

Beyon Connect signs partnership with Mubasher Capital

To adopt EKEY for Business (EKEY-B)

● Supports wider adoption of national digital identity across financial services sector

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Beyon Connect, part of the Beyon Group, has signed an agreement with Mubasher Capital, one of the region's leading investment brokerage firms, to adopt EKEY for Business (EKEY-B) Bahrain's national digital identity authentication and consent-based eKYC platform for the private sector.

Adopting EKEY-B, will enable Mubasher Capital to leverage eKey 2.0's advanced biometric authentication and secure digital onboarding capabilities to strengthen compliance with evolving regulatory requirements, and deliver a seamless, secure, biometric-based onboarding experience for its clients.

The signing was attended by Christopher Hild, CEO of Be-



yon Connect, and Ihab Rashad, General Manager of Mubasher Capital, underscoring the shared commitment of both organizations to advancing secure, user-centric digital services within Bahrain's financial ecosystem.

Mubasher Capital plays a significant role in regional and international capital markets, serving a diverse investor base that includes individuals, institutions, and corporates. Through this partnership with Beyon Connect, Mubasher joins a growing number of financial institutions leveraging national digital identity infrastructure to enhance efficiency, trust, and customer

experience.

Christopher Hild, CEO of Beyon Connect, said: "We are pleased to partner with Mubasher Capital as they adopt EKEY for Business. This collaboration reflects the increasing confidence of the financial sector in national digital identity as a foundation for secure, compliant, and frictionless customer engagement. Together, we are contributing to a more trusted and connected digital financial ecosystem in Bahrain."

Ihab Rashad, General Manager of Mubasher Capital, commented: "Adopting EKEY for Business represents an important step in strengthening

our digital capabilities and compliance framework. This partnership with Beyon Connect enables us to offer our clients a more seamless and secure onboarding experience, while aligning with Bahrain's national digital transformation initiatives." EKEY-B is delivered to the private sector by Beyon Connect, serving as the private-sector extension of Bahrain's national digital identity platform eKey 2.0. EKEY-B enables private companies to perform eKYC and biometric authentication through a secure, consent-based model, enhancing regulatory compliance while reducing fraud risks.

India's Tata defers call on chairman's reappointment

AFP | Mumbai, India

The holding company of India's corporate giant Tata Group postponed a decision on renewing its chairman's term yesterday, adding to the uncertainty facing the conglomerate.

Tata Sons is the single largest shareholder in firms like IT giant Tata Consultancy Services and Tata Motors, which owns British luxury car maker Jaguar Land Rover.

The tenure of Tata Sons' current chairman, 62-year-old N Chandrasekaran, is set to end in February 2027.

On Tuesday, the Tata Sons



Chairman of the Board at Tata Sons Natarajan Chandrasekaran

board deferred taking a call on whether Chandrasekaran should be granted another five-year term, which would be his third.

US told EU it 'stands' by tariff deal: trade chief

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

The EU's trade chief said yesterday his US counterparts had told him Washington stands by a key trade deal with the bloc, following an adverse Supreme Court decision on President Donald Trump's tariffs.

After the Supreme Court ruled last week that Trump lacks authority to impose levies under a 1977 law, the US leader responded with fresh tariffs of 10 percent on imported goods -- which Trump has vowed to hike further to 15%. That raised complex ques-

tions about what the new duties meant for the EU deal clinched last year with Trump, which set tariffs at 15 percent for most EU goods.

"I have been in constant touch with my counterparts, and they both reassured me they stand by the deal with the European Union," Trade Commissioner Maros Sefcovic told EU lawmakers.

The top trade negotiator also touched on another sensitive topic in transatlantic ties: Trump's 50 percent duties on steel and aluminium imports, which the EU has been pushing to bring down.

Invitation to attend the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting



The Board of Directors of the National Bank of Bahrain B.S.C. (Commercial Registration no. 269) is pleased to invite its shareholders to attend the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 18th March 2026 in Al Dana Halls 3 & 4 in Gulf Convention Centre at Gulf Hotel, to discuss and resolve the agenda items below. If the quorum is not met, a second meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th March 2026, or a third meeting, if required, will be held on Wednesday 1st April 2026 at the same time and place.

For further inquiries please send an email to our share registrar Bahrain Clear B.S.C: registry@bahrainclear.com or contact at: +973 17108786

First: The Agenda of the Ordinary General Meeting

- To approve the Minutes of the 69th Ordinary General Assembly meeting held on 27th March 2025.
- To discuss Board of Directors' report on the Bank's activities for the financial year ended 31st December 2025.
- Hearing the external Auditors' Report on the Bank's financial statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2025.
- To discuss the Bank's Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2025.
- To accept the recommendation of the Board of Directors' to allocate the profit for the financial year ended 31st December 2025 as follows:
 - To ratify the distribution of cash dividends of 10% of share nominal value (10 fils per share, excluding fraction shares), equivalent to BD 22,578,610.720 (Twenty Two Million Five Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ten Bahraini Dinars Seven Hundred Twenty Fils) distributed on 31st August 2025.
 - Distribute cash year-end dividends (excluding treasury share) of 25% (25 Fils per share), equivalent to BD 56,439,060.625 (Fifty Six Million Four Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Sixty Bahraini Dinars Six Hundred and Twenty Five Fils) to be distributed from 9th April 2026 subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain as per the following:

Cum-Dividend Date	Sunday, 29 March 2026
Ex-Dividend Date	Monday, 30 March 2026
Record Date	Tuesday, 31 March 2026
Payment Date	Thursday, 9 April 2026

*Based on the number of shares outstanding (net of treasury shares) as of 31 December 2025.

- To approve the Board's recommendation to allocate BD 500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Bahraini Dinars) from profits towards the Donations and Contributions Programme.
- Retain the amount of BD 5,595,045/- (Five Million Five Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Fourty Five Bahraini Dinars), as retained profit for the upcoming year.

Important notes for the shareholders:

- For further inquiries please send an email to our share registrar Bahrain Clear B.S.C: registry@bahrainclear.com or contact at: +97317108786.
- The Annual Report will be available on the Bank's website: (<https://www.nbbonline.com/>) on 3rd March 2026.
- The shareholders may obtain the financial statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2025 from the Bahrain Bourse website.
- Any shareholders may obtain a copy of the proxy card from the share registrar of Bahrain Clear B.S.C.

Second: The Agenda of the Extraordinary General Meeting (Cont.)

- To present the Corporate Governance report of 2025 and to discuss the achieved commitment to the Corporate Governance Code and the requirements of the Central Bank of Bahrain as set out in the Annual Report.
- To notify the General Assembly of the transactions carried out during the financial year ended 31st December 2025 with any related parties or with the Bank's major shareholders as referred to in the Corporate Governance Report presented to the Ordinary General Assembly and further described in note 29 of the Financial Statements in line with Article 189 of the Commercial Companies Law.
- To absolve the members of the Board of Directors from legal liability arising from all of their actions for the financial year ended 31st December 2025.
- To approve the disbursement of the remuneration to the members of the Board of Directors in the sum of BD 575,000/- (Five Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Bahraini Dinars) for the financial year ended 31st December 2025.
- To approve the re-appointment of KPMG Fakhro as Auditors of the Bank for the financial year ending 31st December 2026, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain, and to authorise the Board of Directors to determine their fees.
- To discuss any other matters in accordance with Article 207 of the Commercial Companies Law.

Note:

The required voting percentage to approve the above-mentioned resolutions by the Ordinary Shareholders Assembly is the majority of shares represented at the meeting.

Second: The Agenda of the Extraordinary General Meeting

- To approve the Minutes of the previous Extraordinary General Meeting held on 22nd March 2023.
- To approve the amendment of Article (34) of the Bank's Articles of Association, regarding the Liability of the Members of the Board of Directors, in accordance with Decree-Law No. (38) of 2025 amending certain provisions of the Commercial Companies Law promulgated by Decree-Law No. (21) of 2001, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain, to read as follows:

- The Company's manager or any member of the Board of Directors, as well as any person who effectively manages the Company, whether openly or covertly, shall be personally liable with all of his assets for any damages suffered by the Company, the partners, the shareholders, or third parties, if it is proven that he caused obligations to be imposed on the Company as a result of his negligence, gross fault, or violation of the provisions of the law, the Company's Memorandum of Association, or its Articles of Association.
 - The liability referred to in paragraph (A) above shall not be extinguished if the violation occurred as a result of a decision taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors or the General Assembly, unless the person liable objected to the decision that gave rise to the liability and recorded such objection in the minutes of the meeting. Absence from the meeting at which the decision was issued shall not be deemed a ground for exemption from liability, unless it is proven that he was unaware of the decision or that he became aware of it but was unable to object thereto.
 - The liability referred to in paragraph (A) of this Article shall be either personal liability or joint and several liability, in the event that more than one person committed the violation.
- To approve the necessary amendments of the Bank's Articles of Association to ensure its compliance with the amendments pursuant to the resolutions of the Extraordinary General Assembly held today, by amending and/or restating the Articles of Association to include such amendments, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain.
 - To authorise Mr. Zaid Yusuf Khonji, Head of Legal & Corporate Governance and Mr. Khalid Minwir Al Shammari, Legal Counsel and Board Secretary, to jointly make the necessary amendments to the Article of Association and restating such pursuant to the above resolutions and to sign the Amended Articles of Association before the Notary Public.

Note:

The required voting percentage to approve the above-mentioned resolutions by the Extraordinary Shareholders Assembly is two thirds of shares represented at the meeting.

Hala Ali Husain Yateem
Chairperson of the Board of Directors

of the shareholder, and the authorisation must be in writing and stamped by the authorised person in the company and stamped with the company's seal and submitted at least 24 hours before the date of the meeting at Bahrain Clear B.S.C.

The confirmation/proxy form must be submitted at least 24 hours before the meeting date, form should be submitted on agm@bahrainclear.com, and the Issuer's name should be included in the subject line of the email.

For further information, you may contact the Legal Department at the National Bank of Bahrain at: +973 17205779.