diar, JLL, Raffles Residences Diriyah, Hovnanian Real Estate, and BID 3D Models.

This year's conference will also spotlight urban innovation

and smart design through four key forums: the Future of Living Summit, the DnA Stage for developers and architects, the Innovation Arena for PropTech startups, and ESTAAD, a new platform focused on the international stadiums, sports and entertainment infrastructure ecosystem.

Backed by vision

Speaking about the significance of the event, His Excellency Majed bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Hogail, Minister of Municipalities and Housing, said Cityscape Global supports efforts to "develop integrated urban communities, improve the quality of life, and drive sustainable economic growth" in alignment with Vision 2030.

Faisal Al-Khamissi, Chairman of the Saudi Federation for Cybersecurity, Programming and Drones, added that last year's edition saw transactions exceed \$61 billion with participation from 121 countries, reinforcing Cityscape's rising global stature. He expressed confidence that 2025 would deliver even greater outcomes for developers and investors worldwide.

A global cast

This year's speaker lineup includes former Melbourne mayor Sally Capp, global Con-Tech investor Darren Bechtel, architect Stefano Boeri, former New York Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver, and Anil Erdem of BentallGreenOak. Their participation reflects the event's global positioning and thought

leadership profile.

Participating countries include the USA, China, India, the UK, Italy, the UAE, Qatar, and Jordan, underscoring the breadth of international engagement. Developers such as Ajdan, Dar wa Emaar, Al Majdiah, OSUS, and Mohammed Al Habib are among those confirmed as Diamond Partners.

With Vision 2030 deadlines approaching, Cityscape Global 2025 presents Saudi Arabia as a force not just in urban design but in economic diplomacy and global real estate leadership.



Cityscape Global 2024 recorded more than \$61 billion in real estate deals, making it one of the most lucrative real estate gatherings worldwide.

Bahrain, Saudi business chambers discuss stronger youth entrepreneurship ties

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The Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sameer Abdullah Nass, received a delegation from the Young Businessmen Council of the Eastern Province Chamber (Saudi Arabia) yesterday, to enhance cooperation among GCC chambers and foster the exchange of expertise.

Nass underlined the strong fraternal and economic ties between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia and commended the council's role in encouraging youth innovation. He stressed that the Bahrain Chamber views entrepreneurship as vital to the private sector and actively supports the growth of small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

He also noted improvements



in the Chamber's sectoral committees, particularly through the use of performance indicators to measure outcomes and effectiveness.

Chief Communications Officer Ebrahim Al-Tamimi gave an overview of Bahrain's economic and business ecosystem,

including key entities such as the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the Economic Development Board, Tamkeen, Bahrain Development Bank, and "Export Bahrain," among others. He highlighted the country's support systems for startups, funding, and international ex-

pansion.

Abdulrahman Al-Afaleq, Chairman of the Eastern Province Business Youth Council, said the visit aimed to explore Bahrain's investment climate and build partnerships with Bahraini entrepreneurs. The council, which includes 50

members, seeks to inspire youth entrepreneurship and promote successful ventures.

Ahmed Al-Sharaf, Business Development Director at Tamkeen, showcased the organisation's range of funding, training, and advisory programmes that support business growth and

sustainability.

The Saudi delegation also visited incubators run by the Bahrain Small and Medium Enterprises Development Society, where they reviewed mechanisms for supporting startups and encouraging innovation across different sectors.