

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF HRH PRINCESS SABEEKA BINT IBRAHIM AL-KHALIFA THE BOURSE HOSTS THE BAHRAINI WOMEN'S DAY CEREMONY



Bahrain Bourse hosted the Bahraini Women's Day Ceremony held under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty King Hamad and Supreme Council for Women (SCW) presi-

dent, under the theme 'Women in the Financial and Banking Sector'. HRH Princess Sabeeka honoured long-serving women pioneers, as well as those who are holding high posts in the finan-

cial and banking institutions. She also toured a photo exhibition depicting Bahraini women's work in the financial and banking sector throughout history, and the leadership positions they have reached. (Continued on page 2)



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BAHRAINI WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION



HRH Princess Sabeeka asserted that the Bahraini Women's Day has become a key national occasion which offers an opportunity to document Bahraini women's march, noting that this year's edition is devoted to shedding light on the Bahraini women's achievements in the financial and banking sector and highlighting their success stories since they first joined it five decades ago.

HRH Princess Sabeeka stressed that devoting this year's event to celebrating Bahraini women in the financial and banking sector was the result of the major accomplishments of Bahraini women, and their effective contributions

to making Bahrain a leading regional and global financial centre, praising the qualified Bahraini women competencies in all fields, including the banking one.

HRH Princess Sabeeka credited His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for the strides of Bahraini women, noting that HM the King's sound directives have made women's access to decision-making posts easier.

She underscored the SCW's constant keenness to support all state institutions to honour their constitutional commitments towards the participation of the Bahraini women in the

national development process. HRH Princess Sabeeka valued highly the efforts of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, for their incessant support to the Bahraini women's march.

The Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) Rasheed Al Maraj delivered a statement in which he extended sincere thanks and gratitude to HRH Princess Sabeeka for devoting

this year's Bahraini Women's Day to honour women in the financial and banking sector, and support to all events held to shed light on Bahraini women's landmark achievements in the sector. He expressed delight at participating in the honouring of outstanding women pioneers in the financial and banking sector whose achievements, he said, have been among the pillars of the progress of the financial sector in the kingdom.

A film entitled "Behind each granddaughter.. a Grandmother" which tells the story of one lady who worked in the banking sector for 40 years.



BAHRAIN BUSINESSWOMEN'S SOCIETY WORKSHOP



In line with the celebration of Bahraini Women's Day themed "Women in the Financial and Banking Sector," Bahrain Bourse (BHB) in cooperation with Bahrain Institute of Banking & Finance (BIBF) organized on Sunday, 6th Dec. 2015 a workshop on the Fundamentals of Investing. The workshop, supported by Tamkeen, was attended by Bahrain Businesswomen's Society members and some of the students taking part in BHB's Tradequest Program.

Commenting on the announcement, H.E. Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa Al Khalifa, Chairman and Acting Chief Executive of Tamkeen, said: "Tamkeen works continuously to create a supportive environment for businesses and individuals in the Kingdom. Therefore, we partner with organisations and entities who seek to enhance this environment for further economic growth in Bahrain. This workshop organised by Bahrain Bourse and the BIBF is part of these collective efforts

that contribute towards the overall growth and development of the private sector in the Kingdom."

Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse said, "These awareness workshops go in line with the Bourse's efforts to spread investment awareness among the Bahraini community." Shaikh Khalifa praised Tamkeen's cooperation and support to organize similar workshops, as well as Bahrain Businesswomen's Society's efforts to support this initiative. Shaikh Khalifa also thanked BIBF for their efforts in conducting and organizing this workshop.

"Organizing this workshop for Bahrain Businesswomen's Society supports our belief, at the Bourse, of encouraging the participation of women in the banking and financial sector and our commitment to enhance BHB's cooperation with all related parties in order to continue the development process and contribute to the prosperity of the

country," Shaikh Khalifa added.

Mrs. Ahlam Janahi, President of Bahrain Businesswomen's society said that the celebration of Bahraini Women's Day is considered one of the national occasions that began to increase in its importance and is celebrated by many local and official institutions in the Kingdom of Bahrain. "It is an important occasion to highlight the key achievements and participation of the Bahraini Women in supporting the national economy in various areas," Mrs. Janahi added.

Mrs. Janahi also expressed her thanks to the coordination and follow-up committee chaired by Mrs. Afnan Al-Zayani for their efforts in organizing this workshop in cooperation with the Bourse and making it a successful one. "The Board Members of the society is looking forward to invest at the Bourse, and during the workshop, we have encouraged the participants to individually invest at BHB," Mrs. Janahi added.

The workshop, conducted as a continuation to the first workshop that was held in April 2015, highlighted the importance of saving and investment, and discussed the different investment products available for investors in the Kingdom of Bahrain in detail. The workshop also highlighted the concepts of risk and return, and educated the participants on how to build their investment portfolios, concluding with trading at BHB, and the stock selection process.

Approximately 50 members of the society attended the workshop that was conducted by a specialist from BIBF's faculty.

It is worth mentioning that this is the second workshop that BHB organized for Bahrain Businesswomen's Society this year following the MOU signed in June 2015 with the aim of enhancing investment awareness among the society's members.



BAHRAIN BOURSE FORMS DISCIPLINARY BOARD



The Chairman of Bahrain Bourse Mr. Yusuf Abdulla Humood issued

Resolution No. (6) for 2015 in respect of forming the Disciplinary

Board that includes the following members: Mr. Khalid Shaheen Saqer, Mr. Anthony Mallis, Mr. Hamid Abdul Rahman Mahmood and Ms. Elham Ebrahim Abdullah.

According to the Charter of the Disciplinary Board, the members should elect its President, deputy as well as a secretary in the first meeting.

In accordance to the procedures stated in the Bourse's Rules and

Regulations and the Charter of the Disciplinary Board, the Disciplinary Board is authorized and powered to decide on any violations to Bahrain Bourse law, Internal Regulation and resolutions which regulate the Bourse as well as the Central Bank of Bahrain Law and Rules that relates to Bahrain Bourse. The disciplinary Board also will decide on any violation affecting the conduct of business and discipline in the bourse.

THE BOURSE APPROVES AMENDMENTS ON LISTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LISTED SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES EFFECTIVE WITHIN SIX MONTH

Upon the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), the chairman of Bahrain Bourse Mr. Yusuf Abdulla Humood issued on Wednesday, 11th November the resolution No. (5) regarding amending the listing requirements of the listed shareholding companies on the Main Board in Bahrain Bourse, including the currently listed companies on the Bourse and the companies that intend to list their securities in the future.

According to this resolution, all of the listed shareholding companies on Bahrain Bourse are required to take the necessary procedures to amend their status in line with the amendments stated in the resolution, which includes registering and depositing the issued shares in the Clearing, Settlement, Central Depository & Registry system in the Bourse, provided that the establishment and management of the shareholders' record in the company is in line with the electronic registry system licensed

by the Central Bank of Bahrain an approved by the Bourse.

The resolution also raises the minimum capital of the listed company to one million Bahraini Dinars or its equivalent in other currencies, in addition to raising the minimum company's shareholders to 100 excluding the shareholders from the company's employees, staff, and key persons and their directly related people.

Additionally, the resolution approved a number of amendments related to the company's profitability, its financial conditions, the balance of its financial structure, and its performance efficiency by applying the requirements of transparency & disclosure standards, and corporate governance standards issued by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB).

CEO of Bahrain Bourse, Shaikh Khalifa Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa said that the resolution is a major



step in the history of the Capital Market sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain with respect to the listing requirements, especially the part related to depositing of shares of companies in the Clearing, Settlement, Central Depository and Registry in the Bourse and the minimum tradable stocks, which opens the door wide to the Bourse for integration and interconnection with the GCC and global exchanges and it will also contribute in offering more opportunities to the citizens to invest in the Bahraini shareholding companies.

Shaikh Khalifa clarified that applying the new amendments will enable the Bourse to bridge the gap to accommodate the unified listing requirements in the GCC stock markets.

Shaikh Khalifa also revealed that the Bourse in the coming few days will execute a number of practical steps to implement this resolution with coordination with the relevant parties.

BHB RECEIVES A DELEGATION FROM THE COOPERATION COMMITTEE BETWEEN THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR WOMEN & THE WOMEN SOCIETIES

Bahrain Bourse received a delegation of 30 women from the cooperation committee between the supreme council for women and the women's societies, in line with the celebration of the Bahraini women's day themed "Women in the Financial and Banking Sector," that will be held on 1st December 2015. During the visit, a presentation about Bahrain Bourse and the

essentials of trading was conducted by Mr. Ebrahim Al Aradi, the Director of Market Control & Members Affairs. The presentation also highlighted the Bourse's history, the sectors and the companies listed on the Bourse, in addition to the success factors of investing in capital markets.

Following the presentation, the delegation visited the Trading



floor at the Bourse, where they were practically briefed about the live quotes and the processes undertaken in the stock markets.



BAHRAIN BOURSE PARTICIPATES IN THE SECOND FORUM OF WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION

Bahrain Bourse participated in the Second Women Entrepreneurship and Innovation Forum, held on 19th November 2015 in Elite Resort & Spa and organized

by Bahrain Businesswomen's Society in cooperation with Tamkeen, UNIDO and Tenmou company. Director of HR & Administration

and Acting Director of Financial and Accounting Affairs at Bahrain Bourse Mrs. Suha Yousif Alghoozi gave a speech about women empowerment aspects at Bahrain

Bourse and discussed the outcomes of BHB awareness programs and their effect on the Bahraini Women throughout the years.



BAHRAIN BOURSE ANNOUNCES THE KICK-OFF OF TRADE-QUEST CHALLENGE FOR SCHOOLS 2015-2016



On Monday, 12th October 2015, Bahrain Bourse (BHB) officially announced the kick-off of the TradeQuest Challenge for the school year 2015-2016 for the 19th consecutive year. The kick-off meeting was held at Bahrain Bourse's premises, where all participating students and teams' school advisors attended the event along with the investment advisors who will monitor and coach the teams during the program. TradeQuest is a simulated business-education partnership program that focuses on investment trading in world financial markets, which operated for the first time in

the Kingdom of Bahrain in 1996 in cooperation with financial institutions and educational parties.

The program aims at stimulating relevant learning through realistic experience by learning the rules and regulations implemented in financial markets, analyzing and selecting shares, and managing a portfolio of investment instruments listed at New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and Bahrain Bourse.

TradeQuest consists of three trading periods where schools are required to make a presentation at

the end of each trading period in front of the Investment Review Committee to outline their performance, objectives, and strategies.

The 2015/2016 TradeQuest program includes 10 school teams, of which 7 are private schools and 3 of them are public schools. The private schools are: Abdul Rahman Kanoo International School, Bahrain School, Ibn Khudoon National School, Naseem International School, Al Noor International School, St. Christopher's School, and Al Wisam International School. The public schools are Ghazi Al Qusaibi

Secondary Girls School, Al Hidd Secondary Girls School, and Al Noor Secondary Girls School.

Several financial and banking institutions in Bahrain are sponsoring TradeQuest and taking part in the program by conducting lectures and workshops that are conducted during the program, and they are: Gulf International Bank (GIB), Securities and Investment Company (SICO), J.P. Morgan Bank, United Gulf Bank, Citigroup, Khaleeji Commercial Bank, Ahli United Bank, Ithmaar Bank and National Bank of Bahrain (NBB).



TRADEQUEST CHALLENGE FOR UNIVERSITIES 2015/2016



Bahrain Bourse (BHB) officially announced the kick-off of the TradeQuest Challenge for universities for the year 2015-2016 on Thursday, 19th November 2015. The kick-off meeting was held at Bahrain Bourse's premises, where all participating students, teams' advisors, and investment advisors, who will monitor and coach the teams during the

program, attended the event. During the meeting, a detailed presentation was made to explain to the participants the objectives of the program, the program's timeline, rules, and approach. This year's TradeQuest program includes 4 university and educational institutions teams, and they are: Ahlia University, BIBF, Bah-

rain Polytechnic, Royal University for Women. The total number of participants in the program is more than 40 participants. TradeQuest is a simulated business-education partnership program that focuses on investment trading in world financial markets, which operated for the first time in the Kingdom of Bahrain in 1996 in cooperation with financial in-

stitutions and educational parties. Several financial and banking institutions in Bahrain are sponsoring TradeQuest and taking part in the program by conducting lectures and workshops of the program, and assigning investment advisors for the participating teams and they are: Esterad Investment Company, Mumtalakat, Tamkeen and United Gulf Bank.



BAHRAIN BOURSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS



The Board of Directors of Bahrain Bourse (BHB) held its fourth meeting for this year on Wednesday, 29th October 2015 chaired by Mr. Yusuf Abdulla Humood, Chairman of the

Bourse, where the Board discussed the topics on the agenda. The Board agreed in this meeting on approving the mechanism for the Central Bank of Bahrain's (CBB) to facilitate the

dealing of all types of investors in the secondary market of Debt Instruments in Bahrain Bourse.

BHB Board also agreed to amend the Key Person policy in the Bourse to include the Bourse's Board of Directors, in addition to Bahrain Bourse staff.

The Board also approved the proposed amendments on the listing requirements that relate to the nature of shares listed and traded in Bahrain Bourse in which the electronic record will be the method to trade or proof an ownership without the

need to use physical certificate.

During the meeting, the Board also reviewed and approved the financial results of BHB as of 30th June 2015.

The Board also discussed the latest developments regarding BHB's strategic plan, along with the operational plan and its evaluation criteria and made some recommendations in this regard.

The Board discussed the reports and recommendations of the Board's Committees and decided on actions to be taken.

ESSENTIALS OF SAVING & INVESTMENT TRAINING SESSIONS HELD

Bahrain Bourse organized on Saturday, 3rd Oct 2015 the training session on "The Essentials of Saving and Investment", as part of its efforts in spreading investment awareness among Bahrainis and non-Bahrainis in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The training sessions was conducted in both English and

Arabic, where the English session was held from 8 am to 12 noon, while the Arabic sessions was held from 1pm to 5pm. The sessions reviewed a number of concepts related to investment alternatives available to investors and address the concepts of risk and return, as well as how to manage an investment port-

folio and how to read financial statements and concluded with introducing Bahrain Bourse and the different sectors of companies traded on the Bourse.

A number of highly qualified professionals conducted the sessions that took place at Bahrain Bourse's premises in Bahrain Financial Har-

bour. Bahrainis and non-Bahrainis can register to attend the sessions by filling an online registration form through Bahrain Bourse's website: www.bahrainbourse.com. It is worth mentioning that the Bourse conducts the sessions on a monthly basis where over 200 participants from different age groups registered during the past months.



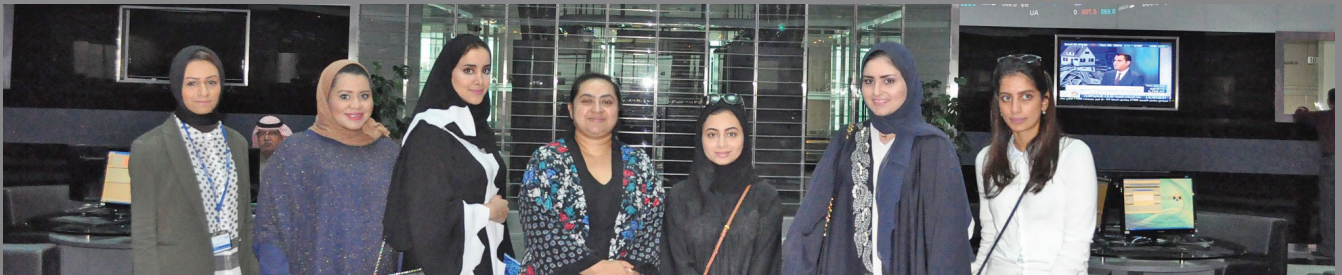
GUESTS



Al Istiqlal Secondary Girls School



Al Wafa Secondary Girls School



Royal University for Women



The Cooperation Committee between the Supreme Council for Women & the Women Societies



Ministry of Youth & Sports Affairs (GOYS)

ACTIVITIES

The Bourse Receives Ministry of Education School Students

Bahrain Bourse received around 100 students from the Ministry of Education Government School Students on 3rd December 2015.

The students were guided through a brief presentation about Bahrain Bourse's history, listed securities, listed companies and other topics in relation to investing in the Bourse. They were also given the chance to explore Bahrain Bourse's trading floor and meet the brokers and investors.



GOYS Women Visit Bahrain Bourse

Around fifty female employees of the Ministry of Youth & Sports Affairs (GOYS) visited Bahrain Bourse on 2nd December 2015, as part of the Bourse's activities in relation to the Bahraini Women's Day Celebration, where a brief presentation about the Bourse was conducted, followed by a tour in BHB's trading floor.



BHB FAMILY

Happy Occasions

Births

- Sh. Khalifa Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain Bourse - A baby girl
- Jassim Mohammed Ali, Senior Central Depository Administrator - A baby girl
- Khalil Abbas Mahdi, Central Securities Depository Administrator - A baby boy

New Joiners

November

- Hasan Ali Thamer, Senior Listing & Issuers Affairs Administrator

December

- Isa Yusuf Al Tamimi, Senior Central Securities Depository Administrator
- Mohamed Ahmed Jubail, Senior Listing & Issuers Affairs Administrator

Bahrain Bourse Bids Farewell to its Director of Legal Affairs & Compliance

Bahrain Bourse organized a farewell gathering on Thursday, December 31st to honor its departing Director of Legal Affairs & Compliance Mr. Hamid Awad Haj Hamid, attended by BHB staff and directors.

Bahrain Bourse thanked Mr. Hamid for his commitment and dedication to the Bourse during the past 3 years as a Legal Affairs and Compliance director and wished him many continued successes in his future career.

Mr. Hamid expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Bahrain Bourse leadership and management for their continuous support during his service period and wished the Bourse continued success and prosperity.



BHB FAMILY

BHB Celebrates Bahraini Women’s Day

In celebration of the Bahraini Woman’s Day, gifts were presented to female employees of the Bourse, for their continuous efforts and contribution to Bahrain Bourse and to the financial & banking sector.

It is worth mentioning that this year’s Bahraini Women’s Day celebration was themed “Women in the Financial and Banking Sector”.



The Bourse Celebrates the National Day of the Kingdom of Bahrain

The Bourse celebrated the National Day of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the Bourse’s premises at the Financial Harbour. The celebration was started with a group picture of BHB Staff and included a traditional breakfast buffet, where traditional Bahraini food and desserts were served.

