

NBB Participates in the Global Water, Energy, and Climate Change Congress



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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) recently participated in the Global Water, Energy, and Climate Change Congress (GWECCC) 2025 as an Associate Partner.

The Congress served as a key regional platform convening government officials, inter-

national experts, and private sector stakeholders to accelerate dialogue and collective action on water security, energy transition, and climate resilience.

NBB's leadership also offered valuable insights in key speaking engagements at the event. Usman Ahmed, Group Chief Executive Officer, joined



a high-level Investment panel where he explained the role of sustainable financing in driving economic growth and supporting the shift to a green economy. Meanwhile, Zied Jalali, Group

Head – Corporate Finance, spoke on an Energy roundtable to discuss how institutions can scale innovation with the right go-to-market strategies, financing models, and global partnerships. Abdul Aziz Al Ahmed, Chief Executive – Strategic Accounts, represented NBB on stage, where he received an award of appreciation from H.E. the Deputy Prime Minister in recognition of the Bank's contributions as a strategic partner in advancing the national climate agenda.

NBB's participation at GWECCC 2025 reflects its ongoing efforts to help achieve Bahrain's national sustainability goals, in alignment with its ESG commitments.

Tamkeen offers customers efficient and streamlined payment processing with Fawateer

- Reducing payment processing time to half compared to conventional payment processing
- Waiving required payment documents and utilizing service completion reports and product pictures

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The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) offers its Enterprise Support customers enhanced payment processing through

“Fawateer” service, in collaboration with Bahrain's Electronic Network for Financial Transactions “Benefit”. This initiative is in line with Tamkeen's ongoing efforts to enhance the efficiency of its services through the adoption of innovative digital tools that provide a smoother and more user-friendly experience for its beneficiaries.

By utilizing Fawateer, enterprises can reduce the total time required to process payments for Enterprise Support requests by half compared to traditional procedures. The service also offers the flexibility to partially or fully pay the invoice amount, depending on the enterprise needs, and reduces the required payment documents and relies



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instead on service completion reports and pictures of the supported products. This provides Tamkeen's customers with a streamlined, faster, and more secure payment experience.

Tamkeen is committed to implementing innovative solutions



in collaboration with public and private sector institutions to enhance productivity and support development efforts. This approach is designed to offer services tailored to customer requirements, enhance service quality and provide expedited experiences by adopting cutting-edge technology.

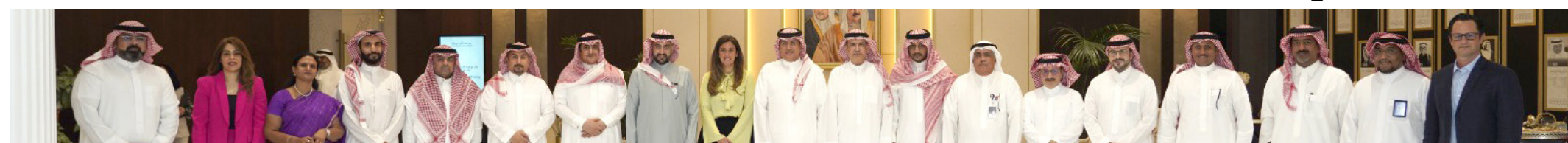
On this occasion, Mr. Ali Al Hayki, Chief Financial Officer at the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) stated: “Tamkeen prioritizes improving service quality for both individuals and enter-

prises by adopting innovative solutions that drive ongoing development and digital transformation. Through our ongoing partnership with Benefit, we reaffirm our dedication to supporting a culture of digital transformation and utilizing advanced technology to provide seamless, highly efficient and distinguished customer experiences.”

This initiative is aligned with Tamkeen's strategic priorities for 2025, which focus on enhancing the position and competitiveness of Bahrainis in the private sector, equipping Bahrainis with suitable skills for career development in the private sector, and prioritizing enterprise growth, digitization, and sustainability, and supporting the development of the ecosystem surrounding the labor market and private sector.



Bahrain Chamber receives Communications Committee of Asharqia Chamber



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The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry received a delegation from the Communications and Technology Committee of Asharqia Chamber in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The meeting focused on enhancing joint cooperation in technology and the digital economy, contributing to the ongoing technological transformation in both brotherly countries.

Bahrain Chamber's board member, Yaqoob Al Awadhi,



welcomed the visiting delegation, emphasizing the deep historical ties that unite the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, alongside the strong bonds of kinship between their peoples.

Al-Awadhi noted the remarkable acceleration in digital and technological transformation worldwide, highlighting the necessity of regular meetings between chambers of commerce to keep up with developments

and address challenges and opportunities.

He stressed the importance of exchanging ideas and insights between Bahraini and Saudi companies in the information technology sector, which can

create larger entities capable of serving both markets and enhancing the competitiveness of both economies.

In turn, board member of Asharqia Chamber and head of the Communications and Technology Committee, Nasser Al-Hajri, reaffirmed the special brotherly relations with the Kingdom of Bahrain. He pointed out that Bahrain is one of Saudi Arabia's closest partners and is recognized for its advancements in technology and information exchange in the region.

Al-Hajri mentioned that many skilled Saudi professionals are working in the Bahraini technology market, reflecting the level of cooperation and integration between the two countries. He expressed hope that this visit would be fruitful and open broader horizons for collaboration, emphasizing the importance of overcoming obstacles and facilitating procedures for businesspeople and investors from both sides to strengthen the strategic partnership between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds to Launch 48 Showrooms Globally

- 27 New & 21 Revamped Showrooms to be Opened by December 2025

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Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the fifth largest jewellery retailer globally with over 400 showrooms across 13 countries, announced a landmark phase in its global growth strategy. The brand is set to launch 48 showrooms – 27 New showrooms & 21 revamped showrooms by December 2025, further reinforcing its position as one of the



most trusted and expansive jewellery retail chains in the world.

The expansion is geographically diverse, with 14 new showrooms in India, 3 showrooms in the UAE & the USA, 2 showrooms in the UK, and 1 showroom each

in Australia, KSA, Canada, and Malaysia. The brand is also set to launch its inaugural showroom in New Zealand, marking its entry into the 14th country of operation. This expansion is part of the brand's target to

drive an exponential increase in revenue to USD 8.85 Billion and to open 60 showrooms expanding its presence to 15 countries and 22 States and 3 Union Territories in India the current FY.

In addition to the new showrooms, the brand will also launch revamped showrooms across India, UAE, KSA, Oman, and Malaysia, offering customers a refreshed, luxury-driven shopping experience. The expansion aligns with the brand's long-term strategy to scale responsibly, strengthen core markets, and enter or deepen presence in high-potential regions through thoughtfully curated product lines and world-class

services.

Commenting on the expansion, Mr. M.P. Ahammed, Chairman of Malabar Group, said: “The launch of 48 showrooms is a significant milestone in our journey to become the world's no 1 jewellery retailer. But for us, growth is not just about numbers—it's about setting new benchmarks in responsible business. Each new showroom embodies our commitment to ethical sourcing, sustainability, and giving back to society. We will continue to ensure that every aspect of our business benefits not just our customers and stakeholders, but also the communities we serve. Our values of trust, transparency, and quality are at the heart of everything we do.”

Mr. Abdul Salam K.P., Vice-Chairman of Malabar Group commented: “This latest expansion phase reaffirms our position as a global jewellery powerhouse, blending scale with sustainability, and tradition with technology. Through a continuously evolving product line that reflects both global fashion trends and timeless traditions, customer-first initiatives that deliver an unmatched retail experience, and digital innovations that enhance convenience and accessibility, we have positioned Malabar Gold & Diamonds as a truly future-ready organization.”