

Al Mubarak Praises Bondy

Praise marks envoy's farewell



H.E. Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak with H.E. U.S. Ambassador Steven C. Bondy

● Minister lauds coordination efforts

● Ambassador expresses heartfelt gratitude

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His Excellency Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, praised U.S. Ambassador Steven C. Bondy for his role in strengthening coordination and cooperation between Bahrain and the United States.

Receiving the envoy as he concludes his tenure, the minister stressed the importance of the longstanding historical relations between the two nations. He expressed sincere appreciation for Ambassador Bondy's efforts in reinforcing these connections and wished him continued success in his future endeavors. Ambassador Bondy, in return, voiced deep gratitude for the support and cooperation he received during his service in Bahrain. He said that this support helped advance bilateral relations toward broader horizons and extended his best wishes for Bahrain's continued prosperity. The exchange underscored the depth of diplomatic and institutional cooperation that has long defined the Bahrain-U.S. partnership. As Ambassador Bondy prepares to depart, both parties highlighted a shared optimism that the partnership between the two countries will continue to grow stronger in the coming years.

Vatel Bahrain Enters KSA

● First Open Day in Saudi Arabia

● Bachelor's and Master's programmes showcased

● GCC push to build hospitality leaders

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Vatel Bahrain has staged its first-ever Open Day in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province, marking a new milestone in the Kingdom's drive to expand its regional reach in hospitality education. Held at the Aloft Dhahran Hotel, the event introduced Saudi, Gulf, and international students to the College's programmes in International Hotel Management, including the Bachelor's course and the newly launched Master's programme. Both offerings combine academic theory with hands-on training in leading hotels worldwide, giving graduates a competitive edge for leadership roles across the tourism and hospitality sectors. Shaikh Khaled bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, General Director of Vatel Bahrain, said the event underscored the College's ambition to attract more international students, particularly from Saudi Arabia. He noted that Vatel Bahrain is already listed as one of the recommended higher education institutions for Saudi students to enroll in, a recognition that reflects the growing synergy between Bahrain and its Gulf neighbour. "The Open Day in Dhahran represents a significant step in our expansion efforts and aligns with the rapid growth of the hospitality sector both in Saudi Arabia and the wider region," Shaikh Khaled said.







Shaikh Khaled bin Khalifa Al Khalifa speaks at the event

Students attending the event were briefed on the strong employment prospects available to Vatel graduates, backed by guaranteed internships in four-star and five-star hotels. These placements are designed to provide valuable international exposure and practical experience, preparing graduates for diverse roles in the industry. Mr. Mohammed AlMubarak, representing Aloft Dhahran, described the initiative as a reflection of the shared vision of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia to nurture young talent capable of advancing the region's hospitality industry to international standards. "We are proud to host this landmark event and highlight the opportunities available within this vibrant sector," he said.


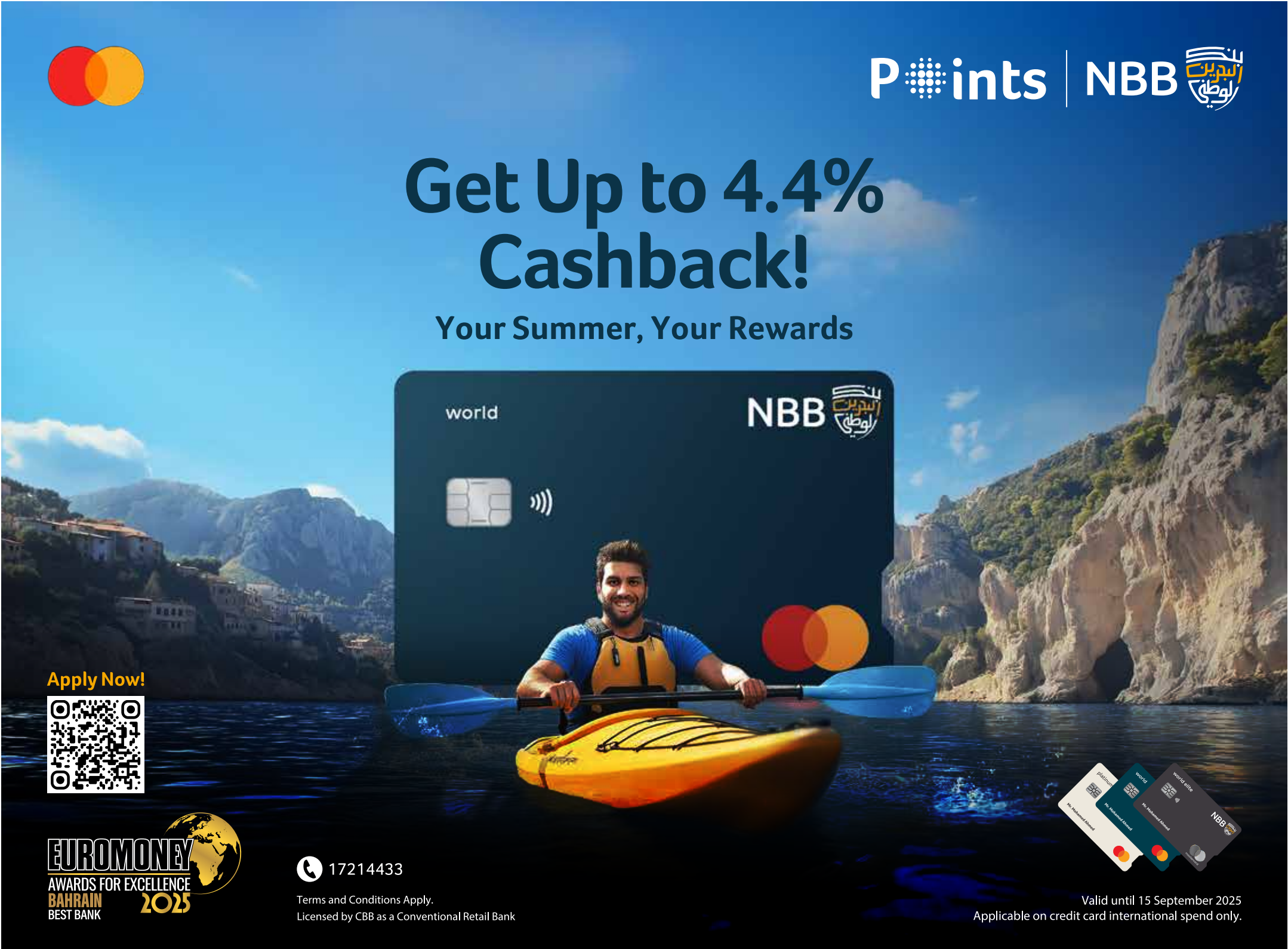
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