NBB Offers Customers the Chance to Win a Luxury Villa in the August Thara'a Account Draw

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) is inviting customers to increase their Thara'a Prize Account balances before 1st August 2026 for the opportunity to win the August grand prize for a luxury seafront villa at the Al Naseem development in Diyar Al Muharraq.

Every BHD 50 or USD 100 maintained in a Thara'a account qualifies customers for one entry into the August draw. Higher balances provide additional entries, bringing savers closer to securing one of the campaign's headline rewards.

The villa forms part of the enhanced 2026 Thara'a campaign, which is the second grand prize from the overall prize pool of up to USD 6 million. This year's edition offers six Al Naseem villas alongside cash prizes in millions of dollars for more winners.

Thara'a also recognises customers who maintain their savings over longer periods. Qualifying balances held for three consecutive months receive double entries, while those maintained for six months earn triple chances, further rewarding consistent financial discipline.

Through its combination of structured savings which lead to exclusive draws, Thara'a enables customers to turn each saving into a potential step towards an exceptional prize. Eligible individuals are encouraged to deposit in Bahraini Dinar or US Dollars before 1st August and maintain their funds in the account to qualify for the upcoming grand prize draw. The more they save, the greater their number of entries and chances of becoming the owner of a premier seafront home.

To learn more about the Thara'a draw schedule and eligibility requirements, please visit nbbonline.com, call 17214433, and deposit through the NBB App, or visit any NBB branch.

Zainab Mohamed won USD 200,000

The Second Quarterly Grand Prize in BisB's Tejoori Al Islami Draw

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the Kingdom's leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions, announced Ms. Zainab Mohamed as the winner of the USD 200,000 second quarterly grand prize under its Tejoori Al Islami savings scheme for 2026. The draw was conducted in the presence of bank representatives and relevant stakeholders.

The award forms part of the Tejoori Al Islami 2026 campaign, which continues to strengthen its position as one of Bahrain's leading savings programmes by rewarding customers with substantial prizes while encouraging a culture of long-term saving and sound financial planning.

Commenting on her win, Ms. Zainab Mohamed said: "Winning this prize came as a wonderful surprise, and I am truly grateful to BisB for this exceptional initiative. It has made my savings journey even more rewarding and motivated me to continue saving and working towards my future goals."

Mr. Faisal Alabdulla, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BisB, said: "Tejoori Al Islami reflects our commitment to inspiring customers to build sustainable saving habits through innovative Sharia-compliant savings solutions. The programme continues to create meaningful value for our customers by combining attractive rewards with financial empowerment, and we are pleased to see its continued success and growing participation."

e Tejoori Al Islami 2026 programme continues to offer customers multiple opportunities to win throughout the year, including the USD 1 million annual grand prize, in addition to dedicated categories such as Tejoori for Her, Tejoori Youth, and Tejoori Elite, reaffirming BisB's commitment to delivering customer-focused Islamic savings solutions that support customers in achieving their financial aspirations.

Seef Properties Appoints Cinqo Contracting to Execute New Package of Construction Works

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Seef Properties has announced signing an agreement with Cinqo Contracting to execute a new package of construction works as part of the comprehensive redevelopment of Seef Mall – Seef District. This is a further step in the implementation of the strategic project, which will revitalise the mall with a modern architectural and commercial identity, reinforcing its position as one of the leading shopping, entertainment, and lifestyle destinations in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The agreement aligns with Seef Properties' strategy to develop its assets and shopping malls according to a long-term vision focused on enhancing visitor experience quality by offering modern facilities that keep pace with the evolution of retail and hospitality sectors, while ensuring operational continuity and seamless service throughout all phases of implementation. Under this agreement, Cinqo Contracting will undertake the construction of a multi-story car park on the southern side of the mall, alongside the development of external elevations and main gates, under the highest engineering and technical standards. This will increase the mall's capacity, improve accessibility and traffic flow, and highlight its new architectural identity.

On this occasion, Mr. Essa Mohamed Najibi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Seef Properties, stated, "The Seef Mall – Seef District redevelopment project is one of the company's most prominent strategic projects, embodying our ongoing commitment to enhancing long-term asset value while solidifying our leadership in the retail and hospitality sectors in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This agreement represents a pivotal step in the project's implementation and reflects continued progress in achieving the strategic vision adopted by the Board of Directors. It aligns with market developments, meets the aspirations of our clients and partners, and prepares the mall for a new phase of growth."

He added, "We continue to invest in developing our assets under a vision focused on innovation, sustainability, and maximising value for our shareholders. We are committed to providing exceptional experiences for visitors, contributing to the national economy, and enhancing the Kingdom of Bahrain's position as a leading regional destination for shopping, entertainment, and business."

For his part, Mr. Mohammad Usman, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Cinqo Holding, stated, "We are honored to have been entrusted with the delivery of one of the key construction packages for the Seef Mall development. This award marks an important milestone for Cinqo Contracting and reflects the confidence our client and project stakeholders have placed in our expertise, capabilities and commitment to excellence."

He added, "Seef Mall is a landmark development that will contribute significantly to Bahrain's retail and economic landscape. We are proud to play a role in bringing this vision to life and supporting the Kingdom's continued growth and development."

Mr. Ahmed Yusuf, CEO of Seef Properties, stated, "The appointment of Cinqo Contracting marks a new step in the Seef Mall – Seef District project and reflects our commitment to progressing through the various development phases according to the approved timelines. This work will upgrade the mall's infrastructure, enhance its facilities, and improve the visitor experience in line with the new implemented identity."

He added, "A comprehensive program is underway to modernise the mall's facilities and add new elements that enhance the shopping, entertainment, and hospitality experience, reinforcing the mall's position as a leading destination for individuals and families from within the Kingdom and abroad."

The Seef Mall – Seef District development project is one of the company's prominent strategic projects. It involves modernising and expanding a wide range of indoor and outdoor facilities, alongside the introduction of innovative concepts in hospitality, entertainment, and shopping, further solidifying the mall's status as a prominent commercial and social landmark in Bahrain.

Seef Properties is a leading real estate development company with a proven track record of delivering high-quality projects that have contributed significantly to Bahrain's real estate, commercial, and entertainment infrastructure. The company remains committed to developing sustainable projects that support economic growth and improve quality of life for Bahraini society.

BENEFIT Launches "Tawajuh" Summer Training Program to Guide Students' First Steps into FinTech

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BENEFIT, the Kingdom's innovator and leading company in FinTech and electronic financial transaction services, has launched "Tawajuh", a new summer training program designed to help students gain early insight into the workplace and make more informed choices about their academic and professional futures.

Introduced for the first time this year, the one-month program reflects BENEFIT's continued investment in youth development and its belief in the importance of guiding talent at an early stage. Tawajuh has been developed specifically for high school graduates and first- and second-year university students, giving participants the opportunity to explore professional life before entering the later stages of their academic journey.

The program's name, "Tawajuh", is inspired by the Arabic concept of direction and guidance. It reflects the purpose of the initiative: helping students understand their strengths, interests, and future possibilities through a structured experience that combines learning, mentorship, and practical exposure.

Throughout the program, participants will be introduced to the professional environment at BENEFIT and to the wider role of digital financial services in Bahrain's economy. They will have the opportunity to engage with teams, observe workplace practices, and develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, analytical thinking, discipline, and professional confidence.

By engaging students at an earlier stage than traditional internship programs, Tawajuh helps connect academic learning with informed career planning. The program goes beyond building knowledge by encouraging participants to reflect on their interests, understand the expectations of the labor market, and approach key decisions, from choosing an academic specialization to exploring future career paths, with greater clarity and confidence.

Commenting on the launch, Ms. Muneera Al Jaber, Senior Manager – Learning and Development, said: "Tawajuh was created to support students at a point where guidance can make a real difference. At this stage, young people are beginning to shape their ambitions, but many have not yet had the opportunity to see how a professional environment works in practice. Through this program, we want to give them meaningful exposure, build their confidence, and help them approach their future choices with greater clarity."

"At BENEFIT, we see youth development as a long-term responsibility. Investing in future talent is not limited to advanced training or employment opportunities; it also begins with early engagement, thoughtful guidance, and opening doors for students to learn by experience. Tawajuh reflects this approach and supports our wider commitment to developing national talent capable of contributing to Bahrain's FinTech sector and digital economy."

The launch of Tawajuh further expands BENEFIT's portfolio of youth development initiatives and underscores its commitment to Bahrain's human capital agenda by giving students the awareness, confidence, and early exposure needed to navigate the opportunities of a rapidly evolving digital economy.

GFH Partners Exits Part of its Logistics Portfolio for USD$130 mm

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Nael Mustafa, Chief Executive Officer of GFHP

GFH Partners ("GFHP"), a real assets investment management firm, part of GFH Bank B.S.C ("GFH") focused on global real asset investments, agreed terms to sell a portfolio of US based logistics & industrial assets.

The portfolio sale, valued at approx. $130 million, relates to a portfolio of assets held as part of GFHP's seventh and eighth industrial and logistics fund series, managed by GFH Partners Fund Management. The transaction is targeted to generate investor returns in excess of 10%, reflecting the strength of the underwriting and active asset management approach by GFHP.

GFHP which oversees over US$ 7bn of assets under management, continues to believe in the merits of investing in the Logistics and Industrial sector in the US as it is currently investing in niche segments of the industrial sector including cold storage, industrial build-to-suit developments, and transportation logistics, based on a strategy of location selectivity, tenant strength, and ability to add value through active occupancy and asset management. GFHP's focus on build to suit, transportation and purpose built industrial & cold storage assets have formed the cornerstone investments in its ninth & tenth industrial and logistics fund series, which have collectively deployed over $200 million across these strategies.

"Our continued conviction is grounded in the strong fundamentals underpinning niche industrial real estate," said Mr. Nael Mustafa, Chief Executive Officer of GFHP. "Whether through new investments or successful dispositions, these strategies benefit from long-term demand drivers, constrained supply and the essential role the assets play in tenants' operations. We look forward to continuing to deploy capital across these sectors."

Conviction in Niche Industrial Strategies

GFHP's investment activity spans several specialized industrial segments, each supported by distinct structural fundamentals:

Cold Storage: Demand is driven by e-grocery, food supply-chain modernization, and life sciences distribution, while specialized construction limits new supply—supporting long leases, high tenant retention, and mission-critical use.

Transportation Logistics: Demand for storage, staging, and fleet parking continues to exceed supply in infill locations, with zoning constraints supporting rent growth and low capital requirements.

Industrial Build-to-Suit: Purpose-built facilities typically secure long-term, credit-backed triple-net leases with contractual escalations.

GFHP believes these dynamics position transportation logistics, cold storage and industrial build-to-suit developments as durable components of institutional real asset portfolios. The firm intends to continue expanding its exposure to these strategies through its existing and future investment vehicles.