



As part of Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C.'s (Alba) commitment to social responsibility, a group of female employees from the Alba Community Service Committee organised a visit to the Hope Institute for Special Education on 05 February 2026. The visit featured a variety of recreational activities for the children, along with the distribution of gifts, creating an atmosphere filled with joy and positivity. This initiative forms part of a series of community programmes led by Alba's female employees, reaffirming the Company's dedication to supporting various segments of society and promoting a culture of volunteerism among its staff. The participants expressed their pride in the positive impact the visit had on the children and looked forward to continuing similar initiatives in the future. For their part, the Hope Institute's administrators expressed their appreciation for the visit, praising Alba's pioneering role in serving the community and supporting special education institutions.

## Bahrain Water and Beverages Company renews 'Made in Bahrain' Certification

Manama

Bahrain Water and Beverages Bottling Company W.L.L. announced the renewal of its "Made in Bahrain" certification issued by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, in recognition of its commitment to local man-

ufacturing and its compliance with the approved standards under the "Made in Bahrain" programme.

This certification reflects the company's commitment to implementing the highest standards of quality and safety in its production processes, as well as its reliance on local content

in manufacturing its water and beverage products. This enhances consumer confidence in national products and supports their competitiveness in local and regional markets.

The CEO of Trafco Group Mr. Azzam Moutragi – added that renewing the "Made in Bahrain" certification re-

flects the group's continuous commitment to supporting the national industrial sector and contributing to achieving the goals of Bahrain Economic Vision 2030, particularly in the areas of economic diversification and strengthening national industries.

The "Made in Bahrain" pro-



gram is considered one of the strategic national initiatives of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. It aims to highlight national products, encourage Bahraini factories to expand and grow, and enhance the presence of Bahraini products in local and regional markets.

## BisB, Visa, and Innovate for Bahrain announce winners of Innovation Studio Programme

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions for simplifying money matters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced the winners of the Innovation Studio programme held in collaboration with Visa and Innovate for Bahrain. The announcement was made during the programme's Final Celebration Day hosted at Marassi Galleria on 8th February, marking the conclusion of a three-month creative and entrepreneurial journey.

The programme showcased six finalists, three from the fashion track and three from the jewellery track, who were selected for their unique design concept, storytelling, communication, pitch clarity, understanding of the customer requirements, and growth potential. The event brought together ecosystem partners, industry leaders, media, and the wider community to celebrate Bahrain's emerging design talent and its growing creative economy.

Following final presentations and jury evaluations, one winner was selected from each track. The Fashion Track winner, Maryam Haji, Founder of bella and blue, was awarded a four-day immersion in New York with internationally renowned designer Reem Acra, providing exposure to global fashion markets and high-end design practices.

The Jewellery Track winner, Sara Buhaimed, Founder of Sarah Jewelery, received a four-day experience at the Van Cleef



Mr. Ahmed ElKaffass, Visa's Country Manager in Bahrain



Mr. Bader Sater, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain FinTech Bay



Ms. Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB



& Arpels factory in the United Kingdom, offering an exclusive opportunity to gain insight into fine jewellery craftsmanship and heritage excellence.

Commenting on the programme's success, Ms. Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB, said, "We extend our congratulations to the winners of Innovation Studio,

to establish a strong presence in Bahrain's market and beyond. This initiative reflects BisB's commitment to empowering Bahrain's creative entrepreneurs by offering practical pathways to turn their innovative ideas into market successes. Our involvement in this project serves our vision to nurture local talent and strengthen Bahrain's standing as a leading regional hub for creative enterprises."

From his end, Mr. Bader Sater, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain FinTech Bay; under which Innovate for Bahrain operates, added, "The calibre of talent showcased during the Final Celebration Day demonstrates the strength of Bahrain's creative ecosystem. The Innovation Studio programme demonstrated how cross-sector collaboration can unlock new pathways for talent, transform

creativity into commercially viable businesses, and strengthen the Kingdom's position as a hub for innovation-driven entrepreneurship."

Ahmed ElKaffass, Visa's Country Manager in Bahrain remarked, "Seeing these designers reach this milestone is a powerful reminder of what is possible when talent is matched with the right support. We congratulate the winners and commend all

participants for their dedication and vision. Visa is pleased to be part of a programme that opens doors, builds confidence, and helps creative Bahraini entrepreneurs take their first steps onto the global stage."

The Innovation Studio programme reaffirms BisB's dedication to nurturing homegrown talent, fostering cross-sector innovation, and contributing to Bahrain's long-term economic diversification – particularly through investment in the creative industries.