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BENEFIT Sets Gulf-Wide Benchmark with Dual ISO Certifications for E-Cheque System

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BENEFIT, the Kingdom's innovator and leading company in Fintech and electronic financial transactions service, has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first company in the Gulf region to be awarded two distinguished ISO certifications: ISO 15489-1:2016 for Information and Document Management – Records Management, and ISO 16175-1:2020 Information and Documentation standards on e-Cheque service.

These international certifications represent globally recognised benchmarks for excellence in records management practices. BENEFIT's receipt of ISO 15489-1:2016 underscores the company's robust capabilities in managing records throughout their lifecycle—spanning classification, storage, access, and secure disposal. The certification follows a comprehensive and meticulous audit conducted by the British



The award ceremony

Standards Institution (BSI), which confirmed that BENEFIT's e-cheque system adheres to the most rigorous standards in the management of documents and data integrity.

The ISO 16175-1:2020 certification affirms that BENEFIT's digital systems supporting the e-cheque service meet essential

international requirements for functionality, security, and system reliability in records management software. The evaluation examined BENEFIT's digital

infrastructure and validated its alignment with global best practices for secure, integrated, and efficient digital records handling. This recognition reinforces the company's ability to systematically maintain customer records in ways that serve both operational excellence and long-term archival preservation.

Commenting on this landmark achievement, BENEFIT's Chief Executive, Mr. Abdulwahed AlJanahi, stated: "We take immense pride in being the first organisation in the Gulf to attain these prestigious certifications. This accomplishment reflects the culmination of years of strategic investment in quality management, digital innovation, and secure financial technologies. It is also a powerful endorsement of BENEFIT's continued commitment to upholding the highest standards of security, reliability, and service delivery across all our platforms. Our customers and partners can be assured of a best-in-class experience anchored in transparency and trust."

Mr. AlJanahi noted that, amid the rapid global transition toward digitalisation in the financial sector, aligning with ISO standards for e-cheque services marks a strategic move to build a secure and forward-thinking digital infrastructure. BENEFIT's e-cheque platform has become a recognised benchmark at both regional and international levels, reflecting a visionary approach to the future of financial services.

"I extend my sincere appreciation to the executive leadership, management, and every member of the BENEFIT team whose professionalism and dedication were instrumental in achieving this significant milestone. This accomplishment not only reflects our collective efforts but also reinforces BENEFIT's position as a trusted and dependable partner for both individual and corporate clients across the financial landscape," said Mr. Mr. AlJanahi.

BDB grooms future bankers in new internship push

Real-world training for university students

- Internship across bank operations
- Focus on innovation and teamwork
- Supports Bahrain's Vision 2030

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Bahrain Development Bank (BDB) has launched its 2025 Summer Internship Programme, offering university students hands-on experience across key banking functions in a move that ties directly into Bahrain's broader economic transformation strategy.

The initiative aims to bridge



the gap between academic learning and the operational realities of the financial sector, helping young people build the skills and confidence to contribute meaningfully to the economy. Interns will work under the guidance of BDB professionals and be embedded in real-world projects across the bank's operations.

Human capital focus

Group Chief Executive Of-

ficer Dalal Al Qais said the programme reflects BDB's vision of national development not just through financing, but by investing in people.

"We welcome our ambitious next generation," she said. "This initiative aligns with our vision to be a key partner in national development, not only by providing financial support, but also by investing in human capital."

Al Qais added that she had

personally met the interns and wished them an "enriching experience."

Strategic alignment

The programme, developed by BDB's Human Resources Department, is also designed to foster innovation and teamwork among participants. Chief Human Resources Officer Hend Mahmood said it provides an immersive experience in banking

operations, preparing youth to play an active role in economic growth. "This initiative reflects our belief in empowering youth with the knowledge and confidence needed to build successful careers," she said.

Broader mandate

Established in 1992, BDB is a key player in Bahrain's SME ecosystem and national economic diversification agenda. The

bank's efforts in digital banking through its 'tijara' platform and women-led business support under the Riyadat scheme are among its contributions to inclusive financial access and sustainable growth. The new internship programme complements that mandate by ensuring that future banking professionals emerge with both technical skills and a deep understanding of the national development context.

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