

Al Salam Bank Sustains Its Growth Momentum as Net Profit Rises 24% in H1 2026

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Al Salam Bank (Bahrain Bourse trading code “SALAM”, Dubai Financial Market trading code “SALAM_BAH”) announced its highest semi-annual net profit for the six-month period ended 30 June 2026. Building on the strong momentum achieved in 2025, this record performance reflects the collective strength of the group’s banking, asset management, and takaful operations, and the continued effectiveness of a strategy built on disciplined execution and long-term value creation.

The group’s financial performance in H1 2026 benefited from proactive deployment into fixed income, prudent asset and liability management, and improved operational efficiency. Operating income rose by 10.6% to USD 329.6 million, up from USD 298.1 million in H1

2025, while net profit attributable to owners of the bank increased by 23.8% to USD 122.8 million, compared to USD 99.1 million in the corresponding period. Correspondingly, earnings per share grew by 25.0% to 3.45 US cents, from 2.76 US cents in H1 2025.

This translated into further improvement across key profitability metrics, with return on average equity (ROAE) improving to 17.5% from 16.9% and return on average assets (ROAA) reaching 1.3%, up from 1.1%, while the consolidated cost-to-income ratio decreased to 44.1% from 45.2%, reflecting the success of group-wide optimization initiatives in driving greater operational efficiency.

Balance sheet growth momentum continued as total assets increased by 6.8% to USD 22.82 billion as of 30 June 2026, up from USD 21.36 billion at year-end 2025. Financing



H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahail Al Mashani, Chairman of Al Salam Bank

assets were broadly unchanged at USD 10.79 billion, whereas the Sukuk portfolio grew by 14.1% to USD 5.85 billion, reflecting deliberate portfolio positioning and asset allocation in line with the group’s asset-liability management priorities and prevailing market conditions. Customer deposits rose by 3.2% to USD 15.00 bil-



Rafik Nayed, Group Chief Executive Officer of Al Salam Bank

lion, further strengthening the funding base and evidencing sustained client confidence. Total equity grew by 1.5% to USD 2.02 billion, and equity attributable to owners of the bank increased by 2.0% to USD 1.25 billion. With a consolidated capital adequacy ratio of 23.6% as of 30 June 2026, the group retained strong cap-

ital buffers and continued its prudent approach to capital management.

Commenting on the results, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahail Al Mashani, Chairman of Al Salam Bank, said: “Our ability to deliver consistent and growing profitability in an increasingly complex and volatile operating environment is a direct reflection of the structural resilience we have embedded into the group over the years. This resilience, underpinned by strong governance, prudent capital management, and a diversified business model, continues to differentiate us across the sector and position us well for the opportunities that lie ahead. We remain committed to our shareholders and confident in our ability to sustain this momentum through the second half of 2026 and beyond.”

Rafik Nayed, Group Chief

Executive Officer of Al Salam Bank, added: “H1 2026 marks a defining point in the group’s journey, one where the diversification of our revenue base across banking, asset management, and takaful is translating directly into more resilient and sustainable earnings despite the challenges and headwinds. As we progress through the remainder of the year, our commitment to rigorous risk oversight and efficient deployment of capital remains unwavering, as does our ambition to deepen client relationships, strengthen our diversified platform, and deliver sustainable long-term value to all our stakeholders.”

The full set of condensed consolidated interim financial information for the six-month period ended 30 June 2026, reviewed by external auditor KPMG, is available on Bahrain Bourse and Dubai Financial Market websites.

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Condensed statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2026

	30 June 2026 (Unaudited) BD	31 December 2025 (Audited) BD
ASSETS		
Property and equipment	32,410	36,628
Right-of-use asset	62,397	69,082
Investment securities:		
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI)	14,930,847	15,592,288
Financial investments at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	21,833,249	21,213,722
Insurance contract assets	1,546	8,584
Reinsurance contract assets	262,945	72,189
Prepayments and other receivables	224,866	239,214
Cash and bank balances	916,185	1,666,019
Total assets	38,264,445	38,897,726
HEAD OFFICE FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		
Head Office Funds		
Head Office account	5,569,708	6,486,936
Cumulative change in fair value of securities	(676,346)	(559,754)
Total Head Office funds	4,893,362	5,927,182
LIABILITIES		
Provision for employees' end of service indemnity	15,564	15,564
Insurance contract liabilities	32,088,925	31,385,797
Reinsurance contract liabilities	462,432	353,417
Accounts payable	709,212	975,772
Lease liability	63,813	69,364
Tax Payable	31,137	170,630
Total liabilities	33,371,083	32,970,544
Total head office funds and liabilities	38,264,445	38,897,726

Condensed statement of profit or loss
For the six month period ended 30 June 2026

	2026 (Unaudited) BD	2025 (Unaudited) BD
Insurance revenue	4,388,577	4,365,543
Insurance service expenses	(3,787,440)	(3,424,610)
Insurance service result before reinsurance contracts held	601,137	940,933
Net income/ (expense) from reinsurance contracts held	143,089	(199,995)
Insurance service result	744,226	740,938
Interest income from financial investments at FVTOCI	275,580	317,369
Realised and unrealised gain on financial investments at FVTPL	1,223,527	1,370,007
Other investment income - net	5,959	13,819
Net investment income	1,505,066	1,701,195
Finance expenses from insurance contracts issued	(1,345,583)	(1,609,758)
Finance income from reinsurance contracts held	25,612	16,881
Net insurance finance expenses	(1,319,971)	(1,592,877)
Net insurance and investment result	929,321	849,256
Other income	55,720	59,381
Other operating expenses	(500,390)	(462,160)
Profit before taxation	484,651	446,477
Taxation expense	(72,698)	(66,972)
Profit for the period	411,953	379,505
Condensed statement of comprehensive income (unaudited)		
For the six month period ended 30 June 2026		
	2026	2025
Profit for the period	411,953	379,505
Other comprehensive (loss)/ income:		
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>		
Net changes in the fair value of financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI)	(116,592)	425,796
Total other comprehensive (loss)/ income for the period	(116,592)	425,796
Total comprehensive income for the period	295,361	805,301

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New Drive to Support Entrepreneurs

Ministry explores joint initiatives to support entrepreneurs and agricultural businesses



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Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak met with MP Ahmed Sabah Al Salloom, Chairman of the Bahrain Association for the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises, to discuss ways to strengthen cooperation in supporting SMEs and entrepreneurs.

The meeting reviewed areas of mutual interest and opportunities to develop joint initiatives and programmes, particularly in the municipal and agricultural sectors.

Al Mubarak stressed the ministry’s commitment to supporting agricultural en-

trepreneurship through programmes that develop the skills of farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs and create opportunities for them to benefit from various projects and initiatives.

He said stronger cooperation with the private sector and civil society organisations would help support innovation, create opportunities for young people and entrepreneurs, and increase the contribution of SMEs to a more diversified and sustainable economy.

Al Salloom welcomed the ministry’s efforts to strengthen cooperation with the agricultural sectors. Al Mubarak stressed the ministry’s commitment to supporting agricultural en-