

BFMC Gears Up

Reveals plans for expansion, modernization



Basim Mohamed Al Saie, sixth from left, Salah M. M. Alkulaib, Vice Chairman, fifth from left, and BFMC's board directors at the AGM

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The Bahrain Flour Mills Company (BFMC) yesterday revealed plans to expand and modernize its operations in tune with the Kingdom's strategy to ensure long-term food security and provide value-added products.

Talking on the sidelines of the company's annual general meeting, BFMC Chairman Basim Mohamed Al Saie unveiled ambitious plans for the coming decades, including the construction of a new, state-of-the-art flour mill and a focus on digital transformation. These aim at strengthening food security in Bahrain while ensuring timely delivery of high-quality products to meet evolving cus-

tomers demands, he said. "We will embark on designing the new mill site this year," Al Saie told The Daily Tribune. "This project will be a landmark for Bahrain, featuring cutting-edge technology and a significantly larger capacity to process 520 metric tons."

This increased capacity has the potential to not only enhance food security but also diversify BFMC's product range, ultimately providing customers with a wider variety of high-quality options.

Beyond the physical expansion, BFMC is embracing digital solutions. The company has already transitioned to a new ERP system and established an e-commerce platform.

"The e-platform replaces the outdated bank coupon system,"



Basim Mohamed Al Saie, BFMC Chairman

Al Saie explained. "This digital solution enables us to better understand our customer base, identify their needs, and deliver the most suitable products efficiently, resulting in a more satisfying customer experience."

Strategic plans

The planned new mill and digital transformation initiatives come on the heels of three successfully implemented strategic plans. These previous plans focused on expanding the existing factory's capacity, expected to complete by March 2024 and upgrading the company's systems.

BFMC's commitment to innovation and growth, coupled with the support of Mumtalakat, the sovereign wealth fund of Bahrain, positions the company for a prosperous future and continued contribution to the Kingdom's food sector. "Now the system is centralized and focused on important sector to move faster and gain more than before," he said.

UTB's Entrepreneurship Development Program highlights student innovations



University of Technology Bahrain officials, faculty members, industry experts, graduating and junior students, alumni and media at the event. (Pictures credit: Ashen Tharaka)

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The University of Technology Bahrain (UTB) recently held its termly Entrepreneurship Development Program, where graduating students had the opportunity to showcase their innovative business ideas. This event not only served as a platform for students to present their entrepreneurial ventures but also aimed to inspire junior students to explore the realms of entrepreneurship.

The program, organised by the College of Administrative and Financial Sciences, featured a diverse array of business concepts ranging from



technology startups to sustainable initiatives. Students presented their ideas to spectators comprised of industry experts, faculty members, junior students, alumni and media. This hands-on approach helps students refine their concepts and develop essential skills for launching successful ventures in the future.

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