

# Manal AlBayat appointed Chief Operating Officer at Edamah

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Edamah, the real estate arm of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), the Kingdom of Bahrain's sovereign wealth fund, has announced the appointment of Manal AlBayat as Chief Operating Officer.

Ms. AlBayat is an accomplished strategist with more than 25 years of international experience spanning business development, investment promotion, and real estate. She is also the first



Manal AlBayat, Chief Operating Officer

GCC national to assume a comprehensive end-to-end leadership role covering all stages of organizing mega global events. Her career includes successfully navigating complex challenges such as leading change management and restructuring projects during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most recently, Ms. AlBayat served as Chief Commercial and Engagement Officer at Expo City Dubai. She also played a pivotal role in Expo 2020 Dubai

serving as a prominent member of the team responsible for securing Dubai's candidacy, successful bid, as well as planning and delivering the region's first World Expo. Prior to that, she served as Group CEO at Falcon and Associates, where she delivered strategic programmes to enhance Dubai's global profile, in addition to holding senior leadership roles at Gulf International Bank in Bahrain and Bank One in the United States.

Commenting on the appointment, Mr. Khalid Abdulrahman Al Majed, CEO of Edamah, said: "We are pleased to welcome Ms. Manal AlBayat as Chief Operating Officer of Edamah. She brings a wealth of expertise and a proven track record of excellence in every role she has

undertaken, which makes her a strong addition to our executive team. This appointment underscores our commitment to empowering Bahraini talent and supporting the Kingdom's vision of enhancing professional opportunities for citizens. We are confident that Ms. AlBayat will play a pivotal role in advancing Edamah's strategic objectives, in line with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030."

Ms. AlBayat expressed her gratitude to Edamah's Chairman, Board of Directors, and Executive Management for their confidence, affirming her commitment to working collaboratively with the company's team to achieve shared ambitions. She noted that her immediate focus will be on

strengthening performance and operational efficiency across Edamah's diverse portfolio, including property management, sales and leasing, commercial and administrative services, communications and marketing, information technology, strategy, and project management.

In addition to her new role, Ms. AlBayat serves on the Boards of the Bahrain Development Bank and the University of Wollongong in Dubai. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate from SDA Bocconi in Italy, holds a Master of Business Administration from DePaul University, and a Bachelor of Science from Purdue University in Organizational Behavior & Leadership.

## General Poultry Company Earns "Great Place to Work"® Certification

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General Poultry Company (GPC), the Kingdom of Bahrain's leading producer of fresh Table Eggs since 1977, announced that it has officially been certified as a "Great Place to Work"®, the global authority on workplace culture. This independent certification recognizes organizations that create exceptional employee experiences and demonstrates that GPC's people-first philosophy is more than a statement—it is a proven reality.

"Being recognized as a Great Place to Work is a proud moment for every member of the GPC family," said Wael Itani, CEO.



## ASRY marks end of its 2025 summer internship programme

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The Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard Company (ASRY) has brought its annual summer internship programme to a close for a group of university students from across the Kingdom. The occasion was marked during a ceremony held at the company's headquarters in Hidd, attended by the Vice-President for Corporate Support, Shaikh Duaij bin Mohammed Al Khalifa.

The programme lasted for two months, during which a number of trainees underwent a set of integrated training activities carefully prepared by



the relevant departments at the company to suit the students' academic specializations, with

the aim of enhancing their skills and effectively qualifying them to join the labor market in the



future.

Speaking at the event, Shaikh Duaij said the company places

great weight on programmes designed for students. Such programmes, he noted, polish

practical skills and help young people gain the abilities they need. He also praised the outstanding efforts made by the Training Department and the relevant departments at the company, which welcomed the students over the course of two months. Their work opened doors for young Bahrainis to pick up real-world experience in the industrial and maritime fields. These efforts, he added, support young people as they seek to play a full part in Bahrain's national economy.

He ended by wishing the trainees success in their studies and careers, and a bright future filled with achievement.

## K City Business Centre expands with new branch in Salmaniya



Pradeep Puravankara

K City Business Centre, a prominent name in the business sector for over

12 years, has inaugurated its fourth branch in Salmaniya. The new branch aims to provide fully equipped and affordable office spaces for entrepreneurs.

For just 79 Bahraini Dinars, businesses can book a fully fitted office, complete with essential services like electricity, high-speed Wi-Fi, CCTV security, a



meeting room, a prayer room, a dining area, reception services, and free parking. The inauguration ceremony was attended by leading figures from Bahrain's

business, social, cultural, and media communities. According to Chairman Najeeb Kadalayi, K City's mission is to create a conducive environment for

new entrepreneurs to thrive. In addition to the new Salmaniya branch, K City also has locations in Bahrain Gold City, Diyar Al Muharraq, and Zinj Ajur.