



Hilton Bahrain relaunches Pan Asian Night – A celebration of flavours and Culture

Manama

Hilton Bahrain is thrilled to unveil the return of its much-loved Pan Asian Night, now reimagined with even bolder flavors, richer authenticity, and a cultural twist that feels like home. Guests are invited to indulge every Wednesday from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm in a buffet that journeys across Asia’s most celebrated cuisines—paired with the timeless joy of karaoke.

From the very entrance, guests will be transported into Asian-inspired décor sourced directly from Southeast Asia. As a warm welcome, each guest receives a fortune cookie to set the tone for the evening. The buffet comes alive with interactive live stations, each offering its own signature experience—from Peking Duck Pancakes to fresh Vietnamese Banh Mi, sizzling Teppanyaki, stir-fry creations, and the Filipino favorite, the refreshing Halo-Halo. Designed to ignite the senses, the experience is as much a feast for the soul as it is for the palate. As the evening peaks, karaoke takes the stage from 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm, inviting guests to join and share their voices.

“At Hilton Bahrain, we’re always looking for ways to make our themed nights even better, combining authentic flavors with cultural experiences. Our chefs have carefully crafted the Pan Asian Night menu so it’s enjoyable not just for the Asian community, but for anyone who loves bold and exciting flavors. And for everyone who loves to sing, we have karaoke during Pan Asian Night from 8:00 pm.” said Tamer Farouk, General Manager. Guests can experience Pan Asian Night every Wednesday for BHD 26 net, including soft beverages.



OECD raises world growth outlook as tariffs contained, for now

● World growth is due to slow to 2.9% in 2026

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The world economy will grow more than previously forecast this year after absorbing the shock of US President Donald Trump’s tariffs, but their full impact remains uncertain, the OECD said Tuesday.

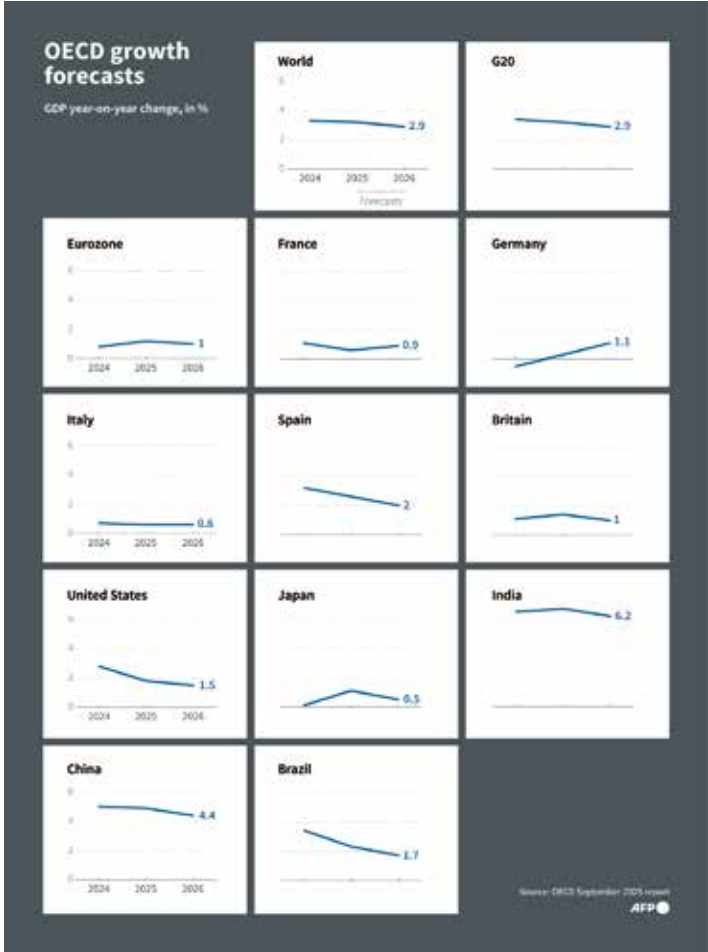
In June, the Paris-based organisation had cut its forecast from 3.1% to 2.9%, warning at the time that Trump’s tariffs would stifle the world economy.

But in an updated outlook on Tuesday, it raised the projection to 3.2%, saying the economy “proved more resilient than anticipated” in the first half of 2025.

“The impact of tariffs is taking longer to reach the economy,” OECD chief economist Alvaro Pereira told AFP in an interview.

The OECD report said “front-loading” -- companies rushing to import goods ahead of Trump’s tariffs -- “was an important source of support”.

The economy also got a boost from strong AI-related investments in the United States and



government spending in China. The updated figure is still a slight slowdown from 3.3% in 2024.

“The full effects of tariff increases have yet to be felt -- with many changes being phased in over time and companies initial-

ly absorbing some tariff increases through (profit) margins,” the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said.

“But (they) are becoming increasingly visible in spending choices, labour markets and consumer prices,” the report said.

‘Significant risks remain’

World growth is due to slow to 2.9% in 2026 “as front-loading ceases and higher tariff rates and still-high policy uncertainty dampen investment and trade”, the OECD said.

Trump imposed a baseline 10% tariff on imports from around the world in April.

He later hit dozens of countries with even higher duties, but the US leader also left the door open for negotiations, striking deals with Britain, Japan and the European Union, among others.

The United States has yet to find a compromise with China, though the world’s two biggest economies have temporarily de-escalated their tit-for-tat tariffs while they negotiate.

The overall effective US tariff rate rose to an estimated 19.5% in August, the highest level since 1933, the OECD said.

“Significant risks to the economic outlook remain,” the

OECD said.

“Amid ongoing policy uncertainty, a key concern is that bilateral tariff rates could be raised further on merchandise imports,” it said.

The OECD also warned that inflation could rise as food and energy prices climb, and companies begin to pass the cost of higher tariffs to consumers.

“On the upside, reductions in trade restrictions or faster development and adoption of artificial intelligence technologies could strengthen growth prospects,” it said.

Growth due to slow

The OECD also upgraded the growth outlook of the United States for 2025 from 1.6% to 1.8% but that is much slower than 2.8% last year.

US growth is expected to slow even further to 1.5% next year due to higher tariffs and elevated “policy uncertainty”.

The OECD also pointed to the impact of Trump’s immigration crackdown and cuts in the federal workforce.

The report was written before the White House raised the H-1B visa fee for high-skilled workers to \$100,000, which has rattled the tech industry.

“We do think that continuing

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) was founded in 1961 and today has 38 member countries, working together to promote economic growth, trade, and sustainable development.