

Majid Al Futtaim Retail receives 'Sharjah Gulf Localisation Award'



The award ceremony during the sixth GCC HR & Labour Market Conference

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Majid Al Futtaim Retail, which operates the Carrefour brand across the Middle East, Africa and Asia, won the Sharjah Gulf Localisation Award during the sixth GCC HR & Labour Market Conference.

The award recognises Majid Al Futtaim's achievements in hiring and retaining GCC national talent across its Carrefour operations in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Bahrain.

The event was organised by the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with The Federation of GCC Chambers.

Majid Al Futtaim currently employs 125 Emiratis in senior roles in the UAE. In Saudi Arabia, the company has 1440 employees, 320 of whom hold

leadership positions. Over 1230 Omani, Bahraini and Kuwaiti nationals also work at Majid Al Futtaim Retail. The company said it aims to employ more GCC nationals by next year.

Receiving the award from Sheikh Abdullah bin Salem bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah and Deputy Chairman of Sharjah Executive Council, was Younis Al Mulla, Senior Vice President - Development at Majid Al Futtaim Retail in the presence of Dr Abdullatif AlZayani, Secretary-General of Gulf Corporation Council and other guests.

Younis Al Mulla said: "The GCC is full of competent national talent that are highly capable and can contribute positively to the retail sector."

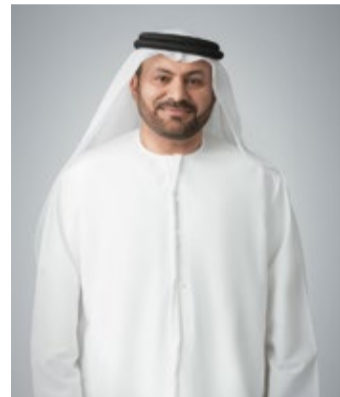
Al Mulla added that the company is working on a range of strategies and partnerships with



The award

various government and private entities, universities and training institutes "to enhance our position as an attractive brand that invests in local talent".

Majid Al Futtaim said it is actively supporting the career development of GCC nationals via several initiatives such as 'Tumoohi', a comprehensive en-



Younis Al Mulla - SVP Business Development

try-level training programme for fresh graduates.

The company recently launched Tamkeen, the region's first fast-track programmed aimed at growing local talent and helping them unlock their vast potential in the retail industry.

Hard work path to a brighter future: ABG CEO tells UoB students



Adnan Yousef, the Chairman of Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB) and Chief Executive of Al Baraka Banking Group (ABG), during an interactive session with UoB students

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A top banker in Bahrain has urged students to "strive and work hard" and make use of their time efficiently for developing a strong personality and building a successful career.

Adnan Yousef the Chairman of Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB) and Chief Executive of Al Baraka Banking Group (ABG) was sharing his experience as a banker in the Kingdom with the students of University of Bahrain.

The meeting organised by BAB was part of its effort to inspire and encourage young people by introducing them exceptional personalities in Banking banking sector.

"Keep focusing, determine your goal and make efficient use of time," Adnan Yousef told young students when asked about the ingredients for building a successful career.

Explaining Bahrain's growth as a banking hub, Adnan Yousef said the Kingdom since the early 1970s managed to attract major international and Arab banks, thanks to large increases in the petroleum revenues.

"This has brought benefits to Bahrain, primarily in diversifying income sources and generating thousands of jobs for Bahrainis, besides introducing international banking practices and producing several distinguished names in the industry."

Adnan also talked about his career starting with Habib Bank Limited in 1973 and then in American Express Middle East as a supervisor of the operational aspects of the loan portfolio. In 2000, he was named as the CEO of Al Baraka Banking Group.

Adnan Yousef also shared with students about the many important awards he received during his career.

'A Gift of Gold' from Malabar Gold & Diamonds

● Offers valid from 16th October to 27th October 2019

● 'Scratch & win' coupons on purchase worth BD 300

● Chances to win a gold coin or up to 50 gold coins instantly.



customers to win assured gold coins with Gold & Diamond Jewellery purchases.

In Bahrain, the offer began on Wednesday and will be spanning till 27th October 2019. Also, the company has unveiled the latest Festive Jewellery collection at special offer prices in gold, diamond and precious gem jewellery featuring the most eye-catching and unique trends bound to captivate the custom-

ers.

'A Gift of Gold' by Malabar Gold & Diamonds gives unmatched chances to win gold coins with gold & diamond jewellery purchases. Customers can win a guaranteed gold coin or up to 50 gold coins instantly on purchase of gold jewellery worth BD 300 via 'Scratch & Win' coupons. Adding to the above, customers also get two gram gold coin on diamond jewellery purchase of BD500 and a one gram gold coin on purchase of diamond jewellery worth BD300.

Also, customers will have a great opportunity to get protected from the increasing gold rate by just paying 10pc of the entire amount on your favourite gold jewellery. This offer is valid until 25th October. The customers also get a fabulous chance to buy 8 gm gold coins with absolutely no making charges from any of

Malabar Gold & Diamonds outlets in Bahrain during this period. Furthermore, customers can avail the zero deduction offer on 22K (GCC) gold jewellery exchange as well. Above offers are valid at their outlets in Bahrain until 27th October only.

The latest jewellery collection launched in celebration of the festive season includes both traditional and contemporary designs in 18 & 22K gold, diamond and precious gem jewellery and are guaranteed to suit the tastes of their multicultural and multinational customers. Malabar Gold & Diamonds has incorporated these designs as a part of various brands presented at Malabar Gold & Diamonds' namely Mine - Diamonds Unlimited, Era - Uncut Diamond Jewellery, Precia - Gem Jewellery, Divine-Indian Heritage Jewellery and Ethnix - Handcrafted Designer Jewellery.

Batelco gets AVAYA 'Partner of the Year 2019' award



Avaya Award presented to Batelco - GITEX 2019

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Batelco has been presented with the AVAYA 'Partner of the Year 2019' award by Westcon group, a leading distributor of Avaya products, at GITEX 2019.

The award recognises Batelco's focussed efforts in delivering Avaya products and solutions.

Westcon also presented Batelco with a certificate for its excellence in digital adoption

for ICT Order Management Systems for the Year 2019.

Abderrahmane Mounir, GM Enterprise, Batelco received the award.

Westcon Group Managing Director MENA Steve Lockie said, "This award is presented as a result of the exceptional efforts exerted by Batelco to deliver leading-edge technology that meets the requirements of its business customers and supports their economic growth."

Etihad Airways, Air Arabia join hands for new low-cost airline

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Abu Dhabi's giant Etihad Airways and Sharjah's low-cost carrier Air Arabia announced yesterday an agreement to launch a new low-cost airline based in the United Arab Emirates capital.

Etihad Airways posted a loss in 2018 for the third year running, it said earlier this year, blaming investment losses and challenging market conditions.



A Boeing 787-10 Dreamliner of Etihad airline on take-off from Duesseldorf, Germany

The new Air Arabia Abu Dhabi will be launched in "due course", Tony Douglas, CEO of Etihad Aviation Group, said in a statement issued by the two Emirati carriers.

"This exciting partnership supports our transformation programme and will offer our guests a new option for low-cost travel to and from Abu Dhabi, supplementing our own services," he added.

Etihad, which has been undergoing restructuring since late 2017, said it had narrowed its losses in 2018 to \$1.28 billion, from \$1.52 billion the previous year.

Along with its 2016 losses, that adds up to total losses of \$4.67 billion over three years, prompting the company to scrap dozens of orders on aircraft.

Established in 2003 by the

oil-rich Gulf emirate's government, the airline has faced stiff competition from regional rivals Dubai aviation giant Emirates and Doha-based Qatar Airways.

Etihad invested heavily in carriers around the world including Alitalia, airberlin, Air Seychelles, Virgin Australia and India's Jet Airways, some of which have faced financial difficulties, causing Etihad heavy losses.