

Tamer Farouk appointed general manager at Hilton Bahrain

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Tamer Farouk has been appointed as the General Manager of Hilton Bahrain, an upscale new hotel and residences expected to open in the first quarter of 2022.

This property is owned by Salim Ahmed Mannai, Chairman of Mannai Holdings and managed by Hilton.

Farouk will lead the team in all aspects of hotel operations, from marketing and hotel administration to guest services and satisfaction.

"We are pleased to have someone of Tamer's calibre and industry experience leading the team," said Anil Nair, Group CEO of Mannai Holdings.

"I look forward to this new opportunity and I am proud to be able to lead the phenomenal team at Hilton Bahrain," said Farouk. "My ultimate goal is to ensure that this hotel becomes a top choice for both leisure and business travellers visiting the area by delivering outstanding customer service and amenities."

Farouk is bringing more than 25 years of Hilton experience across Egypt and different GCC countries to this upcoming Hilton hotel. Farouk is also an active part of the community



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and volunteers for local organization and charities, keeping in line with Hilton's overall service culture and giving back philosophy.

Bahrain Chamber names winners of "Bahrain Food Excellence Award"



Sameer Nass and Khalid Al Amin during the event

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Under the patronage of Chairman Sameer Nass, the Bahrain Chamber held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 an awarding ceremony for the winners of the third edition of "Bahrain Food Excellence Award 2021".

Speaking at the event, Nass voiced pride in the participants of the award, and expressed confidence in the quality of local produces and their potential to compete in international markets. He underlined the importance of seeking new business avenues and consolidating efforts to achieve food security.

Head of the Food Wealth Committee, founder of the award Khalid Al Amin, reiterated pride in local produces and all participants in the award. He pointed out that the award aims at promoting local products and upgrading their quality, enhancing the competitiveness of local food enterprises, and fostering investments in this important sector.

Al Amin revealed that 49

local enterprises participated in this edition of the award, and 3 winners were selected after thorough evaluation and assessment from a panel of judges, and an evaluation committee that made field trips to the manufacturing facilities of the participating enterprises.

For the established companies' category (over 3 years), "Amalfi" was named the winner, and received a BD 5,000 prize. For the startup category (1-3 years), "Vedge Café" was named a winner, and received a BD 2,500 prize. For the productive families' category, "E momken" was named the winner, and received a BD 2,500 prize. All winners of the award will also be allowed to use the "Food Excellence" logo on their winning products for a period of two years.

The event was held in the presence of board members, Acting Chief Executive Dr. Abdulla Al Sada, head and members of the Food Wealth Committee, the panel of judges and evaluation committee of award, the participants, and media personnel.

Harbour Heights receives best residential high-rise award

GFH Properties' prime real estate asset named Bahrain's Best Residential High-Rise Development at the Africa & Arabia Property Awards 2021-2022

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GFH Properties' prime real estate asset Harbour Heights was yesterday named Bahrain's best residential high-rise development at the Africa and Arabia Property Awards 2021-2022.

Spread over 35,900 sqm, the three towers that make up Harbour Heights are positioned at the heart of Bahrain Financial Harbour, featuring a built-up area of more than 250,000 sqm.

GFH Properties' trio of towers is part of its ongoing strategy to build a diverse portfolio of international, high-quality real estate assets, including new acquisitions of prime properties in strategic geographies.

"Harbour Heights is the jewel of our property portfolio, and we are very proud that it has been recognised by one of the region's most prestigious and well-established property award programmes. Our flagship residential destination has huge potential and reflects GFH Properties' strategy in the real estate sector. As a group, we favour resilient investments in assets that are positioned for significant growth," said Ahmed Khalfan, Head of Marketing of GFH Properties.

"With some of the tallest towers in the country, Harbour Heights provides a world-class destination for people with the



A general view of Harbour Heights

desire to live a luxurious urban lifestyle. Despite the pandemic, the prime residential spot is demonstrating continued significant demand with a significant portion of units occupied. A true architectural icon, Harbour Heights will not only continue to be a property benchmark for the Arab region, but a long-term home for hundreds of nationals and expats."

Judged by an independent panel of over 80 industry experts focusing on design, quality, service, innovation, originality, and commitment to sustainability, the Africa & Arabia Property Awards recognise the best properties in the region across 45 categories.

The judging panel is chaired by Lord Caithness, Lord Best, and Lord Waverley, members



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of the House of Lords in the UK Parliament. The top winners in each region will automatically be entered into the overall international awards, culminating in an awards ceremony at the end of the year. The award programme is now in its 28th year.

Major stock markets track oil prices higher



A general view shows the Dubai Financial Market

Reuters | Dubai

Major stock markets in the Gulf rose on Tuesday with higher oil prices, with the Abu Dhabi index extending gains for a third consecutive session.

Oil headed towards \$84 a barrel and was within sight of a three-year high as a rebound in global demand contributes to energy shortages in big economies such as China.

Saudi Arabia's benchmark index finished 0.3% higher, led by a 0.8% gain in Al Rajhi Bank and a 2.1% rise in Saudi Arabian Mining Company.

Among other gainers, oil giant Saudi Aramco added 0.5%. Aramco has asked banks to arrange a loan expected to be in the \$12-14 billion range that it plans to offer to buyers of its gas pipeline network, Reuters reported citing sources, as the oil giant advances plans to raise funds from asset sales.

Thales bags new maintenance contract for Dubai Metro

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Thales has been appointed by Keolis-MHI, the French Japanese consortium, to maintain some signalling and communications equipment of Dubai Metro, the world's longest automated metro line.

Thales will provide corrective and predictive maintenance, on-demand system enhancements, repairs and spares for the red and green metro lines and the Route 2020 extension.

In March 2021, Dubai Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) selected Keolis-MHI to operate the metro and tram networks for next 15 years. As a leader in automated trains, communication and ticketing systems, Thales has been selected by the consortium to optimize the maintenance and performance of the signalling and communication systems of the Dubai Metro.

Thales has a longstanding relationship with the RTA, working with the authority on the Dubai Metro to improve urban mobility and provide the latest enhancements to solutions that are already in service. Thales has equipped the driverless trains on the red line, green line and Route 2020 extension with a range of solutions, including signalling technology,



Officials of Thales and Keolis-MHI after signing the agreement

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BERNARD ROUX, CEO THALES IN UAE

integrated supervision, telecommunications, passenger services, security and automated fare collection systems powered by Thales's Transcity Up solution and PG600 gates.

Thibaut Paillat, Mobilization

and Transformation Director of Keolis-MHI said, "We are committed to enhancing the passenger experience and delivering on RTA's vision of world-class, smart and sustainable mobility for the people of Dubai. We are pleased to partner with Thales, whose proven experience and expertise in working with RTA on the Dubai metro network makes them the right trusted partner."

Bernard Roux, CEO Thales in UAE said, "Thales has been a long-standing partner in UAE's mission for urban mobility, supporting this vision through industry, innovation and education. We are committed to building a future that we can all trust, and we are working closely with Keolis-MHI and the RTA to ensure the highest standards of operations and maintenance on the Dubai Metro."