

# Central Bank of Bahrain Governor meets with Bahrain Bourse

To discuss Regulatory Enhancement Initiatives to Advance Capital Markets Development Plan

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His Excellency Khalid Humaidan, Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain met with the Chairman of Bahrain Bourse, Mr. Yusef Abdulla Al-Yusef, and the Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse, Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa to discuss regulatory enhancement initiatives aimed at supporting the implementation of Bahrain's Capital Markets Development Plan 2026-2028 "Elevate", thereby reinforcing the Kingdom of Bahrain's position as a leading regional financial center and enhancing the com-

petitiveness and efficiency of the Kingdom's capital markets ecosystem.

His Excellency Khalid Humaidan, Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain, reaffirmed the Central Bank's commitment to supporting initiatives and efforts aimed at developing and enhancing the Kingdom's capital markets through a progressive regulatory framework aligned with international best practices that strengthens the efficiency and competitiveness of the financial markets. He also emphasized the importance of ongoing collaboration among all relevant stakeholders to achieve the strategic objectives



of the financial services sector and further reinforce the Kingdom of Bahrain's position as a leading financial hub. For his part, Chairman of Bahrain Bourse, Mr. Yusef Ab-

dulla Al-Yusef expressed appreciation for the Central Bank's ongoing efforts in advancing Bahrain's financial sector, noting that regulatory enhancement remains a critical enabler for achieving the objectives of the Capital Markets Development Plan 2026-2028 "Elevate".

During the discussion, both parties exchanged views on key initiatives designed to support the continued development of Bahrain's capital markets, including measures to facilitate investment, broaden market participation, enhance market

liquidity and efficiency, and strengthen investor confidence. The meeting also highlighted the importance of maintaining a regulatory environment that balances innovation and growth with robust governance and market integrity in line with international standards.

The meeting focused on opportunities to enhance the regulatory framework governing capital market activities, with particular emphasis on fostering market growth, increasing competitiveness, promoting innovation, and aligning regulatory practices with international standards and evolving market needs.

## NBB and INJAZ Bahrain Celebrate Emerging Entrepreneurs at Entaliq Closing Ceremony

Showcasing Youth-Led Ventures with Commercial Potential

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), in partnership with INJAZ Bahrain, recently hosted the closing ceremony of the Entaliq with INJAZ programme. Organised at the NBB Auditorium at INJAZ Bahrain Headquarters, the event brought together members of the Bank's Executive Management Team, mentors, representatives from relevant departments, and INJAZ Bahrain leadership to celebrate the progress of student-led ventures developed through the programme. The event focused on the 2025 and 2026 batches, who presented their business concepts, development journeys, and future plans to the attendees.

This year's cohort featured projects with direct relevance



to key areas of focus for NBB, including sustainability, technology, accessibility, and community impact. The teams showcased Link, a device designed to extract humidity from the air and convert it into drinkable water; Simply Sign, a sign language translation programme

that converts gestures into voice and voice into gestures; and Sporsista, a community platform developed to support women's participation in sports across Bahrain.

The event also invited last year's participants to highlight the progress of their projects,

including ForNature, which transforms recycled paper into furniture; Tech-Nik, a solar-powered mobile phone charging solution; and Crooz, an application that rewards users for safe driving. Their development from early-stage ideas into more structured ventures reflects the programme's role in supporting young entrepreneurs as they refine practical solutions with potential for wider market application.

Through its collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain, the Bank continues to invest in initiatives that equip youth with entrepreneurial skills, exposure to business mentorship, and access to opportunities where their ideas can be assessed and advanced for implementation

## Bahrain EDB Commences Strategic UK Visit to Strengthen Economic Ties

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A delegation from the Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB), led by H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, Chief Executive of Bahrain EDB,



has commenced a five-day visit to the United Kingdom (UK) as a part of its ongoing international outreach efforts to strengthen economic ties, deepen investor engagement, and showcase the Kingdom as a resilient destination for investment. The visit's agenda features a series of high-level meetings, investor roundtables, and engagements with business leaders and industry stakeholders across key priority sectors.

The recent UK-GCC Free Trade Agreement signed earlier this year represents a significant

milestone in the trade relations between the two regional blocs and is expected to enhance market access for goods and services and create new investment pathways for businesses operating across both regions. Further building on the longstanding economic partnership between Bahrain and the UK, as both countries explore new opportunities for collaboration, the programme underscores Bahrain EDB's commitment to fostering strategic international partnerships that support the Kingdom's economic development objectives. Discussions throughout the visit will highlight Bahrain's agile, business-friendly environment, highly connected economy, and role as a gateway to regional markets.

## Green Mobility Brings XPENG to Bahrain, Introducing a New Era of Intelligent Electric Mobility

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Green Mobility has officially launched XPENG in the Kingdom of Bahrain, marking the arrival of one of the world's leading intelligent electric vehicles (EV) brands. The launch represents a significant step in Bahrain's transition toward sustainable transportation while reinforcing Green Mobility's commitment to bringing innovative mobility solutions to the Kingdom.

Recognised globally for combining advanced technology with premium design, XPENG offers a new generation of intelligent electric vehicles built around smart connectivity, driver assistance systems, artificial intelligence, and zero-emission performance. The brand's arrival provides customers in Bahrain with access to electric vehicles that deliver comfort, safety, and technology in equal measure.

The launch event welcomed senior management from Green Mobility, executives from XPENG Global, represent-



atives from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Bahrain, officials from Bahrain's sustainability and environmental sectors, as well as representatives from universities and organisations specialising in technology, artificial intelligence, and robotics.

XPENG's Bahrain line-up in-

cludes four fully electric models designed to meet a range of customer needs. The XPENG X9 is an ultra-intelligent luxury MPV, while the XPENG G9 serves as the brand's flagship luxury SUV. The XPENG G6 offers a sporty coupe SUV design, and the XPENG P7+ is an advanced fastback sedan,

combining performance with intelligent features.

Commenting on the launch, Mr. Saad Alzowayed, Assistant General Manager of Green Mobility, said, "The launch of Green Mobility and our partnership with XPENG represent a significant milestone in our journey to shape the future of



transportation in Bahrain. We are not simply introducing electric vehicles; we are bringing an integrated intelligent mobility ecosystem powered by the latest artificial intelligence technologies. This supports the Kingdom of Bahrain's sustainability ambitions while offering our customers a smarter, safer, and more connected driving experience."

The introduction of XPENG

reflects Green Mobility's vision of supporting the Kingdom of Bahrain's sustainability goals by expanding access to intelligent electric mobility solutions and encouraging the adoption of cleaner, future-ready transportation.

For more information and updates, follow @xpeng\_bh on social media, call 17 500 900, or visit the XPENG showroom in Sitra.