

Al Baraka Islamic Bank launches 'RISE' Training programme in collaboration with Alia Rehabilitation Centre



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Al Baraka Islamic Bank has announced the launch of its innovative "RISE" training program, developed in partnership with Alia Rehabilitation Centre. This initiative, marking the first time both parties are collaborating in Bahrain, aims to empower individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) by offering practical training opportunities that enhance their professional and practical skills within the banking sector.

This pioneering endeavour reflects Al Baraka Islamic Bank's deep commitment to corporate social responsibility and its dedication to supporting diverse segments of society through sustainable, high-quality initiatives.



Dr. Adel Abdullah Salem, CEO of Al Baraka Islamic Bank



Mr. Abdullah Suwaileh, Head of Human Resources and Administration

In the initial phase, four trainees from Alia Rehabilitation Centre will participate in a two-month training program. The training will cover banking operations, marketing, retail quality, and administrative support, providing valuable hands-on experience equipping participants for future employment opportunities.

On this occasion, Dr. Adel Abdullah Salem, CEO of Al Baraka Islamic Bank, stated, "We

are honoured to launch this pioneering initiative, which reflects our belief that everyone in our community deserves the opportunity to demonstrate their potential and contribute to development. The RISE program opens the bank's doors to talented youth with ASD, offering them a platform to develop their professional skills. This marks the first time for both parties to collaborate in such a capacity in Bahrain, and we are confident



Dr. Shaikha Rania bint Ali bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Director of Alia Rehabilitation Centre, commented, "We are proud to partner with Al Baraka Islamic Bank in implementing the RISE program, which embodies our shared vision of building a more inclusive society where individuals with ASD can gain meaningful professional experience. This collaboration fosters integration between educational and banking institutions, ensuring a supportive training environment that contributes to the development of participants' professional skills. We are confident that our trainees will showcase their exceptional abilities, making this experience a true starting point towards their independence and self-actualization."

this experience will prove successful and serve as a model for supporting and empowering this significant group."

For his part, Mr. Abdullah Suwaileh, Head of Human Resources and Administration, added, "The RISE program aligns with our ongoing efforts to promote practical training initiatives that combine humanitarian and developmental

aspects. It has been carefully designed to provide participants with comprehensive training across various banking departments, fostering professional and practical skill development while reinforcing values of diversity and inclusion within the bank's corporate culture. This launch signifies the beginning of a never-ending collaboration between our institutions."

Kuwait Finance House Named Best Private Bank in Bahrain at PWM/The Banker's Global Private Banking Awards 2025

London

Kuwait Finance House has been recognized as the Best Private Bank in Bahrain at the prestigious Global Private Banking Awards 2025, organized by the Professional Wealth Management (PWM) magazine and The Banker.

The awards ceremony took place during an exclusive dinner held on Thursday, 6 November 2025, celebrating leading institutions that demonstrate excellence, innovation, and client-centric service in the global private banking industry.



Dr. Shadi Zahran, Group CEO of KFH-Bahrain

This esteemed recognition highlights KFH's unwavering commitment to providing comprehensive wealth management solutions, cutting-edge Islamic investment offerings, and exceptional client experiences. It further reaffirms the Bank's position as a leading institution in Bahrain's financial sector and a trusted partner for high-net-worth individuals seeking Shari'a-compliant financial expertise.

"Receiving the Best Private Bank in Bahrain award is a remarkable milestone that reflects our ongoing dedication to providing innovative, Shari'a-com-

pliant financial solutions tailored to meet the unique needs of our clients," said Dr. Shadi Zahran, Group CEO of KFH-Bahrain. "This honour is a testament to the trust our valued clients place in us, and to the hard work, integrity, and professionalism of our team. At KFH, we are committed to enriching the private banking experience through digital advancement, personalized wealth management, and sustainable growth strategies that align with our vision of shaping the future of Islamic banking in the Bahrain and beyond."

Al Marai Company invests in hiring and career development of 70 Bahrainis

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Al Marai Company has successfully hired and advanced the careers of 70 Bahraini employees through multiple programs offered by the Labour Fund "Tamkeen" including the employment and career development programs. This comes in line with the company's commitment to investing in the growth and skill enhancement of its national workforce, thereby strengthening their capabilities and supporting their career ambitions.

Tamkeen's support comes in alignment with the Labour

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Fund's 2025 strategic priorities, 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. This support also contributes to the expansion of the growing retail sector, which accounts for 4.2% of the GDP in the second quarter of this year.

BisB announced as Agent Bank for Eskin Bank's Syndication Financing Deal supporting Housing Sector



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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 its role as the agent

bank for a BD 250 million syndicated financing arrangement formalised in collaboration with Eskin Bank and a consortium of national, regional, and international banks and financial institutions. The agreement seeks to provide a range of housing

finance services to citizens in line with the government's 2023-2026 roadmap.

On the occasion, Ms. Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB, stated, "We are proud to be part of this important initiative as the agent bank

for the syndicated facility. Our involvement reinforces our commitment to empowering citizens by facilitating access to housing services that meet their needs. It also reflects our ongoing efforts to enhance the Bank's role in supporting the Kingdom's sus-

tainable development agenda, under our visionary leadership."

The BHD 250 million joint financing agreement aligns with national efforts to enrich public-private partnerships aimed at delivering quality housing to citizens. It stems from the direc-

tives of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning and Eskin Bank, and contributes to the implementation of the State Budget 2025-2026 as well as the objectives of the Government Plan (2023-2026).