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Bahraini Enterprises Sign 12 MoUs During Participation in LEAP 2026

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Bahraini enterprises participating in the Kingdom of Bahrain Pavilion at LEAP 2026 achieved significant outcomes that enhanced their prospects for growth and expansion across regional and international markets. Their participation resulted in the signing of 12 MoUs across several technology fields, including artificial intelligence, cloud computing, telecommunications, business solutions, and smart systems.

The participation and pavilion is supported by the Labour Fund “Tamkeen” and organized by the Bahrain Technology Companies Society (BTECH).

The Kingdom of Bahrain Pavilion at LEAP 2026, held this year under the theme “Into New Worlds,” featured 14 Bahraini enterprises specializing in various technology fields. The partici-

pation aimed to showcase their innovative technology solutions, strengthen their presence in regional and international markets, and unlock new opportunities for growth and expansion. It also provided Bahraini enterprises with access to a wider base of potential clients and projects, particularly in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and across the region, while facilitating new partnerships and attracting business and investment opportunities to the Kingdom of Bahrain, further strengthening the regional presence of Bahraini technology solutions.

Among the key MoUs signed during the event were agreements between GFP Solutions and both UData and Ideas Holding, as well as an agreement between Al-

moayyed Computers Middle East and Vivid Algorithms. ICTFlex also signed several agreements with Sahara Net, Solution Zone, TMC, Bevatal, and Ideas Holding, while UData signed agreements with Invigilo and AquaAirX.

The Kingdom of Bahrain Pavilion also witnessed the launch of several new technology products and solutions, reflecting the capabilities of Bahraini enterprises in developing innovative and competitive offerings. TechBay

announced the launch of the XIS conversational and customer service platform, which leverages artificial intelligence to manage customer inquiries, reports, and communications. VirtuThinko unveiled Kintec 8, a platform specializing in digital asset monitoring and management and enhanced cybersecurity. ICTFlex also announced the launch of iCall, an intelligent communications platform that combines cloud communication technologies with artificial intelligence to enhance the efficiency of customer service and call management.

The participation of Bahraini enterprises in LEAP 2026 comes as part of Tamkeen’s ongoing efforts to support the growth of na-

tional enterprises and strengthen their ability to expand into new markets. This is achieved by facilitating their participation in international events and platforms that provide opportunities to build strategic partnerships, attract investment and business opportunities, and showcase their products and services to investors, clients, and decision-makers in the technology sector.

Tamkeen’s support for this participation aligns with its strategic priorities for 2026, which focus on supporting initiatives with high economic impact, enhancing the competitiveness of the private sector, connecting skills with the needs of the labor market, and adopting innovative approaches to stimulate the growth and expansion of startups, contributing to the Kingdom’s sustainable economic development.



The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain Celebrates Four Prestigious Haute Grandeur Awards

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The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain is proud to announce its recognition with four prestigious accolades at the Haute Grandeur Global Hotel Awards 2026, further reinforcing the resort’s position as one of the region’s leading luxury hospitality destinations and a benchmark for excellence in Bahrain.

The resort was honored with Best Beachfront Hotel in Bahrain, Best Convention Hotel in Bahrain, and Best Destination Wedding Hotel in Bahrain, recognizing its exceptional beachfront setting, world-class event facilities and distinctive approach to creating memorable celebrations and destination weddings.

In addition, Bernard de Villèle, General Manager of The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, was named Best General Manager in Bahrain, acknowledging his outstanding leadership and contribution to the resort’s continued throughout his eight-year tenure.

Set on a private island overlooking the Arabian Gulf, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain offers an expansive destination where luxury, hospitality and authentic experiences come together. From its private beach and numerous recreational facilities to its diverse collection of 17 award winning restaurants, elegant event spaces and dedicated wedding venues, the resort con-



tinues to provide memorable experiences for leisure, business and celebration.

The recognition as Best Convention Hotel in Bahrain highlights the resort’s ability to host exceptional meetings, conferences, intimate or large-scale events, supported by versatile venues, personalized service and a dedicated events team. Its distinction as Best Destination Wedding Hotel in Bahrain further celebrates the resort as a sought-after setting for weddings, offering picturesque beachfront locations, villas, a private island or sophisticated indoor venues and bespoke experiences tailored to each cele-

bration.

The four awards also reflect the leadership of Bernard de Villèle, whose tenure at the resort has been marked by a strong commitment to service excellence, innovation, sustainability and the wellbeing of both guests and colleagues.

“We are deeply honored to receive these four Haute Grandeur Global Hotel Awards, which are a wonderful reflection of the dedication and passion of our owners, the leadership team and our Ladies and Gentlemen,” said Bernard de

Villèle, General Manager of The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain. “Being recognized for our beachfront experience, conventions facilities and destination weddings, while also receiving recognition for leadership, is particularly meaningful. These awards inspire us to continue transforming challenges into opportunities, raising the bar and creating exceptional experiences for all guests and members. My principle and vision as General Manager, is transforming challenges into opportunities while setting new benchmarks for operational excellence, sustainability, and people-first leadership.”

This is not the first time the iconic resort received an award from Haute Grandeur, in 2021 it was awarded Best Beach Hotel.

The Haute Grandeur Global Hotel Awards celebrate outstanding achievements across the international hospitality industry, recognizing hotels and hospitality professionals that demonstrate excellence, exceptional service and a commitment to delivering memorable guest experiences.

With these latest accolades, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain further strengthens its positioning as a premier luxury resort in the Kingdom and an award-winning destination for leisure, celebrations, weddings and business events.



Batelco by Beyon Partners with ila Bank to Offer Easy Pay Benefits on Devices



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Batelco by Beyon has partnered with ila Bank, Bahrain’s leading digital mobile-only bank powered by Bank ABC, to offer customers easy payment plans for device purchases. Through this partnership, all ila Bank credit cardholders can convert device purchases from Batelco of BHD300 and above into 0% interest installments for up to 24 months. The end-to-end payment process can be managed seamlessly through the ila Bank app.

This initiative offers ila Bank credit cardholders greater payment flexibility, while enabling them to enjoy the advantages of cutting-edge devices. Customers can purchase devices from Batelco shops, e-shop and mobile app. By offering interest-free installment options, both Batelco and ila Bank continue to improve affordability and enrich customers’ lifestyles, while empowering them to stay connected in an increasingly digital world.

Commenting on the partnership, Aseel Matar, Chief Consumer Officer at Batelco, said: “We are pleased to be the first telecom operator to partner with ila Bank. This collaboration reflects our commitment to delivering enhanced value

to customers through strategic partnerships. By enabling zero interest payment options, we are making devices more affordable and within reach, while offering greater convenience and flexibility across the customer journey.”

From ila Bank, Nada Tarada, Head of Business and Customer at ila Bank added: “At ila Bank, we are passionate about making banking more personal, inclusive and rewarding through continuous innovation and co-creation. Our collaboration with Batelco by Beyon is another testament to this vision, offering customers seamless access to the latest devices through an effortless, interest-free payment solution. By removing barriers and delivering greater convenience, we are empowering our customers to make smarter financial decisions while enjoying elevated lifestyle experiences. This partnership also reflects our shared commitment with Batelco to introducing practical, customer-centric solutions that simplify everyday decisions and drive greater financial inclusion across the Kingdom.”

Through this partnership, Batelco and ila Bank reinforce their commitment to customer-centric innovation and cross-sectoral collaborations that deliver enhanced value and meaningful benefits to all stakeholders.