

Bahrain Bourse Concludes the First Edition of its Graduate Training Program “Emerging Talents”

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Bahrain Bourse (BHB), a licensed exchange regulated by the Central Bank of Bahrain, hosted an awards ceremony to conclude the first edition of its Graduate Training Program “Emerging Talents” with the attendance of Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain Bourse alongside the executive management of Bahrain Bourse. The event recognized the program participants who were awarded certificates of completion in appreciation of their efforts and achievements throughout the program.

During the ceremony, eight graduates were honored upon successfully completing the two-month training program. As part of the event, they delivered their final presentations, showcasing their practical experiences, key achievements, and the skills and knowledge gained throughout the program. They also presented a range of innovative ideas and recommendations aimed at enhancing the areas of work in which they were involved.

The “Emerging Talents” Pro-



gram is designed to provide trainees with a well-rounded training experience that combines practical, hands-on training with professional development and career guidance. Throughout the program, participants gained experience in the capital markets sector while developing the professional and interpersonal skills needed as they begin their careers.

The trainees were placed across different departments within Bahrain Bourse and Bahrain Clear, giving them exposure to various areas of the capital markets and a better understanding of how different functions work together. Participants also received dedicated mentorship and professional guidance throughout the pro-

gram to support their development and help them explore their future career paths.

Salman Alzayani, Director of Human Resources at Bahrain Bourse said, “We believe that investing in young national talent is essential to building a sustainable and resilient financial sector. Through the “Emerging Talents” Program, we aim to provide graduates with meaningful learning opportunities that bridge the gap between academic knowledge and practical workplace experience. The cohort demonstrated dedication, professionalism, and eagerness to learn, which reflects the potential of Bahraini talent. We are proud to have supported them as they take the next step in their pro-

fessional journeys, and we look forward to seeing them apply the skills and insights gained through the program and contribute to the continued growth and development of Bahrain’s financial services industry.”

The “Emerging Talents” Program reflects Bahrain Bourse’s commitment to supporting the development of young Bahraini talent and strengthening the future of the capital markets sector. Through initiatives that combine practical experience, mentorship and professional development, Bahrain Bourse continues to create opportunities for trainees to build their capabilities and gain valuable insight into the industry as they take their first steps towards their professional careers.

Ithmaar Bank Continues to Organise its “Ithmaar Guide” Internship Programme for School Students



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Ithmaar Bank B.S.C. (closed), a Bahrain-based Islamic retail bank, continued its commitment to supporting school students and developing their skills through organising “Ithmaar Guide” internship programme. The programme mainly aims to introduce participants to the workplace environment as well as the various departments and functions within the banking sector, helping them to be prepared for their next phase of education and make informed decisions when selecting their academic specialisations.

A total of nine students participated in the programme, where they had the opportunity to gain knowledge about the Bank’s various departments and take part in selected tasks. This reflects Ithmaar Bank’s commitment to providing opportunities that help to introduce school students to the workplace, develop their skills and provide them with experience that enables them to explore their academic and career paths that best suit their interests, while also benefiting from the knowledge and experience of the Bank’s employees.

“At Ithmaar Bank, we believe in the important role we must play in investing in future generations,” said a Manager in Ithmaar Bank’s Human Resources Department, Murad Mohamed Ali. “Through the Ithmaar Guide programme, we



Murad Mohamed Ali, Manager, Human Resources Department

aim to provide school students with experience that helps them discover their interests and gain early exposure to a workplace. Such programmes represent an important opportunity for students to build their confidence, prepare them for the next phase of university education, and choose an academic field that suits them based on practical experience,” he said.

“We are proud to continue this initiative, which reflects Ithmaar Bank’s commitment to supporting the future of Bahraini youth and preparing generations that have the skills and knowledge needed to contribute to the continued progress and prosperity of the Kingdom of Bahrain,” said Murad Mohamed Ali. “We have also ensured that the internship programme is meaningful and enriching, providing them with a better understanding of the banking workplace while highlighting the importance of essential skills such as discipline, responsibility, and teamwork.”

Tourism Minister of Bahrain Receives Senior UFI Delegation Ahead of 93rd UFI Global Congress



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Her Excellency Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism of the Kingdom of Bahrain, received Chris Skeith OBE, CEO and Managing Director of the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry (UFI), Said Al Shanfari, UFI President-elect for the 2027-2028 term and CEO of the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre (OCEC), and Naji El Haddad, UFI Regional Director for the Middle East and Africa, during their visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain to review preparations for the 93rd UFI Global Congress, which will take place in Bahrain this November.

Her Excellency the Minister of Tourism emphasised that hosting the 93rd UFI Global Congress represents an important milestone in strengthening Bahrain’s position as a leading destination for business tourism and events. It also reflects the Kingdom’s growing international confidence in its ability to host and deliver major global events, supported by its advanced infrastructure, world-class facilities, and competitive advantages that reinforce its position on the

international exhibitions and conferences map.

Her Excellency noted that preparations for the Congress are progressing in close coordination with the various relevant stakeholders to ensure the successful delivery of an event befitting the significance of this international gathering. She expressed her anticipation of welcoming exhibitions professionals and industry representatives from around the world to the Kingdom and showcasing Bahrain’s capabilities and promising opportunities across the business tourism and exhibitions sectors.

During the meeting, the senior UFI delegation reviewed the preparations underway for the Congress and discussed areas of cooperation and coordination between the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) and UFI.

As part of their visit, the delegation toured Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB) to review its facilities and preparations for the Congress and met with the teams working on delivering the event. The delegation also visited several locations across the Kingdom scheduled to host activities

and events taking place alongside the Congress.

Chris Skeith OBE, CEO and Managing Director of the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry (UFI), said: “It was a pleasure to visit Bahrain and meet with representatives of the tourism sector and the teams working on the Congress preparations. We have seen the progress being made and the clear commitment demonstrated by our hosts. Bahrain is a distinctive destination for the global exhibitions community, and we look forward to bringing UFI members and industry representatives together here in November for a Congress rich in dialogue and engagement.”

Said Al Shanfari, UFI President-elect for the 2027-2028 term and CEO of the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre, said: “The Middle East continues to strengthen its position and influence within the global exhibitions industry, and Bahrain’s hosting of the Congress is an important reflection of this momentum. Our visit provided an opportunity to review the preparations underway and highlighted the strong cooper-



ation between UFI and BTEA. We look forward to returning to Bahrain this November and welcoming colleagues from the industry from around the world.”

The 93rd UFI Global Congress will be held in the Kingdom of Bahrain from November 2 to 5, 2026, at Exhibition World Bahrain, under the auspices of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA).

Registration remains open for industry professionals and stakeholders in the business events, meetings, conferences, and exhibitions sectors, including registered members of the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry (UFI), the International Association of Convention Centres (AIPC), the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA), and the Society of Independent Show Organisers (SISO).

BRCS Steps Up Youth Engagement Red Crescent Society reviews humanitarian plans and volunteer initiatives



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The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) Board of Directors reviewed plans to strengthen humanitarian programmes, expand volunteer participation and increase youth engagement at its fifth meeting of the 18th term.

The meeting was chaired by BRCS Chairman His Excellency Lieutenant General Doctor Shaikh Mohamed Bin Abdullah Al-Khalifa at the Society’s headquarters in the Diplomatic Area.

The Board approved present proposed amendments to the Society’s Articles of Association to the General Assembly

in March 2027, coinciding with the end of the current electoral term.

It also reviewed BRCS activities from January to August 2026 and preparations for GCC Red Crescent Day on October 23. In cooperation with the Ministry of Education, the Society will hold an awareness programme for schools and universities from October 18 to 22, focusing on first aid and the humanitarian role of Red Crescent societies.

The Board also discussed a December 2026 training course on climate change and environmental sanitation, in cooperation with the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization.