



Zain Bahrain celebrates National Day



Zain Bahrain celebrated Bahrain National Day with an engaging staff event that reflected the company’s strong culture and commitment to its people. The celebration captured the spirit of unity and national pride through an exciting “Seen Jeem” tournament, where Zain employees came together to compete in a friendly question-and-answer challenge. The event also featured themed activities, entertainment, and interactive moments, reinforcing Zain Bahrain’s values of teamwork, inclusivity, and community, while honoring the Kingdom’s heritage and shared sense of national pride.

The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain’s Bernard de Villèle honoured as winner on Middle East GM Power list 2025

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Bernard de Villèle, General Manager of The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, has been named as one of the winners of the “Best 30 General Managers in Middle East Power List” presented by Hozpitality Group. The prestigious recognition was unveiled during the 11th Middle East Hospitality Excellence Awards, held on December 11 at the Arabian Ranches Golf Club in Dubai, UAE.

The GM Power List celebrates the region’s most influential hospitality leaders whose vision, leadership, and impact continue to shape the hospitality industry across the Middle East. Bernard de Villèle’s inclusion reflects a career defined by elegance, innovation, and consistency.

With more than 45 years of



global hospitality experience across five continents, Bernard has guided The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain through a period of thoughtful evolution and sus-

tained growth. Under his leadership, the resort underwent significant enhancements, elevating the guest experience and solidifying its position as one of the most sought-after luxury destinations in the region.

Looking back at 2025, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain celebrated a landmark year of achievements across dining, wellness, luxury, and innovation. The resort was recently named World’s Leading Wedding Hotel at the World Travel Awards 2025, while its culinary excellence was recognized through multiple honors from numerous Dining Awards and TripAdvisor Traveler’s Choice. Leadership excellence was further highlighted with The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Bahrain earning top honors at the Spa & Wellness Awards.

The year also marked the launch of defining experiences

and events such as the hotels newest dining venue, La Terrace and the Luxury Boat Culture, the successful hosting of IISS Manama Dialogue and Justice Bay Summit, alongside meaningful wellness and sustainability initiatives, from collaborations with Bastien Gonzalez and Bentley, to the installation of numerous EV charging stations. These achievements would not be possible without the leadership philosophy of Bernard; a tenure rooted in forward thinking, inspired teams, and a deep dedication to enhancing the guest experience.

Bernard de Villèle’s recognition on the Middle East GM Power List 2025 stands as a testament to leadership guided by heart, humility, vision, and the enduring spirit of “Ladies and Gentlemen serving Ladies and Gentlemen.”

Mark Thomas, Group CEO of Bapco Energies hails the visionary leadership advancing Bahrain’s energy sector



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Mr. Mark Thomas, Group Chief Executive Officer of Bapco Energies, extended his warmest congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and to the people of Bahrain on the occasion of the Kingdom’s 54th National Day and the 26th anniversary of His Majesty’s accession to the throne.

Mr. Thomas affirmed that the occasion of National Day embodies the Kingdom’s remarkable journey of development, guided by the wise leadership of His Majesty the King. He noted that the Kingdom of Bahrain has witnessed a wide-ranging transformation anchored in institutional progress and innovation across multiple sectors. These advancements are enabled by the Kingdom’s reform agenda, national values of justice and equality, and a long-term commitment to sustainable development that has positioned Bahrain among the world’s respected and competitive economies.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Thomas said: “Under the visionary leadership of His Majesty the King, the Kingdom of Bahrain has undergone structural progress in its national economy, strengthened its infrastructure, and consolidated its presence regionally and internationally. His Majesty’s vision has firmly placed the citizen at the heart of national development, supported by the ambitious initiatives of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, whose role in advancing economic programs and national transformation has contributed to the Kingdom’s competitiveness and its ability to balance economic growth with financial sustainability.”

He highlighted that Bapco Energies is proud to be part of this national journey, delivering impactful projects across the energy value chain, from renewable energy initiatives to expanding natural gas capabilities to meet domestic and regional demand. The Group is also accelerating its digital transformation strategy, harnessing modern technology to strengthen operational performance, innovation, and competitiveness across the energy sector.



USA - AUSTIN, TEXAS

The 7th showroom of Malabar Gold & Diamonds in the USA and the 417th global showroom of the brand was officially inaugurated at Austin, Texas on 7th December by Ms. Na’Cole Thompson, Mayor for the City of Leander, in the presence of Mr. Shamlal Ahamed, MD-International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Mr. Faisal AK, Head of Manufacturing, Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Mr. Ameer CMC, Director of Finance & Admin at Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Mr. Shaji K, Chief Digital Officer at Malabar Group; Mr. Joseph Eapen, Regional Head of North America operations at Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Mr. Jasar R, Branch Head of Malabar Gold & Diamonds in the USA; Mr. Sharfas N.K, Head of Operations-Canada at Malabar Gold & Diamonds, other senior management team members, customers & well-wishers.



CANADA - AJAX, ONTARIO

The 3rd showroom of Malabar Gold & Diamonds in Canada and the 416th global showroom of the brand was officially inaugurated at Ajax, Ontario on 6th December by Ms. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business for Ontario, in the presence of Mr. Shamlal Ahamed, MD-International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Mr. Faisal AK, Head of Manufacturing, Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Mr. Ameer CMC, Director of Finance & Admin at Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Mr. Shaji K, Chief Digital Officer at Malabar Group; Mr. Joseph Eapen, Regional Head of North America operations at Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Mr. Sharfas N.K, Head of Operations-Canada at Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Mr. Jasar R, Branch Head of Malabar Gold & Diamonds in the USA; other senior management team members, customers & well-wishers.

BBK celebrates National Day



BBK celebrates Bahrain’s National Day with a special gathering that united its team in an atmosphere of pride and national spirit. Employees shared joyful moments and reaffirmed their pride in the Kingdom and their commitment to supporting its bright future.