



Bapco Refining Receives Economic Operator Certificate



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Bapco Refining recognized for World-Class Safety, wins dual awards

Setting a new benchmark for safety excellence in Bahrain

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Bapco Refining, a subsidiary of Bapco Energies, the integrated energy company leading the energy transition in the Kingdom of Bahrain, was recognized for its exemplary commitment to workplace safety with two major international awards from the British Safety Council (BSC).

The Company received the Five Star Award for Occupational Health and Safety and the coveted Sword of Honour award, marking Bapco Refining as the first company in the Kingdom of Bahrain to achieve both distinctions, reflecting its dedication to the highest standards of health and safety.

The awards follow a comprehensive audit conducted by the British Safety Council, which assessed Bapco Refining's health and safety management systems against international best practices. The audit reviewed all aspects of the company's operational practices to safeguarding the health and wellbeing at its facilities.

In addition, the Bapco Modernization Program (BMP) also underwent a thorough audit and was granted the prestigious Five Star Award. The British Safety Council confirmed that BMP is the only major project in the region to receive this level of recognition, further high-



lighting Bapco Energies' leadership in safety management.

These achievements reflect the company ongoing commitment to health and safety as a core pillar of the Bapco Energies Group operational practices. Maintaining the highest standards of health and safety is fundamental to the Group's operations, ensuring the protection of its workforce, contractors, and the communities in which it operates.

Bapco Refining continues to lead in HSE excellence, regularly engaging in impactful initiatives that reinforce its dedication to safety and environmental stewardship. These efforts not only support the Group's strategic objectives but also set new benchmarks for the industry in Bahrain and beyond.

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Energies, and Chief Executive Officer of Bapco Refining commented: "Receiving both the Five Star Award and the Sword of Honour sets a new benchmark for safety excellence in Bahrain and is a testament to Bapco Refining's unwavering commitment to the highest international safety standards. These prestigious accolades not only reinforce our leadership in health and safety, but also mark a proud achievement for the Kingdom of Bahrain, demonstrating our ability to meet and exceed global benchmarks."

"The Bapco Modernization Program industry-lead-
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ing safety performance, with exceptionally low Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR) and Loss Time Injury (LTI) rates that surpass the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards, demonstrates our capability to deliver world-class safety on complex, large-scale projects," he added.



Batelco by Beyon, Cisco sign deal



To Modernise Core Network Infrastructure

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Batelco by Beyon, has signed an agreement with Cisco to modernize its IP Backbone infrastructure. Batelco Chief Technology Officer Rashid Mohammed and Cisco Managing Director for Service Providers, MEA, Zayan Sadek, signed the agreement in the presence of Batelco CEO Maitham Abdulla and senior executives from both companies during a meeting held at the Beyon Campus in Hamala, Bahrain.

Through this collaboration, Cisco will provide cutting edge networking capabilities with advanced routing, automation, and intelligent assurance & monitoring tools. Batelco aims to boost network performance and deliver faster, more resilient connectivity, improving the experience of Batelco's Mobile, Fixed and Enterprise customers across the Kingdom.

This upgrade also establishes a robust foundation for AI-driven network operations, with the intention of achieving greater intelligence, automation, and efficiency. These

enhancements will empower Batelco to deliver improved service quality and the agility to support 5G-Advanced, 6G readiness, IoT, network slicing, and cloud-native service delivery, helping to support Bahrain's digital transformation goals.

Batelco Chief Technology Officer Rashid Mohammed said: "Our collaboration with Cisco marks a major step forward in Batelco's network evolution strategy. We are modernising our IP backbone to ensure it is future-ready, capable of supporting intelligent, AI-powered digital services that will shape the next phase of connectivity across Bahrain. It will enable us to deliver faster, more reliable, and more intelligent services to our customers while helping to advance Bahrain's national digital ambitions." Cisco Managing Director for Service Providers, MEA, Zayan Sadek, commented, "We are proud to collaborate with Batelco to deliver cutting-edge technologies that aim to empower the digital future. Through this collaboration, we are helping Batelco evolve its network with automation and intelligence at its core, with the intention of providing greater operational efficiency, scalability, and innovation."

Al Salam Bank wins Mobile Excellence Award for advanced Digital Banking Capabilities

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Al Salam Bank has been awarded the Mobile Excellence Award at the OutSystems ONE Executive Day UAE 2025, in recognition of its advanced mobile banking capabilities and its effective use of modern digital platforms to deliver secure, reliable, and high-quality banking experiences for clients.

The award recognizes the Bank's successful implementation of the OutSystems platform across its mobile banking channels, reflecting its ability to design, deploy, and scale digital solutions efficiently while maintaining strong standards of security, governance, and operational resilience.

Al Salam Bank's mobile banking application offers clients a comprehensive and intuitive digital experience, enabling them to manage their banking needs seamlessly anytime and anywhere. Key features include



instant account access, fund transfers, bill payments, card management, financing applications, real-time transaction

tracking, and enhanced security controls, all delivered through a streamlined and user-friendly interface.

This recognition underscores Al Salam Bank's broader digital strategy, which focuses on strengthening its mobile and dig-

ital banking capabilities through agile technology platforms, data-led decision-making, and continuous improvement. The Bank is also cultivating a Citizen Developer ecosystem, empowering business and technology teams to collaboratively design and enhance digital solutions using governed low-code platforms. This approach accelerates innovation, shortens time-to-market, and ensures that digital capabilities remain closely aligned with client and business needs. By adopting modern development approaches, intelligent automation, and a controlled Citizen Developer model, the Bank has enhanced its ability to introduce new features efficiently while maintaining robust security, compliance, and governance standards.

Hosted by OutSystems, the ONE Executive Day UAE convened senior executives, technology leaders, and industry experts to explore emerging trends

in digital transformation and the alignment between business objectives and technology execution. At the event, Mohammed AlShehabi, Head of Innovation at Al Salam Bank, represented the Bank in a panel discussion titled "The Role of AI and Low-Code in Accelerating Digital Transformation and Driving Innovation."

Commenting on the recognition, Mohammed AlShehabi, Head of Innovation at Al Salam Bank said: "This award reflects the disciplined execution of our digital strategy and our focus on building practical, secure, and client-centric mobile banking solutions. Our mobile banking application continues to evolve to meet clients' daily banking needs, combining ease of use with strong security and reliability. We remain committed to enhancing our digital channels in ways that deliver real value and support our clients' changing expectations."