

Bahrain's Pavilion kicks-off at GITEX Global 2025

Organized by the Labour Fund "Tamkeen" and showcasing 14 Bahraini tech companies



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14 Bahraini startups SMEs

The Bahrain Pavilion at GITEX Global 2025, currently being held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from October 13 to 17 2025, has officially launched.

The opening day witnessed a strong turnout of visitors, including global decision-makers, industry experts and technology enthusiasts.

The Bahrain Pavilion, organized by the Labour Fund "Tamkeen", features 14 Bahraini startups and small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) operating across various ICT sectors. These include Procural, Oreem, Invo POS, Palm Stays Real Estate Rental Platform, MenaMoney Technology, VirtuThinko W.L.L, RemoteApps,

AMAN Compliance Solutions, ATME, Lumofy, Al Amthal Group, General Assembly, Mazad, and Arab Financial Services in addition to the Bahrain Economic Development Board, the Information and eGovernment Authority, and ARRAY Innovation. GITEX Global 2025 serves as a key hub for tech companies, industry experts, and enthusiasts in fields such as Artificial Intelligence, software

and emerging technologies. The event includes panel discussions, presentations, competitions and live demonstrations of cutting-edge innovations.

This year's edition brings together more than 6,500 organizations from 180 countries.

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Tamkeen's support for Bahraini companies taking part in GITEX Global 2025 aligns with

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its 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, digitalization and sustainability, and supporting the development of the ecosystem surrounding the labor market and private sector.

Takaful International Co. appoints Mr. Rayan Al Mahmood as Business Development Director

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Takaful International Company has announced the appointment of Mr. Rayan Al Mahmood as Chief Business Development Officer. Mr. Al Mahmood brings over 22 years of experience in the insurance sector. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated exceptional ability in leading teams, driving business development, and forging strategic partnerships aligned with market and client expectations. Prior to joining the company, he served as Deputy Chief Executive Officer at Bahrain National Insurance Company.

Before that, Mr. Rayan

Mr. Essam Al Ansari, Chief Executive Officer of Takaful International

spent several years working with leading insurance brokerage firms, where he held the position of Client Manager.

Mr. Rayan Al Mahmood holds a Bachelors degree in Business Administration, in addition to a Diploma in Insurance from the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance. He has participated in numerous conferences and specialized seminars focused on the development of insurance company operations and has played a prominent role in enhancing insurance portfolios, particularly those related to financial institutions' risk notifications.

"This strategic appointment reflects the company's continued commitment to building a strong leadership team and moving forward with its strategic plans," said Mr. Essam Al Ansari, Chief Executive Officer of Takaful International. "We are confident that Mr. Al

Mahmood's leadership will support our efforts to strengthen our offerings and expand our reach in the market."

In his new role, Mr. Al Mahmood will lead the company's business development strategy, oversee key partnerships, and support product innovation — further reinforcing Takaful International's position as a leading provider of Sharia-compliant insurance solutions in Bahrain.

The company extends its congratulations to Mr. Rayan Al Mahmood on his new role and looks forward to the valuable contributions he will bring to Takaful International.

Mr. Rayan Al Mahmood

OpenAI announces Broadcom partnership to build AI chips

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OpenAI, the company behind ChatGPT, announced yesterday it is teaming up with chip giant Broadcom to design and build its own specialized computer processors for artificial intelligence.

The partnership was the latest in a series of recent announcements by OpenAI as it seeks to strengthen its position as the preeminent company of

the generative AI revolution that began with the release of ChatGPT in November 2022.

In the past few weeks, under the leadership of CEO Sam Altman, OpenAI has signed huge investments in data centers and AI chips with US companies Nvidia and AMD, as well as with South Korea's Samsung and SK Hynix.

The partnerships come even as there are no real signs that the AI business is close to breaking even, despite its strong growth.

The deals to build out AI's immense infrastructure needs also threaten further stress on electricity providers, with AI data centers demanding significant power and resources to deliver the computing necessary for the expected usage of the technology.

The financial terms of the deal were not part of the announcements and remain unclear for many of the recent deals, drawing some skepticism from

observers who worry the AI frenzy may have created a financial bubble, posing a risk to investors.

By designing its own chips rather than relying solely on off-the-shelf processors, OpenAI says it can build hardware specifically tailored to how its AI models work, potentially making them faster and more powerful.

"Partnering with Broadcom is a critical step in building the infrastructure needed to unlock AI's potential and deliver real benefits for people and businesses," said Altman, OpenAI's co-founder and chief executive.

The custom processors will be installed in data centers operated by OpenAI and its partners to keep up with soaring worldwide demand for AI services.

OpenAI has grown rapidly to more than 800 million people using its services weekly since its 2022 launch.

Broadcom, which will manufacture and help develop the chips, called the collaboration "a pivotal moment" in AI development.

