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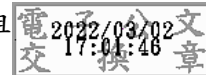
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Invest in Bahrain

Gateway to the GCC,
MENA and beyond.



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SECTION 1

About Bahrain



BAHRAIN ESSENTIALS

Area **770 km²**

Population **1.5 million**
(52% expats)

Nominal GDP **US \$34.7 bn**
2020*

FDI Stock **US \$31.7 bn**
2020

Business Language **English & Arabic**

Source: *Bahrain Information & e-Government Authority iGA; MOFNE

Strong vision



We are shifting from an economy built on oil wealth to a productive, globally competitive economy, shaped by the government and driven by a pioneering private section. As an economy that raises the broad middle class, Bahrainis enjoy good living standards through increased productivity and high-wage jobs which we are working towards doubling.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES – WHAT THEY MEAN

Sustainability

Government finances will uphold a system that is stable and forward-looking. Bahrain will use its resources to invest in the future, improving human capital through education and training.

Competitiveness

Bahrain will attain a high level of competitiveness in the global economy, making the Kingdom a great place to do business.

Fairness

Public and private-sector activities should be transparent, and everyone should be treated the same in law and have equal access to services.

Market opportunity and global access

MENA:
 US \$3.7 trillion
 445 million consumers*


MENA has
4% of world GDP


GCC:
 US \$1.4 trillion.*
 54 m consumers**

The GCC accounts for
43% of MENA GDP

Duty-free Trade

FTAs
 (Free Trade Agreements):
22 countries




Flight Times 

1.5 hours
Dubai, Riyadh

2.5 hours
Amman, Karachi

4.5 hours
Cairo, Istanbul

8 hours
London, Frankfurt and Moscow



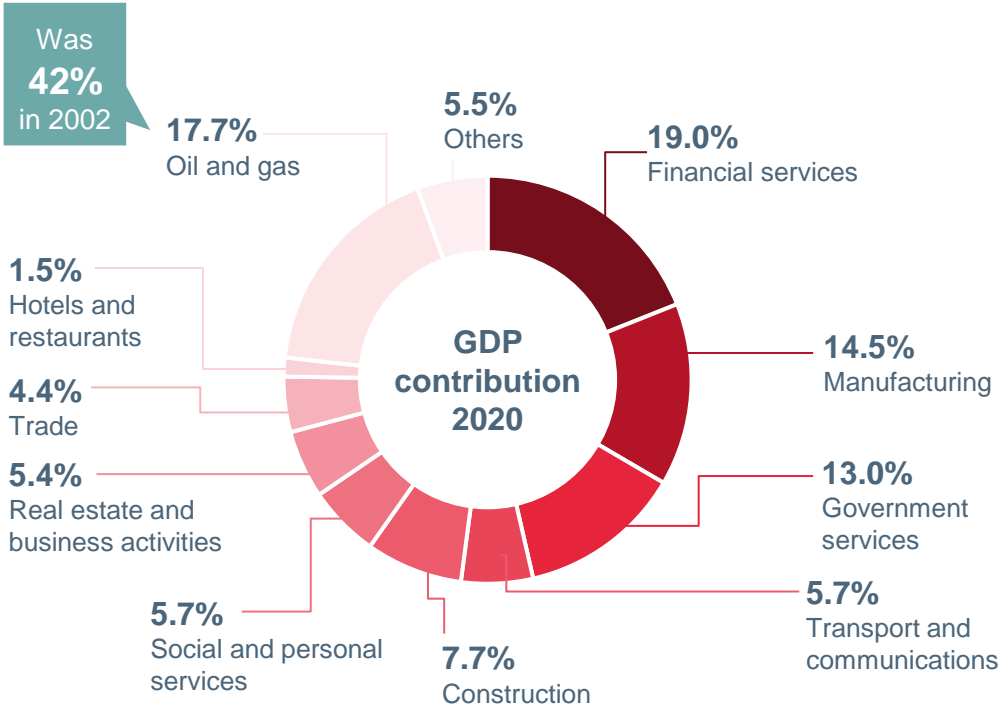
Source: *Zawya, Q2 2021; **UNDP, Arab Development Portal (2021); ***World Population Review (2021)

Economic diversity and growth



Non-oil GDP accounts for more than **80% of real GDP.**

	2019	2020	2021f	2022f
Real GDP Growth	2.1%	-5.1%	3.1%	3.1%



Source: MOFNE, IGA

1st in GCC
for Inward FDI Stocks relative to GDP

92% FDI contribution
to Bahrain's GDP

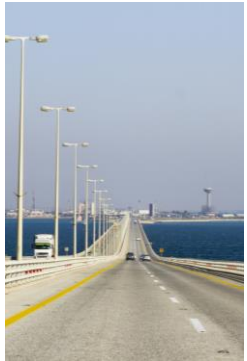
4% FDI Stock Growth Rate
for 2016-2020

Source: Bahrain Information & eGovernment Authority

Physical infrastructure

Bahrain enables you to unlock the potential of the Gulf, particularly Saudi Arabia’s Eastern Province.

The Bahrain Global Sea-Air Hub is the most efficient multimodal sea-air transshipment in the region, capitalizing on Bahrain’s strategic position between markets.



Sea

Khalifa bin Salman Port (KBSP) has the GCC’s shortest container customs clearance (as little as 3 hours) and fastest truck turnaround (33 minutes).

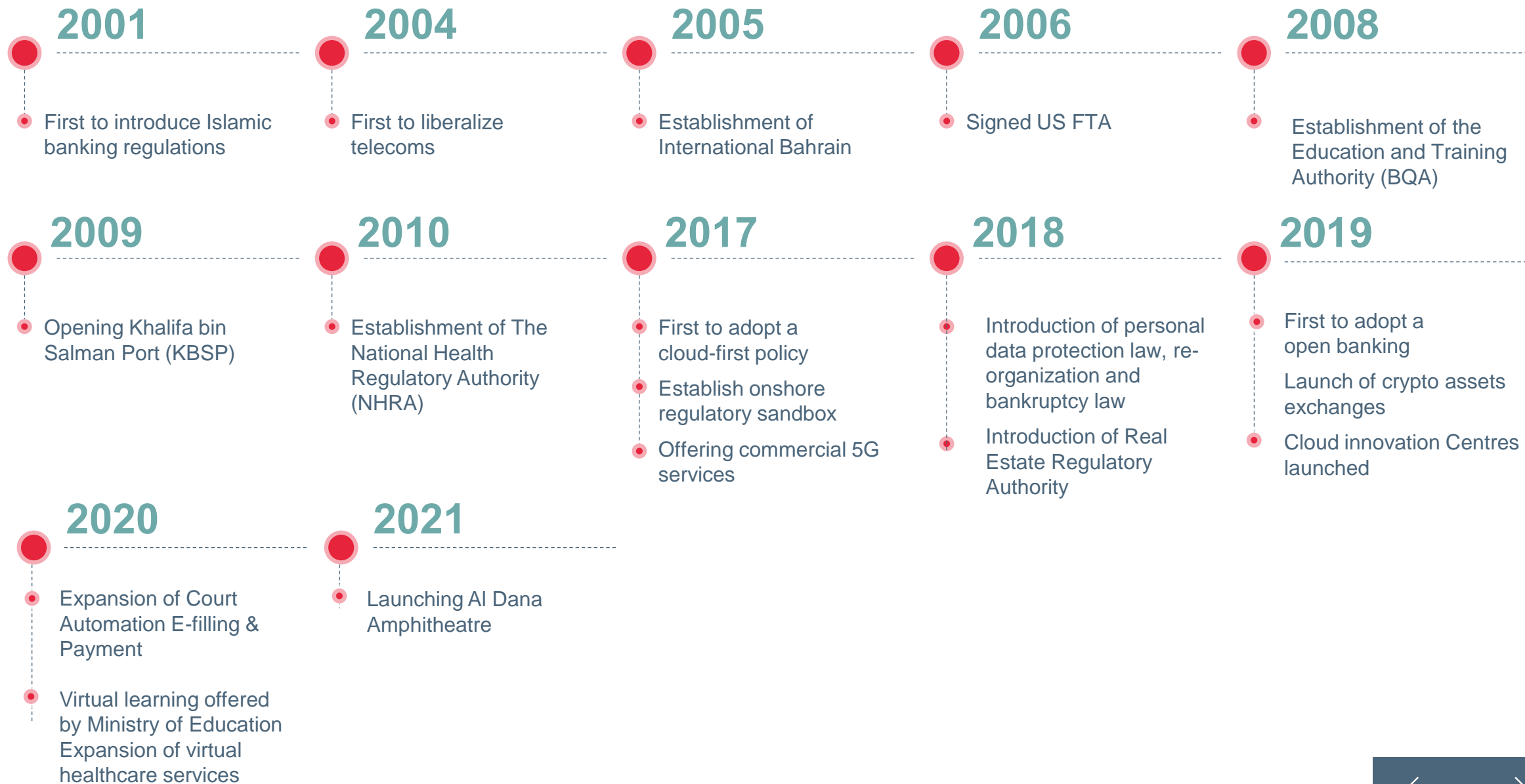
Road

The 25 km King Fahad Causeway to Saudi Arabia now uses blockchain technology to fast-track customs clearance and fee payments. It has cut processing time to 10 hours, a reflection of Bahrain’s speed and efficiency.

Air Cargo

Bahrain International Airport is upgrading infrastructure and services, with enhancements that include 24/7 customs, a core warehouse, new air cargo village and direct access to airside and freighter parking stands.

Key milestones



SECTION 2

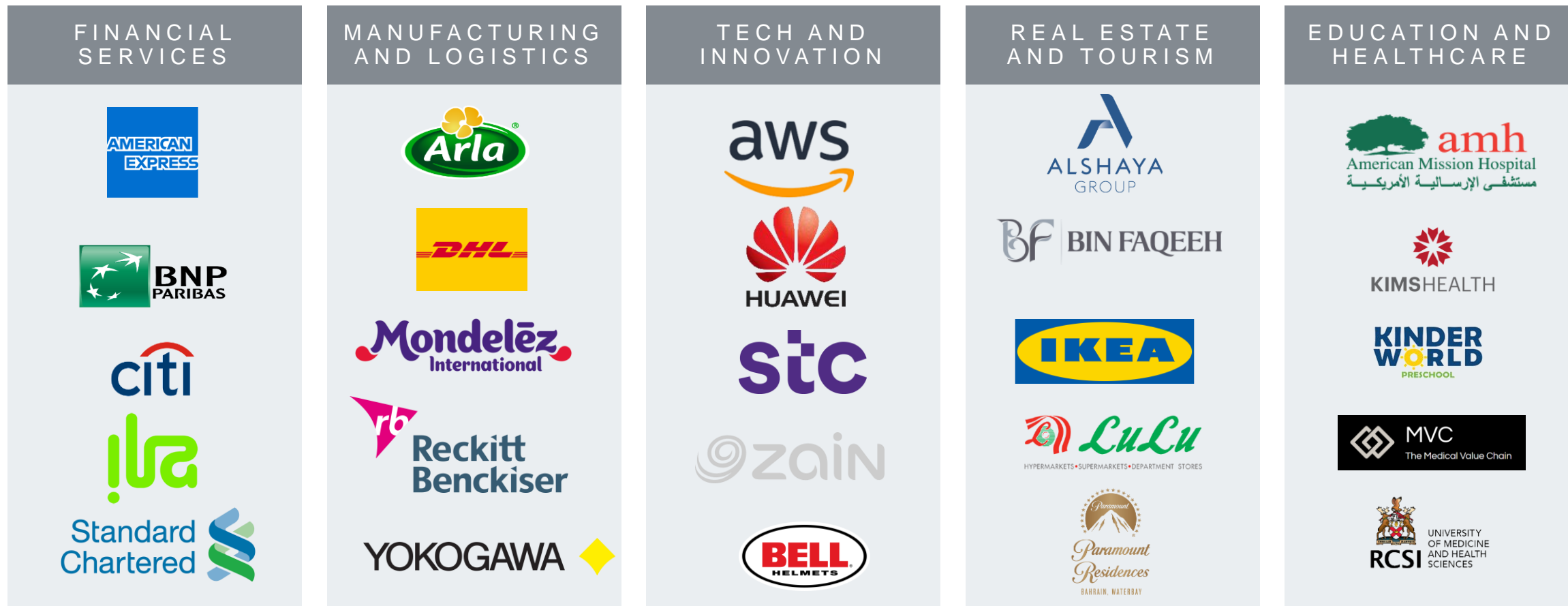
Bahrain Successes



BAHRAIN IS HOME TO
DIVERSE MULTINATIONAL
COMPANIES.

Bahrain's sector success

COMPANIES WHO HAVE INVESTED IN BAHRAIN'S FOCUS SECTORS



Source: FDI Markets Database (January 2003 to Present Day)

SECTION 3

Major Development Projects



Open for business

Major Development Projects

Executive Summary

SECTOR GROWTH

18 high value (US \$30 billion <) development project underway across **7 key sectors**

EXPANSION

Development of **five new cities**, which will increase the current area of the Kingdom of Bahrain by more than **60%**.

ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE

Expansion of Bahrain's **transport network**, increasing **strategic links** between projects, cities and Saudi Arabia.

IMPROVED LIVING

The royal derivatives to create **40,000 housing units** reflects the government's commitment to strengthen its **partnership with the private sector** to provide quality houses for citizens.

Major development projects worth more than USD 30 billion

5 New Cities

1- Fasht Al Jarim 2- Suhaila Island 3- Fasht Al Adhm 4- Gulf of Bahrain

5- Hawar Island

Infrastructure and ICT

6- King Hamad Causeway 7- Bahrain Metro 8- Northern Road 9- Future International Marine Fibre Telecoms Project

Tourism Sector

10- Bilaj Al Jazayer (Tourist City) 11- Exhibition & Convention Centre 12- Jumeirah Resort 13- South City

14- Marrasi AlBahrain

Industrial Sector

15- Bapco Modernization 16- Aluminium Downstream Zone 17- USA Trade Zone

Education Sector

18- King Abdulla Medical City 19- College of Engineering UOB

Healthcare Sector

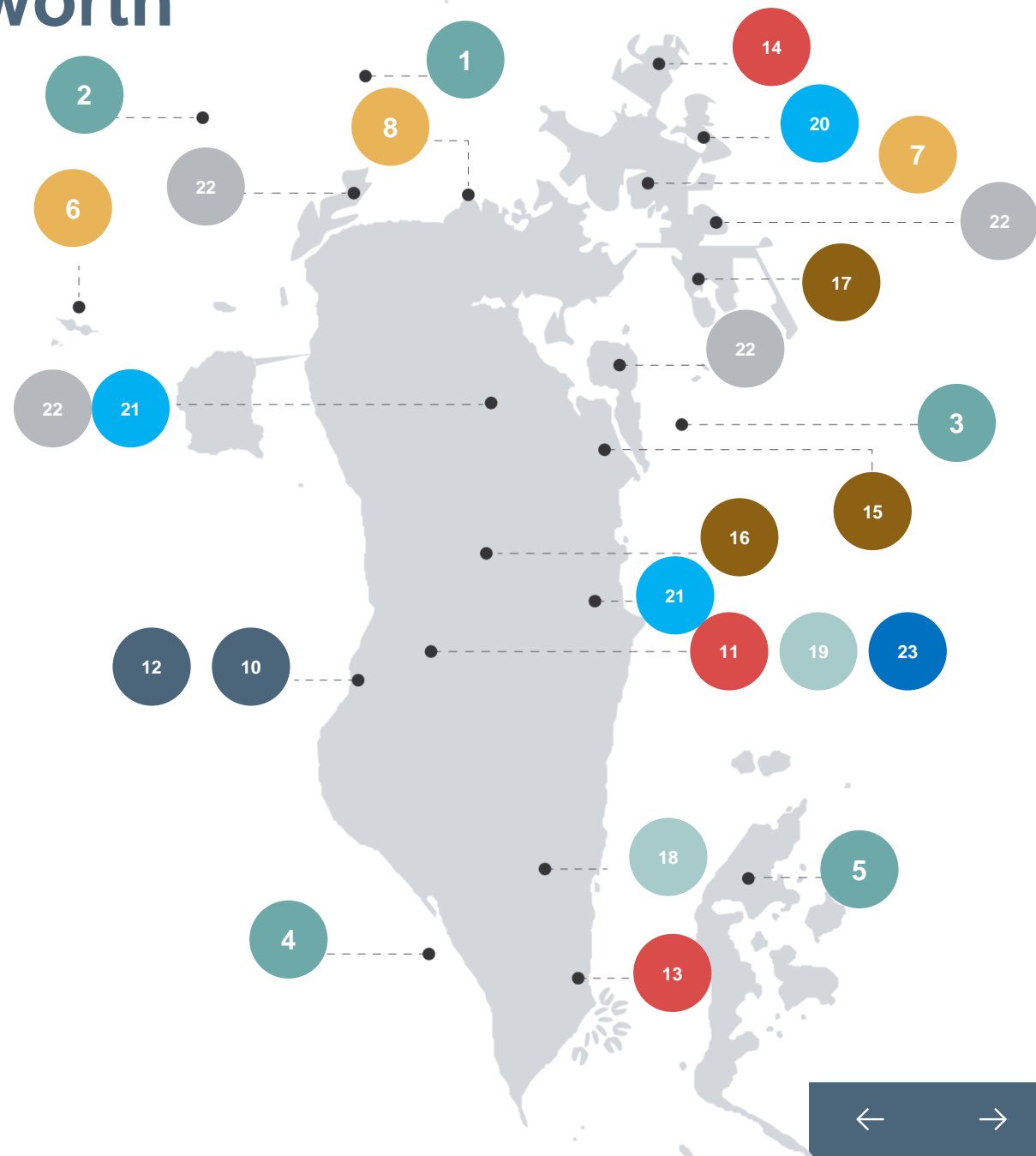
20- Dilmunia Health Complex 21- King Hamad Hospital (AMH)

Housing Projects

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Youth & Sports

23- Sports City



Five New Cities

Work is underway on five new cities, which will increase the current area of the Kingdom of Bahrain by more than 60%. This also takes into consideration sustainability of the environment and wildlife.

1	RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE USE	183 km ²
2	RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE USE	62 km ²
3	INDUSTRIAL, INVESTMENT	104 km ²
4	TOURISM & ENTERTAINMENT	31 km ²
5	TOURISM & ENTERTAINMENT	7 km ²

Fasht Al Jarim

1

Suhaila Island

2

Fasht Al Adhm

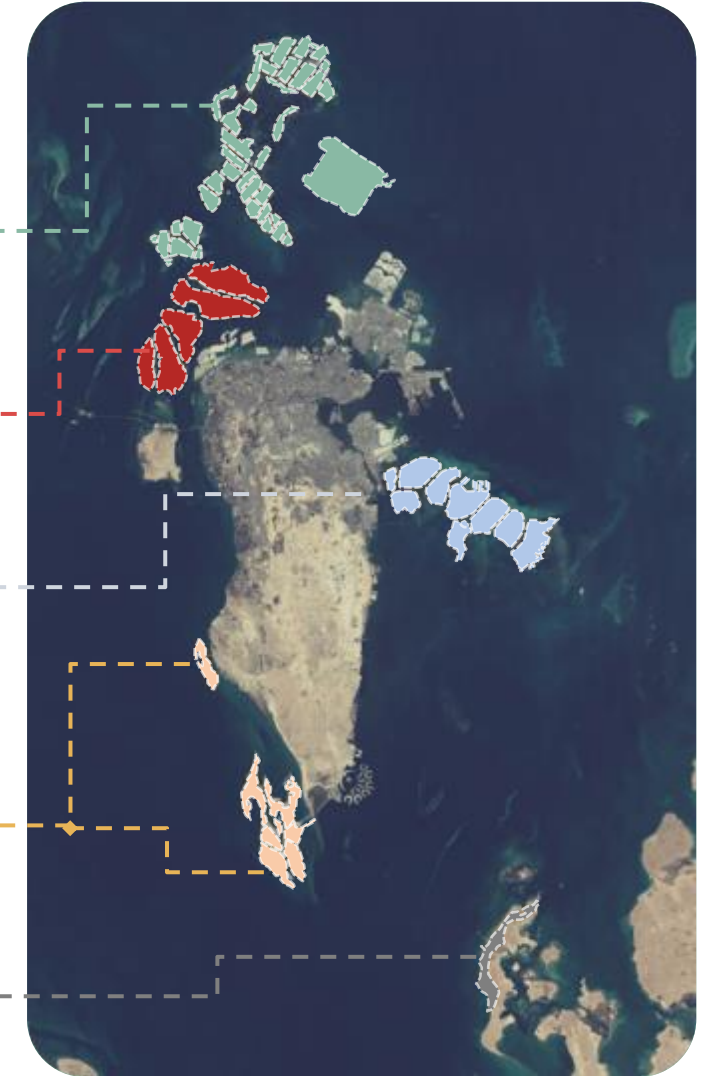
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Gulf of Bahrain

4

Hawar Islands

5



Fasht Al Jarim

Summary:

- ❖ An island surrounded by canals with an airport at its centre. With the aim of creating mixed-use projects
- ❖ The city will promote the concept of integrated and sustainable mobility.
- ❖ The new island's layout follows the borders of the Fasht and will be connected to the mainland.

Main Uses:

RESIDENTIAL TOURIST AREA FUTURE AIRPORT

LOGISTICS AREAS CANAL/SOUQ



Suhaila Island

Summary:

- ❖ An island in harmony with the natural terrain of the region, which creates water channels in the direction of the wind
- ❖ Distinct investment and tourism opportunities that attract investors and enhance tourism.

Main Uses:

RESIDENTIAL

TOURIST AREA

MULTIPLE USES



Fasht al Adhm

Summary:

- ❖ More than 100 km²
- ❖ A group of islands that will host industrial, logistics, residential communities. As well as investment areas.
- ❖ Investment opportunities for clean industry, new technologies, and renewable energy

Main Uses

INDUSTRIAL

INVESTMENT

MULTIPLE USES



Gulf Of Bahrain

Summary:

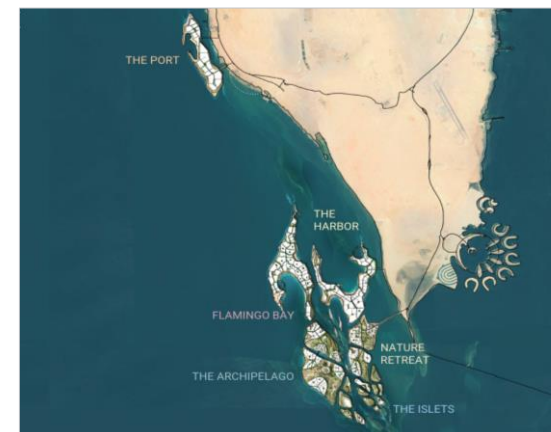
- ❖ A group of islands, with a sustainable natural shape that promotes the growth of mangroves
- ❖ Opportunities for investment and tourism

Main Uses

TOURISM & ENTERTAINMENT

MULTIPLE USES

MANGROVE AREA



Hawar Islands

Summary:

- ❖ Ongoing projects will protect natural habitats and the preserve the environment.
- ❖ The development is divided into four areas that includes nature reserves, contemporary urban centers, waterfront resorts, and open spaces, all of which are connected by a series of walkways.

Main Uses

TOURISM | Hotels & Resorts

MULTIPLE USES



King Hamad Causeway

The second bridge linking the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Kingdom of Bahrain will extend to a length of 25 km. It will consist of four lanes for vehicles and part of the railway which is 57km in total length.

The project strengthens the strategic, political, economic and cultural ties between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

It also aims to reduce traffic congestion and enhance the efficiency of transporting people and goods between the two kingdoms and the GCC which will further boost regional economic growth.



Bahrain Metro

Establishing a metro network covering all areas in Bahrain with a length of 109 km, to be implemented in several phases.

The first phase of the project will include the construction of two 29-km lines with 20 stops. The first line will connect Bahrain International Airport and Seef District, while the other will link the Juffair Area and the educational district in Isa Town.



Northern Road

The project will provide transport corridors along the northern coast of Bahrain, which will enhance the link between strategic projects and new housing projects.

The Northern Road will reach a length of 22.5 km long with four lanes being developed.



Bilaj Al Jazayer (Tourist City)

The project, also referred to as the "Tourist City", is located in the southwest of the Kingdom and is one of the projects that will enhance the Kingdom's position on the global tourism map.

The first phase includes public beaches and a walkway extending over 1.2 km, with key recreational, residential and tourism facilities being developed.

The project will host the Avani Bilaj Al Jazayer Bahrain Resort and Tivoli Bilaj Al Jazayer Bahrain Resort.

The project won "The best project in the entertainment sector in Bahrain" Award, and was nominated for "the best project in the entertainment sector in the Arab region" Award



Jumeirah Bahrain Bay Resort

The resort will be built in the southwest of the Kingdom of Bahrain

It will have 207 rooms, two beaches, five swimming pools, a spa, a health club (spa), a lagoon, artificial islands, and water games.

In addition to many restaurants and cafes, it will provide its visitors with other attractions such as indoor and outdoor cinemas, and an event hall with a capacity of 2,500 people.



Marrasi Galleria

Spread over an area of 200,000 square meters on a strategic location within the Marassi Al Bahrain project, which is planned to house a wide assortment of prominent international brands.

- ❖ The project will open in September 2022.
- ❖ The first commercial complex with exceptional sea views in the region, and will allow visitors direct access to both the beach and the waterfront promenade.
- ❖ Sections of the complex include a High Street, the Family Plaza section, a charming waterfront dining area, and the luxurious courtyard section.



Vida Marassi AlBahrain Hotel & Vida Residence

The hotel is located next to the waterfront and is designed in a modern and innovative way to form an urban center for the next generation residence and entertainment. The hotel apartments feature elegant interiors and various amenities

- ❖ The project will open in December 2021.
- ❖ The resort includes 157 rooms, while the hotel apartments include 145 apartments, in addition to a number of fine restaurants, a spa, and an outdoor pool.
- ❖ It is connected to Marassi Galleria and is steps away from the multiple facilities of the Marassi Al Bahrain project.



The Address Hotel Marassi AlBahrain & The Address Residences

Luxurious hotel and hotel apartments with modern facilities providing the highest levels of luxury. close to a number of luxury shops, and restaurants with a stunning sea view.

- ❖ The project will open in February 2022.
- ❖ The hotel has 10 floors and 117 rooms including 20 luxurious suites, in addition to business facilities, spa, gym, swimming pools and games area.
- ❖ The Address Residences includes a commercial complex, a waterfront and a wide walkway. The residential facilities consist of 10 floors and 155 residences.
- ❖ It is directly connected to Marassi Galleria.



Bapco Modernization

The largest industrial project in the history of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Aims to:

- ❖ Increase the productivity, competitiveness, and efficiency of the BAPCO oil refinery
- ❖ Increase the refining capacity from 267 thousand to 380 thousand barrels per day



Aluminium Downstream Zone

Establish a downstream zone for the aluminum sector near the Alba factory to:

- ❖ Attract local and foreign investment in the aluminum sector and develop exports in this dynamic sector.
- ❖ Increase the contribution of the non-oil sectors in general and the manufacturing sector in particular to the Kingdom's GDP
- ❖ Create quality jobs for citizens in the aluminum downstream and manufacturing sector.



USA Trade Zone

A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States of America with the aim of:

- ❖ Creating a US trade zone within Bahrain, thus developing a regional centre for commerce, manufacturing, logistics, and distribution.
- ❖ Enhancing economic, commercial, and industrial cooperation.
- ❖ Advancing bilateral trade between the two countries.

Creating quality job opportunities for citizens in the sectors of industry, trade and support services.



King Abdullah Medical City

A healthcare complex that includes academic and medical facilities. The complex will also include research centres specialised in studying prevalent diseases, including cancer, diabetes, and obesity. The project will be implemented in two phases:

Phase 1:

An educational department consisting of

- ❖ 8 floors with a capacity of 300 beds.
- ❖ Outpatient clinics consisting of 3 floors.
- ❖ 15 operating rooms.
- ❖ Modern laboratories and an imaging centre.

Phase 2

- ❖ Expansion to 500 bed capacity.
- ❖ Establishing a research and development centre.
- ❖ Conference hall.



College of Engineering – University of Bahrain

One of the most prestigious international engineering companies has been hired to design the university's College of Engineering building.

- ❖ The project organisers are keen to ensure that the design is of the highest quality and is environmentally friendly.
- ❖ The project will include new buildings for the Department of Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical, and Civil Engineering, Department of Architecture and Interior Design.
- ❖ The project will provide a research environment that contributes to scientific research and developing engineering technologies and preparing students in various engineering fields to meet the needs of society, the labour market and the requirements of the comprehensive development of the Kingdom.



Dilmunia Health Services Complex

A health services complex and a General Hospital focusing on multiple specializations located in Dilmunia Island

Land has been allocated for the hospital, with an estimated size of 16,665 sqm.



King Hamad Hospital AMH

Establishing a hospital in the A'ali area that includes all medical specialties, with a capacity of 125 beds.

It will contain two departments, one dedicated to gynecology and children, and the other to provide general medical services adopting the latest technologies across various specialties.

Solar panels will be installed in the hospital upon completion of the project, with target of providing 75% of the energy demands of the hospital.



Housing Projects

Summary:

Based on the royal directives to provide 40,000 housing units, work has been undertaken in partnership with the private sector to establish five new residential cities in an effort to provide the best exemplary housing services for citizens and provide more building opportunities for developers.

Government Land Development programme

The "Sharaka" programme has been launched, which allows bidding on land rights to develop government lands by private developers.

The programme will be expanded over the coming years to include more than 16000 housing units. The move is in line with the government's commitment to strengthen its partnership with the private sector to provide quality houses for citizens.

Outskirt of Ramli, 3,901 houses



East Hidd, 4,898 houses



Madinat Salman, 11,940 houses



Madinat Khalifa, 4,497 houses



East Sitra, 3,430 houses



Sports City

Summary

The project will include building the largest integrated sports stadium in the Kingdom

- ❖ includes a multi-purpose hall, international standard football fields, and athletics tracks.
- ❖ It also includes a shopping mall and hotels



SECTION 4

Why invest



FIVE REASONS BAHRAIN SHOULD BE YOUR FIRST CHOICE:

01 Financially attractive



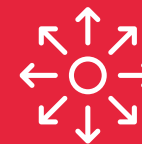
02 Skilled workforce



03 Ease of doing business



04 Access to decision-makers



05 Exceptional lifestyle



Financially attractive

BAHRAIN RANKS FIRST GLOBALLY FOR FINANCIAL ATTRACTIVENESS*

COST EFFECTIVE IN GCC**



56%

lower, manufacturing



71.5%

lower, logistics



31%

lower, financial services



37%

lower, technology & innovation



25%

lower salary costs, financial services***

NO TAXES



0%

corporation taxes



0%

personal income taxes



0%

wealth taxes



0%

capital gains tax

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS



34 countries

Investment Protection
& Promotion Agreements



41 countries

Double Taxation
Avoidance Agreements



0%

Import duty on raw materials,
machinery and spare parts



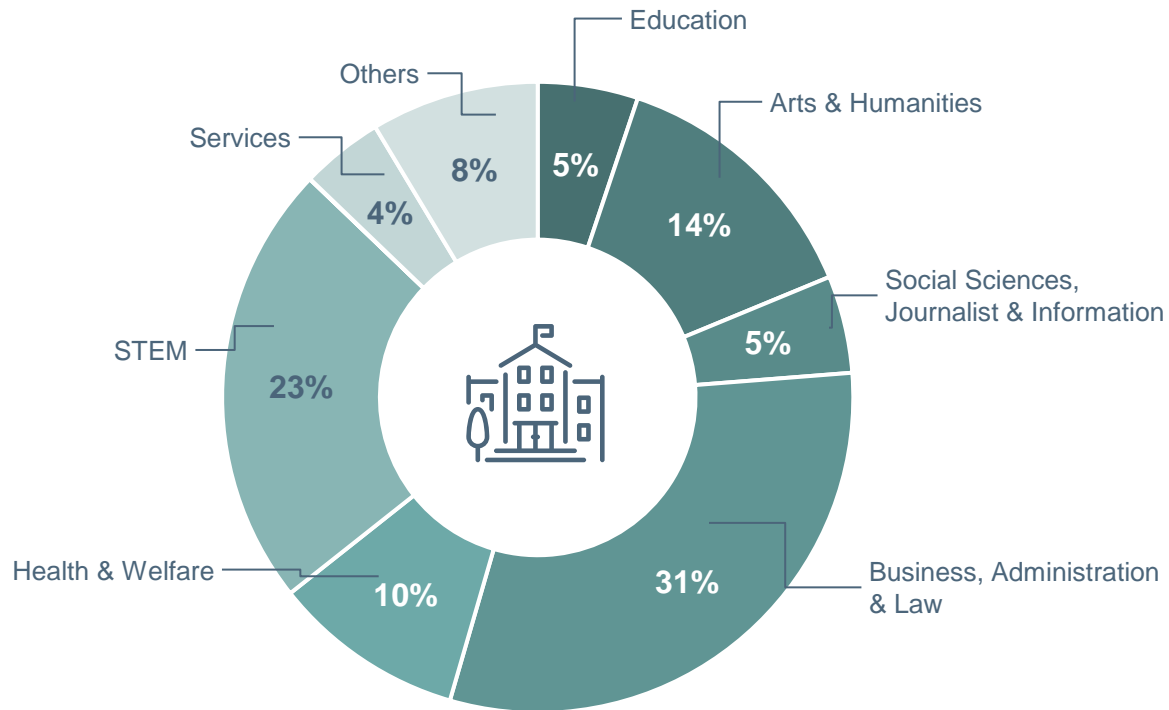
22 countries

Free Trade Agreements

Skilled workforce

Bahrainis are highly educated.

More than 32,000 students are enrolled in higher education*:



Source: Higher Education Council, 2019-20

KEY FACTS:

90%

of Bahrainis fluent in English & Arabic

75%

employment rate among Bahrain polytechnic graduates**

1st

in the Arab countries for advanced computer programming talent in ICT***



Sources: *Higher Education Council, 2019-20;
 **Ministry of Education - Bahrain Education & Training Annual Report, 2020;
 ***International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Report 2020;
 ****LMRA, end 2020

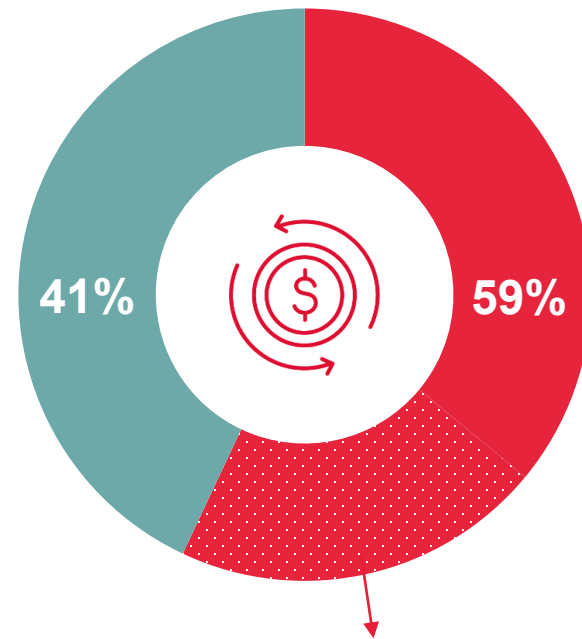
A diverse workforce

Bahrain is first globally for female digital skills training and STEM*.



Though women comprise just over 20% of the total labour force*, **40% of start-ups have female founders**

Bahrainis in financial services



38% of the financial services sector are Bahraini women despite no quota being in place

■ Non Bahrainis

■ Bahrainis



Thoroughly supported



Since 2006, Tamkeen, Bahrain's labour fund, has invested **US \$2.2 billion** to promote employability among Bahrainis graduates and job-seekers, and to support the private sector.

Key incentives include:

100% individual training **support**

Wage **subsidy** – 70% y1, 50% y2, 30% y3

Up to 100% wage **increment**



Ease of doing business

Bahrain creates the conditions in which enterprise excels. That's what being 'Business Friendly' means.

The Kingdom is acknowledged by influential bodies for freedom across a range of measures:



1st

in MENA for Investment Freedom



1st

in MENA for Trade Freedom



1st

in MENA for Labour Market Regulations



Digital infrastructure

RAPIDLY BECOMING DIGITAL-LED

Bahrain is leading in the region in terms of digitalization across different sectors. The digital economy contributes towards 8% of our GDP.



UPGRADED INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1st** in the region to set up a Hyperscale Data Centre
- 1st** in the region to deliver nation wide commercial 5G network services



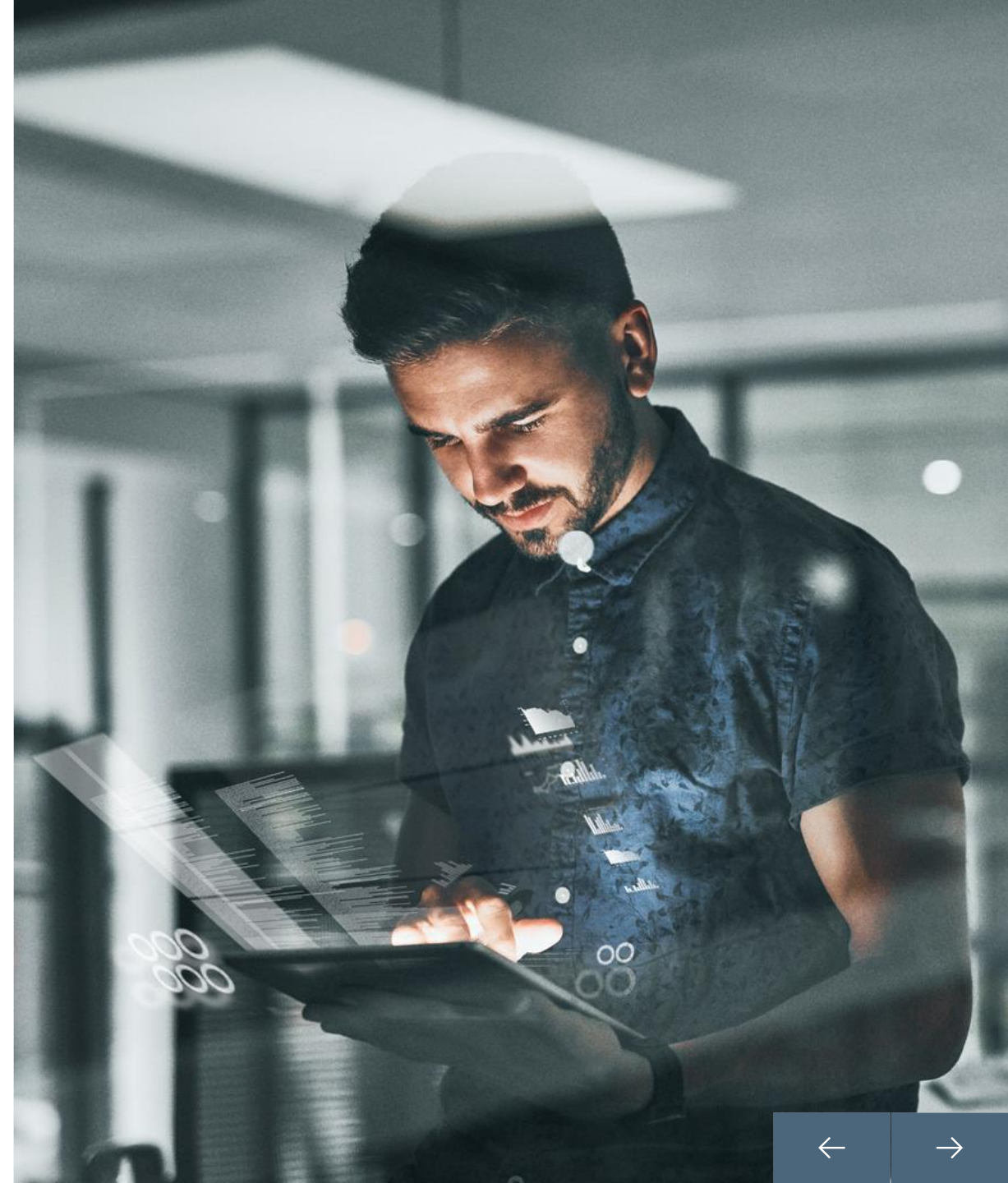
INNOVATIVE REGULATION

- 1st** globally for privacy and data regulations*
- 1st** government in the region to store data offshore, in the Cloud
- Zero** restrictions on VoIP services – the only country in the region



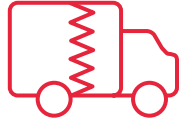
SUPPORTIVE REGULATION

- Cloud first policy
- Digital Financial Advice Regulations (Robo-Advisory)
- FinTech Regulatory Sandbox
- Records Law
- Ratification of the UN's Convention on the use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts
- Crypto Asset Exchanges
- Crowdfunding 2.0 Electronic Transferable
- Electronic Communications and Transactions Law



Operational freedom

ENJOY UNRIVALLED FINANCIAL FREEDOM IN BAHRAIN



100%

foreign ownership
in most sectors



100%

repatriation of capital
profits & dividends



No

free zone restrictions



1st

in MENA for
financial freedom*

Progressive regulation

Bahrain's regulatory framework helps you innovate and grow.

Regulation is clear and transparent.

Our high governance standards lead to outstanding stability.



Take two: a wealth of reforms

A regulatory sandbox for FinTech (2017) and adoption of Open Banking (2019) are just two ways Bahrain is working to streamline business operation.

2017

- FinTech Regulatory Sandbox
- Crowdfunding 2.0

2018

- Reorganisation and Bankruptcy Law
- Competition Law
- Health Insurance Law
- Personal Data Protection Law
- Electronic Transferable Records Law
- Electronic Communications and Transactions Law
- Commercial Companies Law Amendments
- Cloud Computing Services to Foreign Parties Law (Data Jurisdiction)
- Open Banking

2019

- Crypto Asset Exchanges
- Digital Financial Advice Regulations (Robo-Advisory)
- E-Notarisation Regulations
- CBB's Rules on Insurance Aggregators (InsurTech)
- Extension of e-visas to 120 countries

2020

- Ratification of the UN's Convention on the use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts

Access to decision-makers

Team Bahrain clears the way for **profitable opportunities by connecting investors to strategic bodies and partners** across the public and private sectors.

Companies get established fast and effectively and make the most from their investment.



402

companies
attracted 2017-2020



20.7%

Investment growth
2017-2020 (US \$733
m to US \$885 m)



Over

US\$ 3.2 billion

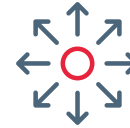
in investments
attracted 2017-2020

Team Bahrain achievements



Mondelēz
International

Mondelēz wanted to create a new global hub – its sixth largest.



The company needed **250,000m2** of industrial expansion land. None was available.



With partners, **Team Bahrain reclaimed land from the sea** in just six months. Allowing them to serve a vast area from Bahrain.



Also **secured land next to the new site** for Mondelēz's supply chain.



Formed the **Bahrain Logistics Board** to further support Mondelēz in exporting to Saudi Arabia.

Team Bahrain achievements



Team Bahrain went the extra mile to attract MENA's first hyperscale data centre.



Drove adoption of a government-wide **cloud-first** policy



Introduced **new data jurisdiction** and protection laws



Changed legislation to **make cloud computing attractive** to the private sector



Offered SMEs **grant-based support for cloud migration training** and cloud credits

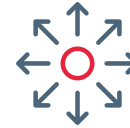


Helped AWS roll out its fastest global deployment, by identifying suitable sites powered by renewable energy

Team Bahrain achievements



Arla is currently investing in a major expansion of its factory in Bahrain.



The Middle East is the 2nd biggest market for Arla, they are building **7,000 SQM** production site in Bahrain.



Arla was given access to the EDB's Jobs Portal **linking Arla to top CVs** and the Ministry of Labor.



The EDB connected Arla with **logistics providers** based on Arla's specific needs.

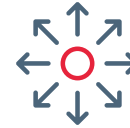


Team Bahrain provided priority and **quick access to COVID testing** for Arla's employees.

Team Bahrain achievements



DHL have operated their MENA regional hub office in Bahrain since 1977



EDB helped allocate an MOT land plot giving DHL **dedicated landside and airside compatible areas.**



The EDB facilitated an **electronic data interchange** allowing pre-clearance of DHL parcels through the Bahrain Customs system.



Through the **Bahrain Logistics Board**, the EDB helped allocate pre-built warehouse facilities to the airport.



The EDB worked closely with BAC and MTT in negotiations for a further **renewal of a 10 year lease agreement** for DHL.

Team Bahrain achievements



RCSI

RCSI chose Bahrain as their first venture to open outside of Ireland.



RCSI wanted to open outside of Ireland in a county with the **necessary infrastructure in place** for trials.



Bahrain offers healthcare manufacturers an excellent base to access the **\$20 billion GCC pharmaceutical industry**.



Bahrain was chosen due to **ease of securing approvals** by GCC regulators than if conducting trials in other regions.



The responsive nature of **NHRA** to research trials **allow safe approvals to be given far quicker** than in Europe.

Team Bahrain achievements



American Express has been regionally headquartered in Bahrain for over 40 years due to its location and favorable regulation.



Amex have had access to **top class regulations** including Bahrain's position as the 1st globally for privacy and data.



Amex is able to benefit from Bahrain's **clarity and transparency** around its regulatory framework.



Access to a **collaborative approach**, partnering on multiple government initiatives.



Their employees come from a workforce of **over 30 nationalities in Bahrain** allowing innovation and diversity.

Team Bahrain achievements



Citi Bank wanted to launch a large scale technology hub in Bahrain.



Accessed Bahrain's **diverse and skilled talent pool** with the ambition to employ 1000 Bahrainis.



Strong leadership buy-in by **Team Bahrain** helped **rapid turnaround** in drafting the deal and terms.



EDB worked closely with Citi from the early stages, preparing **customized value propositions** to support the project.



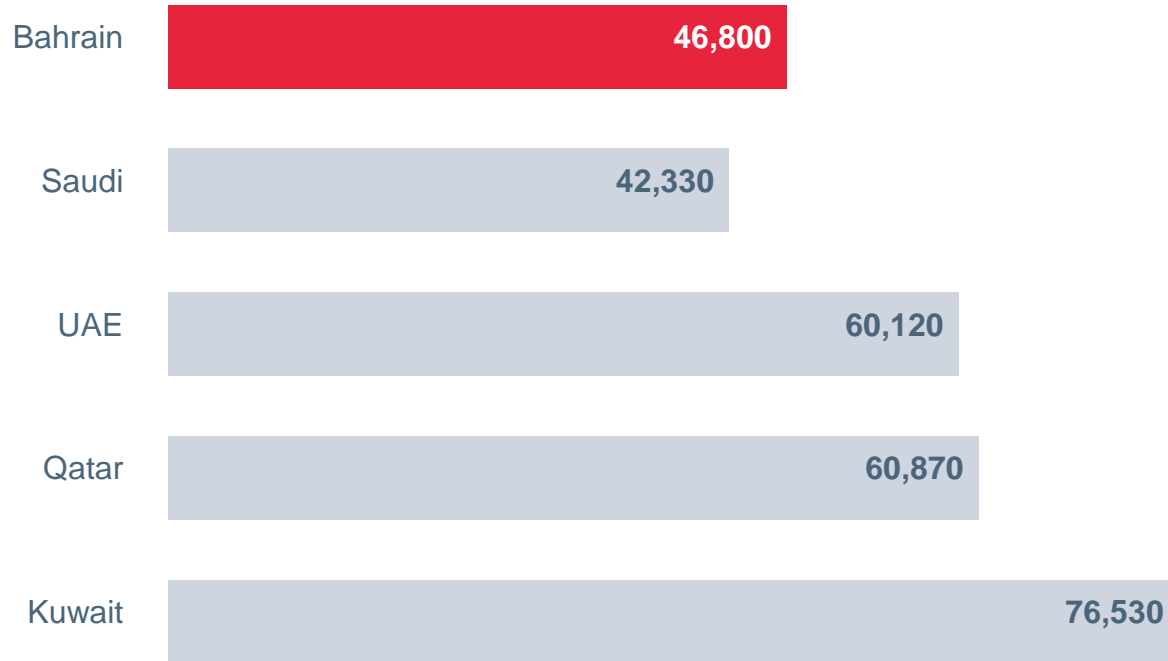
Team Bahrain worked closely supporting with data sharing on **tech talent** and salary ranges.

Exceptional lifestyle

BETTER COST OF LIVING

Bahrain is one of the most cost-effective places to live in the GCC.

ANNUAL COST OF LIVING IN USD



Source: KPMG Cost of doing business 2020

A HAPPY PLACE

Surveys confirm that Bahrain is a safe, welcoming location.

15th
globally, HSBC Expat Survey 2020

12th
globally for lack of organised crime*

1st
in MENA for ease of settling in**

1st
in MENA for work/life balance**

1st
in MENA for personal happiness***

1st
in MENA for physical & mental wellbeing**

1st
in MENA for quality of life**

Diversity & Inclusion

Liberal and open

As an island trading nation, Bahrain has welcomed people from the world over for millennia.

Today is no different. The result is a tolerant, cosmopolitan society and a varied population.



7th

globally for the highest percentage of migrants*



93%

of expats say it's easy to live in Bahrain without speaking the local language (vs. 54% globally)**



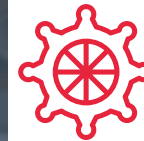
Sources: *Global Connectedness Index 2020 – DHL; **Expat Insider Survey 2020;

Focused on equality

Bahrain celebrates religious choice, with:



17 Christian denominations and registered churches



Sikh, Hindu, Bahai and Buddhist places of worship and dedicated facilities

Diversity & Inclusion

Education options

Bahrain offers an exceptionally diverse and international curriculum range including the American, Indian, Canadian and British curriculum - with St. Chris notably being highest ranked British School outside of the UK.



EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS
Public school	209
Private school	70
Kindergarten	188



*Source: Education Annual Report 2020

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Bahrain has made major efforts to counter the pandemic.

The quick response to the pandemic has involved +7m tests and a recovery rate of 99.4%. Furthermore, Bahrain was the first Arab country to join the WHO solidarity trial to find a treatment for COVID-19**

Bahrain's government has provided a US \$11.4 bn economic stimulus package that includes:

No-fee treatments to citizens & residents

'Feena Khair' campaign to collect financial & material donations

'BeAware Bahrain' mobile app to help contain virus spread

Drive-through test facilities nationwide

444 24-hour hotline to report cases in English & Arabic

Sources: *GDN, Sep 2021; **Bahrain Ministry of Health, March 2020



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FEASIBILITY



Analysis and information to support your investment decision

REGISTRATION



A concierge service to streamline your market entry

AFTERCARE



Long term support to make your business a success

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An investment promotion agency, we're here to:

Make Bahrain's **business environment**



as attractive as possible

Help investors

gain from its advantages

