

# Batelco by Beyon and Qareeb Data Centers announce strategic partnership

To Launch Bahrain’s First Edge Data Center



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Batelco by Beyon has signed a strategic partnership agreement with

Qareeb Data Centers, the Middle East’s first edge data center provider, during a meeting held at Beyon’s headquarters in Bahrain. The agreement was signed by Batelco Chief Global Business Officer Hani Askar and Qareeb Data Centers Chief Revenue Officer Annemarie Van Zadelhoff in the presence of Batelco CEO Maitham Abdulla, Qareeb Chairman Bruce Jennings, and senior officials from both companies.

Under the strategic partnership agreement, Qareeb will manage and operate its first edge data center through a long-term lease of Batelco’s recently announced new facility. This enables Qareeb to deliver sovereign, low-latency and AI-ready co-location services for enterprises, cloud providers and digital platforms across the GCC. The partnership reflects Batelco’s commitment to further extending its high performing data infrastructure through collaboration with leading industry players enabling delivery of scalable, energy-efficient data infrastructure that meets the region’s evolving digital needs. The agreement marks the transition of the project from completion to operational readiness.

Located within Beyon’s Data Oasis in Southern Bahrain, the data center is a first of its kind in the Kingdom of Bahrain and serves as a cornerstone in Batelco’s ongoing investment in next-generation digital infrastructure. The data center offers 6000 sqm of scalable space for enterprises and hyperscalers seeking advanced hosting and connectivity solutions.

Commenting on the partnership, Hani Askar, Chief Global Business Officer of Batelco, said: “This agreement represents an important step forward in translating our data center strategy into operational excellence, enabling us to extend our reach across key market segments. We are pleased to welcome Qareeb Data Centers as a trusted partner in the new facility, which stands as a symbol of Bahrain’s progress in digital transformation. Together, we aim to provide secure, reliable, and future-ready data infrastructure that supports enterprise and government customers alike.”

Annemarie Van Zadelhoff, Qareeb Data Centers Chief Revenue Officer, commented: “We are proud to partner with Batelco by Beyon on this strategic initiative. This facility represents Qareeb Data Centers’ first operational data center and a significant milestone in delivering high-performance, scalable and sovereign edge colocation for cloud providers, AI innovators and enterprise organisations across the Middle East. Together, we are strengthening Bahrain’s digital infrastructure while enabling customers to scale next-generation cloud and artificial intelligence workloads with confidence.”

## Regional hub

The partnership between Batelco by Beyon and Qareeb Data Centers strengthens Bahrain’s position as a regional hub for digital infrastructure and reflects the Kingdom’s vision of becoming a centre for innovation, connectivity, and sustainable growth with the new data center providing in-demand services to major customers across the Kingdom, the Middle East and beyond.

# Bahrain Chamber Secures ISO 27001 Certification

● **Certification for Information Security Management Systems**

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The Bahrain Chamber has obtained the international ISO 27001 certification for Information Security Management Systems, marking a new institutional milestone that adds to its record of continuous achievements across various fields. This accomplishment reflects the Chamber’s strong commitment to adopting global best practices in digital governance, data protection, and cybersecurity, in line with the Kingdom of Bahrain’s vision for secure and sustainable digital transformation.

## Digital governance

This achievement is the result of integrated and dedicated efforts by the Chamber’s executive team, which successfully fulfilled all requirements of this internationally recognized standard through the implementation of a comprehensive Information Security Management System (ISMS).

In this regard, Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Sameer



Nass, stated that obtaining ISO 27001 represents a significant institutional achievement that underscores the Chamber’s commitment to strengthening digital governance and cybersecurity frameworks. He noted that the certification constitutes a key step in the Chamber’s secure digital transformation journey, contributing to enhanced transparency, improved service efficiency, and increased institutional reliability.

Nass explained that the Chamber adopts an integrated institutional approach that aligns organizational, operational, and digital dimensions under a unified strategic vision that places customers at the center

of service delivery.

He further highlighted that compliance with ISO 27001 requirements reinforces stakeholder confidence, strengthens cybersecurity culture across all departments, reduces operational and information security risks, and enhances Bahrain’s competitiveness at both regional and international levels.

Nass noted that this certification builds on the Chamber’s record of internationally recognized standards, including ISO 9001 (2015) for quality management, ISO 22301 (2019) for business continuity, and ISO/IEC 27001 (2022), reflecting its sustained commitment to quality, resilience, and information



The system ensures the protection of data, information, and technical systems, enhances the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information, and supports the effective management of information security risks associated with information technology systems. It also governs the Chamber’s IT operations in accordance with the Statement of Applicability (SoA), ensuring structured compliance with international standards.

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For his part, Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Chamber, Atef Al Khaja, stated that obtaining ISO 27001 represents an important step in strengthening the Chamber’s institutional framework for information protection. He emphasized that the certification ensures the secure handling of data exchanged with

local and international partners in accordance with internationally recognized standards, while reinforcing the Chamber’s commitment to protecting members’ data and embedding a culture of institutional excellence.

Al Khaja clarified that the certification is not an end, but rather part of a broader strategic vision aimed at continuously

developing the Chamber’s services and accelerating digital transformation through a secure, resilient, and future-ready technological infrastructure.

He noted that ISO 27001 enhances organizational readiness, supports innovation, and contributes to improving member experience and overall institutional performance.