

The National Bank of Bahrain

NBB Introduces Structured Investment Products for Accredited Investors

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has introduced a suite of structured investment products designed to address the evolving investment needs of Bahrain's High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNWIs), corporate clients, and family offices. Exclusively available to accredited investors as defined by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), these products offer a combination of flexibility, capital protection, and attractive potential returns.



Commenting on the occasion, Kumail Al Noaimi, Group Head of Capital Market Sales & Distribution at NBB said, "Our structured investment products offer innovative and secure solutions that align with the distinct financial objectives and risk profiles of our customers."

This launch reflects NBB's ongoing commitment to providing personalised wealth management services to ensure that our valued clients can benefit from bespoke products that support their long-term investment strategies."

Aligned with NBB's strategic focus on broadening its wealth management offerings, these new diversified investment solutions are tailored to specific financial goals and risk tolerances. Investors can select from a wide range of underlying assets, including equities, indices, commodities, foreign exchange, thematic baskets and Bitcoin linked investments, to structure their portfolios according to market expectations and personal preferences.

The products present varying levels of capital protection, including 100%, 90%, and principal-at-risk structures. With investment durations ranging from three months to five years, clients can choose tenors that match their liquidity requirements. Furthermore, the products enable personalised market views, allowing for bullish, bearish, range-bound, or thematic investment strategies that support diversified and dynamic portfolio allocations.

The introduction of these structured deposit products further reinforces NBB's position as a leading provider of value-driven financial solutions in Bahrain. By expanding the range of investment opportunities, the Bank continues to play an active role in strengthening the Kingdom's capital markets and supporting its economic growth.

Italy approves plans for world's longest suspension bridge

Rome, Italy

Italy's government yesterday approved a controversial 13.5-billion-euro (\$15.6-billion) project to build what would be the world's longest suspension bridge connecting the island of Sicily to the mainland. Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's coalition hailed the state-funded project as an economic boost for the impoverished south of Italy -- only for critics to warn that it risks turning into a financial black hole.

Italian politicians have for decades debated a bridge over the Strait of Messina, a narrow strip of water between the island of Sicily and the region of Calabria, at the toe of Italy's boot.

But ministers say Wednesday's approval by a government committee, CIPES, is the furthest the project has ever got.

Advocates say the bridge, due for completion by 2032, is at the cutting edge of engineering, able to withstand high winds and earthquakes in a region that lies across two tectonic plates.

India's central bank holds rates amid US tariff battle

AFP | Mumbai, India

India's central bank maintained its key interest rate at 5.50 percent on Wednesday, as US President Donald Trump ramped up threats to raise tariffs on New Delhi because of Russian oil purchases.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept steady the repurchase rate, the level at which it lends to commercial banks, after a unanimous vote by a six-member panel.

A majority of analysts had forecast a pause following a surprise 50-basis-point reduction in June.

Bank governor Sanjay Malhotra said global trade challenges remained but that the "Indian economy holds bright prospects in the changing world order".

"We have taken decisive and forward looking measures to support growth," he said in a statement.

The RBI cut rates for the first time in nearly five years in February and followed up with



two other reductions in April and June.

The Indian government has forecast above-average monsoon rains, which observers say should help growth, as higher agricultural output will aid the rural economy and keep vegetable prices stable.

But Trump's announcement Tuesday to "substantially" hike tariffs on Indian imports because of New Delhi's purchases of Russian oil has added pressure on India.

Before that threat was made, the existing 10 percent US tariff on Indian products was already due to rise to 25 percent on Thursday.

Malhotra acknowledged that "the uncertainties of tariffs are still evolving" even though "growth is robust".

Trump's pressure on India comes after he signalled fresh sanctions on Russia if it did not make progress by Friday towards a peace deal with Ukraine. India, the world's most populous country, is not an export powerhouse, but the United States is its largest trading partner.

Apple to invest additional \$100 bn in US: White House official

Washington, United States

Apple will invest an additional \$100 billion in the United States, taking its total pledge to \$600 billion over the next four years, a senior White House official said yesterday.

The announcement, which was first reported by US media, will be officially made later Wednesday at 4:30 pm (2030 GMT) at a White House event with President Donald Trump.

In February, Apple said it would spend more than \$500 billion in the United States and hire 20,000 people, with Trump quickly taking credit for the decision.

The Silicon Valley-based giant said it was its "largest-ever spend commitment," which came as tech companies battle for dominance in developing artificial intelligence technology.

It builds on plans announced in 2021, when the company founded by Steve Jobs said that it would invest \$430 billion in the US and add 20,000 jobs over the next five years.

Trump, who has pushed US companies to shift manufacturing home by slapping tariffs on trading partners, claimed that his administration was to

thank for the investment.

Apple reported a quarterly profit of \$23.4 billion in late July, topping forecasts despite facing higher costs due to Trump's sweeping levies.

Tariffs are essentially a tax paid by companies importing goods to the United States. This means Apple is on the hook for tariffs on iPhones and other products or components it brings into the country from abroad.



Apple Inc. was the first publicly traded U.S. company to reach a market valuation of \$3 trillion, which it briefly hit in January 2022 -- a milestone that reflects how deeply its products and services have become embedded in daily life around the world.

Chery Bahrain

Chery Bahrain Supports Youth Development Through Sponsorship of the 9th BDF Officers' Children Summer Camp 2025



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Chery Bahrain, a brand under Asia Motors and part of the Motorcity Group, announced its sponsorship of the 9th BDF Officers' Children Summer Camp 2025, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to supporting youth

development programs in the Kingdom.

This partnership reflects Chery's vision, which places families at the heart of its values, aiming to strengthen connections with younger generations and contribute to creating an environment that encourages their growth and

creativity.

As part of this initiative, Chery organized an interactive day for the children participating in the camp, which included educational and recreational activities designed to foster teamwork, creativity, and self-confidence in a fun and engaging atmosphere.

This collaboration underscores the strong relationship between Chery and the Bahrain Defence Force Officers Club and highlights the company's continuous efforts to partner with national institutions in support of initiatives that promote social development across the Kingdom.

