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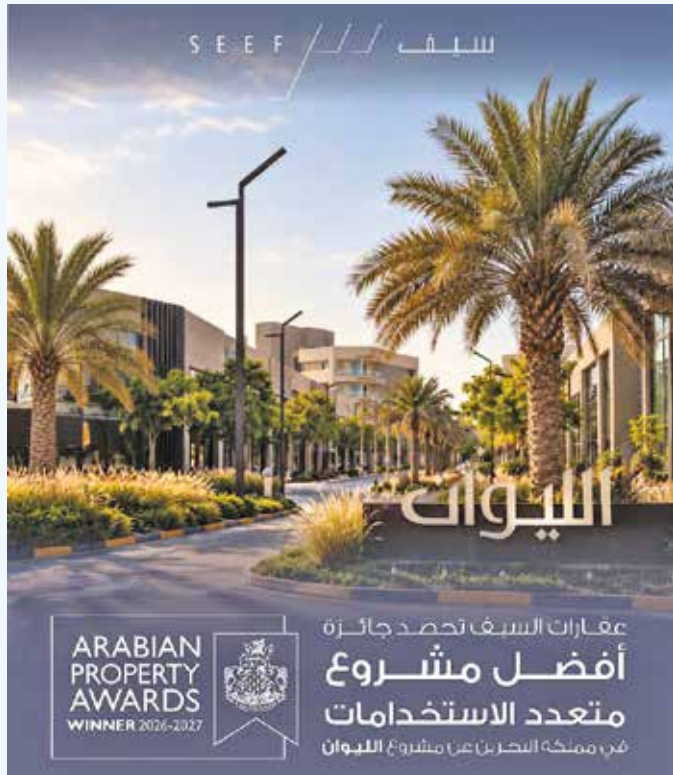
# Seef Properties Wins “Best Mixed-Use Development” in Bahrain for “Al Liwan”

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Seef Properties has been awarded “Best Mixed-Use Development” in the Kingdom of Bahrain for its “Al Liwan” project at the Arabia Property Awards 2026-2027, held in collaboration with CNBC Arabia. This achievement reflects the project’s outstanding quality and distinction.

Winning this prestigious award affirms Seef Properties’ specialised expertise in developing and managing mixed-use destinations that integrate retail, entertainment, and lifestyle components. These developments offer diverse experiences for visitors while enhancing the value of the projects and destinations managed by the company.

Furthermore, the award embodies Seef Properties’ commitment to developing high-quality projects grounded in excellence, innovation,



and sustainability, while keeping pace with the rapid evolution



Mr. Ahmed Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer of Seef Properties

of the real estate sector. It also highlights the company’s dedication to enhancing the appeal of its destinations and solidifying its position as a leader in the development and management of real estate and entertainment assets in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Ahmed Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer of Seef Properties, said: “We are proud to receive this prestigious accolade at the

Arabia Property Awards, which recognises the dedication and hard work of the Seef Properties team in developing Al Liwan. This achievement also reflects the success of our vision to deliver distinctive projects that combine quality design with a diverse mix of offerings to meet the aspirations of our customers and visitors.”

He added: “This recognition motivates us to continue developing projects that deliver lasting value, drawing on our expertise and operational capabilities to create increasingly innovative and vibrant destinations. We remain committed to supporting the growth of Bahrain’s real estate sector and strengthening the Kingdom’s appeal as a destination for investment, business, leisure and lifestyle.”

The Arabia Property Awards (2026-2027) are among the most prestigious accolades honouring excellence across the real estate sector. They spotlight projects

and companies that achieve outstanding standards of quality, design, development, and service within the region.

Al Liwan is one of Seef Properties’ flagship commercial centres, situated in the heart of Hamala. It spans a vast area featuring a diverse mix of global and regional retail outlets, alongside restaurants, cafés, and family entertainment facilities. The complex is distinguished by its open architectural design which draws inspiration from Bahraini heritage through a modern lens and seamlessly blends shopping, leisure, and vibrant outdoor spaces, creating a comprehensive destination that caters to visitors of all ages and aligns with the Kingdom’s modern lifestyle. Al Liwan has recently welcomed a number of leading brands, reflecting growing confidence in its status as a premier tourism and shopping destination in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

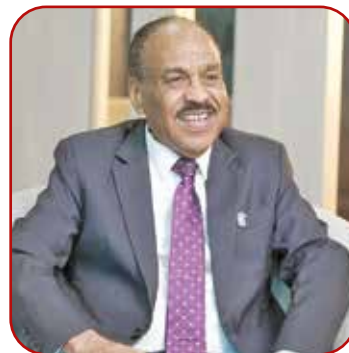
## Ebdaa Named Best Microfinance Company in Bahrain for 2026

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Ebdaa Microfinance Company has been named “Best Microfinance Company in Bahrain 2026” at the Global Banking & Finance Review Awards.

The award recognises the company’s track record in providing financing tailored to entrepreneurs’ needs, helping them develop their businesses and build a sound foundation for sustainable growth. It also acknowledges Ebdaa’s contribution to financial inclusion and economic and social development in the Kingdom of Bahrain, said: “We are proud to receive this international recognition, which reflects Ebdaa’s standing in the microfinance sector and the strength of our business model. Our focus has always been on supporting entrepreneurs with productive businesses and providing responsible financing that helps their enterprises grow and remain viable over the long term.”

“This recognition reinforces our commitment to advancing financial inclusion in Bahrain,



Professor Badr El Din Ibrahim, Acting Chief Executive Officer of Ebdaa Microfinance Company

while reminding us that considerable work remains to fulfil our ambitions. We will continue to develop our financial and non-financial services, improve access for the communities we serve, and pursue innovation and partnerships that address their evolving needs.”

Professor Badr El Din Ibrahim added that the award reflected international confidence in the company’s business model and provided further motivation to develop its services and strengthen its support for entrepreneurship, creating more op-

portunities for business owners and helping their ventures grow across Bahrain.

Established in 2011, the UK-based Global Banking & Finance Review Awards recognise achievement across the financial sector. Winners are selected through an independent assessment against criteria including institutional performance, innovation, strategic impact and the quality of financial solutions. The awards attract participation from financial institutions in more than 150 countries worldwide.



## Data and AI Cooperation Gets Boost

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The Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA) and the Saudi Data and AI Authority (SDAIA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation and exchange expertise in data and artificial intelligence.

The MoU was signed by IGA Chief Executive Mohammed Ali Al Qaed and SDAIA President Dr Abdullah bin Sharaf Alghamdi.

The agreement covers cooperation in advanced technologies, data governance, AI infrastructure and Large Language Models (LLMs), as well as joint research projects and the development and testing of innovative



technology prototypes.

It also includes specialised training programmes and the exchange of best practices in national data governance, aiming to develop specialised skills and support a sustainable data and

AI ecosystem.

Both sides said the agreement reflects the strong relations between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia and will support research, innovation, responsible AI adoption and development.

## Shura puts 24 years of laws in one system

Platform opens lawmaking records to public scrutiny

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Mohammed Darwish

Two years of work by a Bahraini team have put 24 years of Shura Council lawmaking into one searchable system, built without hiring an outside company.

The system holds records of laws and decrees discussed and passed across all six legislative terms since 2002. Users can trace a measure from its first stage and debate through to approval and enactment.

“The legislative system was designed and built by members of the General Secretariat, all Bahraini staff, without the use of outside companies,” secretary-general Karima Al Abbasi told The Daily Tribune.

The service, available through its upgraded website, is the first smart system in the Arab world to automate legislative work.

Ms Al Abbasi said the task took about two years as staff drew records and data from separate systems into one place.

“It took us about two years, during which we worked to bring all the other systems and data into one system that is easy for other bodies to use,” she said.

“The legislative system contains data on all legislation discussed and passed during the six legislative terms, from 2002 until today.”

For the public, the system can



Karima Al Abbasi, Secretary-General of the Shura Council



Dr Wafaa Janahi, director of the Quality and Academic Accreditation Office at the University of Bahrain’s College of Law



Faisal Al Shaikh, strategic communications adviser at the Institute of Public Administration

also show what happened to a proposed law along the way.

Faisal Al Shaikh, strategic communications adviser at the Institute of Public Administration, said that could help people understand why some proposals do not become law in the way they had expected.

“I see this as a very important step for citizens, so they can have a better understanding of legislative work in Bahrain, how laws are introduced, how they move forward and why some do not proceed in the way people might expect,” he told The Daily Tribune.

Law students will be able to dig further into the history behind each law.

Dr Wafaa Janahi, director of the Quality and Academic Accreditation Office at the University of Bahrain’s College of Law, said students could read session records and meeting minutes from debates held before a law was enacted.

That gives them a way to see how a draft changed as it passed through the legislative process,

rather than reading only the final law.

“It will make legal research easier for them, and students will be able to follow the legislative development of laws through the platform,” she told TDT.

Ms Al Abbasi said the system was built for council members and staff as well as universities, researchers, legal bodies, government agencies and the public.

“Users will find all the data and information they need, from legal instruments and legislation to decrees and laws, at the click of a button,” she said.

The work does not stop there. The next stage will make greater use of Senad, the Shura Council’s official AI-powered virtual assistant.

“This is the first step. The next step will see greater use of Senad, the Shura Council’s official virtual assistant, to serve bodies and citizens on a wider scale,” Ms Al Abbasi said.

It was shown yesterday, International Day of Democracy, to representatives of 20 legal, judicial, academic and training bodies.

## Sikh Community Center Gurdwara Salmabad to Host Sri Akhand Paath Sahib Ji

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The Gurdwara Sahib cordially invites devotees to attend Sri Akhand Paath Sahib Ji in celebration of the auspicious occasion of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji’s First Parkash Purab.

The three-day Sri Akhand Paath Sahib Ji will commence on Wednesday evening, 16

September 2026, and conclude on Friday evening, 18 September 2026.

The conclusion of the Akhand Paath Sahib Ji will be followed by a Kirtan Darbar and Guru Ka Langar.

All devotees are warmly invited to join us in prayer and worship, and to seek the divine blessings of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji.

