



BFM shareholders approve cash dividends of BHD 620,620 for FY 2025

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Bahrain Flour Mills Company (BFM), a leading food manufacturing company in the Kingdom of Bahrain, held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) virtually on Wednesday, 18 March 2026, where 83.03% of shareholders approved all agenda items.

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Chairman,
Mr. Basim
Mohamed
AlSaie



holders approved the Board of Directors' recommendation to distribute cash dividends amounting to BHD 620,620 for the financial year ended 31 December 2025, representing 25% of the paid-up capital (excluding treasury shares), equivalent to 25 fils per share.

The AGM also approved the following Board recommendations:

- Allocation of BHD 25,000 for charitable contributions;
- Transfer of BHD 529,275 to retained earnings.

During the meeting, shareholders reviewed the Board of Directors' report on the Company's activities, as well as the external auditors' report on the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The Chairman

commended the Company's performance, highlighting the achievement of solid financial results despite the challenges faced during the year.

For the financial year 2025, the Company reported a net profit of BHD 1,174,895.

With respect to Board composition, the AGM approved the appointment of four members representing Bahrain Food Holding Company and the election of three members, as follows:

Appointed Members:

- Mr. Basim Mohamed AlSaie
- Mr. Ahmed Mazhar
- Mr. Mohamed Al Rahma

• Ms. Raghdan Qassim

Elected Members:

• Mr. Salah Mishari Al-Kulaib

• Mr. Ayman Abdulhamid Zainal

• Mr. Ali Shawqi Fakhro

In his remarks, the Chairman,

Mr. Basim Mohamed AlSaie, expressed his appreciation to the Board of Directors for their efforts, which contributed to several key achievements, including the enhancement of operational capabilities and strengthening of strategic partnerships.

He also extended his sincere gratitude to the executive management and all employees

for their dedication and commitment, as well as to government and regulatory authorities for their continuous support. He further thanked the Company's shareholders and customers for their trust and loyalty.

The Chairman concluded by expressing his deepest appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for their wise leadership and ongoing support, wishing continued prosperity and success for the Kingdom.

Bahrain Islamic Bank signs strategic cooperation agreement with NAD Holding Group

To offer exclusive benefits to cardholders

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), a leading provider of innovative and simplified Islamic digital banking solutions in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced the signing of a strategic Memorandum of Understanding with NAD Holding Group, one of the region's prominent retail and food & beverage groups. The agreement aims to deliver exclusive offers and added value to BisB customers across a wide portfolio of internationally recognized brands operated by NAD Holding.

Under this partnership, BisB credit and debit cardholders will enjoy an exclusive 10% discount when shopping at selected fashion and lifestyle brands, including adL, DeFacto, and OXXO. In addition, customers will benefit from special offers and privileges across a diverse range of food and beverage destinations operated by the Group, such as Cinnabon, Blaze Pizza, Auntie Anne's, Brunch & Cake, Gelateria La Romana, Carvel, Jamba Juice, and ALUSIA.



This agreement reflects Bahrain Islamic Bank's ongoing commitment to enhancing customer experience by offering relevant, lifestyle-focused benefits that align with customers'

everyday needs, alongside its comprehensive suite of Islamic digital banking, financing, and

investment solutions.

Commenting on the partnership, NAD Holding Group stat-

ed that the collaboration represents a strategic step within the Group's broader vision to build an integrated ecosystem that brings together retail, dining, and financial services. The partnership is designed to create a more seamless, rewarding, and value-driven consumer experience for customers in Bahrain.

The Group further emphasized that this initiative forms part of its long-term strategy to expand strategic partnerships with financial institutions and key stakeholders, enabling the delivery of innovative, customer-centric solutions that cater to evolving lifestyle preferences.

NAD Holding Group is recognized as one of the region's leading operators in the retail and food & beverage sectors, managing a diverse portfolio of global brands. The Group continues to invest in developing modern lifestyle concepts and integrated customer experiences, reinforcing its position as a key driver of growth and innovation within the sector.

Stocks fall, oil surges as US inflation jumps and Israel strikes gas facilities

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Key figures at around 1340 GMT

Brent North Sea Crude:	▲ 4.4% at \$107.92 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 1.9% at \$97.32 per barrel
New York - Dow:	▼ N 0.4% at 46,828.63 points
New York - S&P 500:	▼ 0.3% at 6,695.24
Nasdaq Composite:	▼ 0.3% at 22,417.60
London - FTSE 100:	▼ 0.6% at 10,343.04
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 0.1% at 7,967.31
Frankfurt - DAX:	▼ 0.4% at 23,644.64
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 2.9% at 55,239.40 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▲ 0.6% at 26,025.42 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 0.3% at 4,062.98 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.1504 from \$1.1536 on Tuesday
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.3318 from \$1.3352
Dollar/yen:	▲ at 159.51 yen from 159.05 yen
Euro/pound:	▼ at 86.35 pence from 86.38 pence

Stocks markets fell and oil prices surged Wednesday after a closely watched US inflation gauge came in hotter than expected and Iran said that Israel struck one of its gas facilities.

Brent oil rose five% to over \$108 a barrel after Iran vowed to hit energy facilities throughout the Gulf in retaliation to what it said was an Israeli attack on a facility on the Gulf coast serving a massive gas field it shares with Qatar.

The three main US stock indexes all opened lower, and European stock markets reversed earlier gains.

The US Labor Department reported before the start of trading that the Producer Price Index (PPI) rose 0.7% from the previous month, much faster than the 0.3% increase expected by analysts, and further clouding the outlook for interest rate cuts.

"The key takeaway from the report is that the uptick in producer prices was seen in both goods and services, and the added point is that this higher inflation occurred before the war with Iran and subsequent surge in energy prices, which will foment concerns about a worsening inflation situation," said Patrick J. O'Hare, an analyst at Briefing.com.

The PPI report came just ahead of a slew of meetings of the world's top central banks, with the US Federal Reserve gathering later Wednesday, to be followed on Thursday by the European Central Bank, the Bank of England and the Bank of Japan. While they were all expected to keep rates steady, the latest inflation reports could lead to more hawkish comments from the central bankers.

"The (ECB's) Governing Council will not want to risk a repeat of 2022 when inflation risks were initially underestimated and perhaps contributed to the eventual surge to double digit inflation," said GianLuigi Man-

druzzato, senior economist at EFG Asset Management.

Markets have been pricing in one rate cut this year in the United States, but could be forced to shift positions if Fed policymakers do so given the surge in energy prices.

The dollar, which had been little changed ahead of the Fed meeting, rose on news of the latest Israeli attacks.

Earlier Wednesday, oil prices had fallen slightly after Iraq said it had resumed limited oil exports through the Turkish port of Ceyhan, using a pipeline that avoids the effectively shut Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of global oil flows.