

Hala Bahrain announces new services for private jet passengers



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Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), announced that the newly-registered Hala Bahrain will be including CIP (Commercially Important Person) handling services among its range of offerings.

Aimed at further improving the passenger experience at BIA, Hala Bahrain also signed an agreement for the provision of these services with its first client, MENA Aerospace, a wholly Bahrain-owned provider of comprehensive aviation and aerospace services.

Passengers travelling to

and from the airport via private jets on government, private, business, corporate, or chartered flights will be eligible to sign up for CIP handling services. They will arrive and depart through a special dedicated facility to ensure the maximum in privacy and luxury. The services will include meet and greet facilities; assistance through airport security, passport control, and customs; transportation to and from aircraft, and to and from the terminal; and luggage handling by dedicated porters.

Hala Bahrain will be the provider of lounge services for passengers and airlines,

concierge services, and a number of other airside and landside transportation solutions.

Commenting on the move, BAC Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalalah, said: "The aim is to ensure a seamless service for our CIP customers, an important part of our growth strategy going forward. Incorporating Hala Bahrain as our designated lounge service provider was one of the first steps we have taken to accommodate the expected surge in passenger numbers once the new terminal is ready."

MENA Aerospace CEO Omar Matar commented:

"This agreement marks the realisation of a long-held vision for MENA Aerospace; to deliver convenient individual and packaged handling services directly to our clients, offering exclusive services with luxury facilities, at competitive rates."

The \$1.1 billion Airport Modernisation Programme aims to elevate all aspects of the airport experience, building its capacities significantly. Once completed, the main passenger terminal building will have an area of 210,000 sqm, and the airport overall will be able to accommodate an annual volume of 14 million passengers.

BisB appoints AlQais as GM for Retail Banking

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) has announced the appointment of Dalal AlQais as the new General Manager of Retail Banking, effective October 3, 2017.

Dalal has over 15 years of experience in retail banking and held several key positions at Standard Chartered Bank.

Dalal holds a Master's degree in Finance and a Bachelor's degree in Management and Marketing.

Hassan Jarrar, BisB CEO stated, "Dalal is the first Bahraini woman to hold this position and will be a



great support to the Bank's management team and will enhance and develop the Bank's Retail Banking growth plans, especially in the field of digital banking."

Ellis named as biz director, FP7/BAH

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FP7 yesterday announced naming Paul Ellis as Business Director of their Bahrain office.

Paul is a well versed and all round digital marketer and analyst with strong commercial acumen, negotiation skills and attention to detail. He's had both agency-side experience in the UK as well as client side experience in Dubai with Majid Al Futtaim, building the digital practice on their behalf

Spending four years across Dubai and Bahrain has enabled him to directly manage digital marketers and manage digital projects with colleagues from countries all over the world.

Paul will report to Ehab Lori, FP7/BAH Managing Director.

Ehab Lori, MD, FP7/BAH, said, "Having a pure digital



talent on board to lead our business unit will allow us to expand our offering whilst injecting a new way of thinking throughout the organization."

"The Bahrain office of FP7 has some of the region's most outstanding talent and an enviable client base," said Paul Ellis.

The Middle East's Premier Jewellery & Watch Show Returns

The Middle East's premier jewellery and watch exhibition, Jewellery Arabia, is set to return to the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre from 21 - 25 November 2017.

600 exhibitors

The show brings together over 600 exhibitors from 30 countries for a dazzling 5-day gala of glitz and glamour on a 21,000 square metres of exhibition space.

What to expect?

Huge range of finished jewellery

Luxury timepieces

Precious stones

Objets d'art

Clocks

Designers and manufacturers from Hong Kong, India, Singapore and Thailand

Fine writing instruments and more



For informed buying

To assist visitors in making informed buying choices, the world's foremost authority on gemology the GIA (Gemological Institute of America) will be offering visitors complimentary seminars on gems and jewellery.

"Last year, we welcomed over 49,000 visitors from 43 countries. In 2017 visitors can look forward to the latest collections, creations and innovations at this trendsetting exhibition and the unique opportunity to purchase from the widest selection of jewellery and watches in the region,"

- Fawzi Al Shehabi,

UBM AEM's Director of Sales and Marketing

BAHRAIN SHINES

Bahrain will showcase its high standards in jewellery manufacture and design in a national pavilion at Jewellery Arabia 2017 from 21 - 25 November. The pavilion will showcase locally produced gold and pearl jewellery from 5 of Bahrain's top jewellers using both traditional and modern concepts.

Free entry

Jewellery Arabia 2017 is open free of charge to the public. The exhibition will open from 4 pm to 10 pm on 21 to 24 November, and from 12 pm to 10 pm on 25 November. For more information, visit www.jewelleryarabia.com.

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