

BAHRAIN BOURSE RECEIVES “BEST ESG INITIATIVE” ACCOLADE BY PAN FINANCE AWARDS



Bahrain Bourse, a self-regulated multi-asset marketplace, has been accorded with a prestigious award by PAN Finance Awards for “ESG Initiative of the Year” – Bahrain category. Pan Finance Journal recognizes international corporations for their excellence and is a trusted indicator of eminence, making

this award a symbol of Bahrain Bourse’s notability and effort towards more sustainable practices within the capital markets. PAN Finance is an online journal that provides worldwide intelligence of finance and global economics. Every year, the journal holds their annual PAN Finance Awards programme to identify and recognise organizations and individuals that are excelling in their respective fields, to applaud leading examples for their practices. Bahrain Bourse being awarded this reputable accolade reflects its efforts to promote sustainability and transparency in the Kingdom’s capital market, since the launch of the voluntary Environmental Social & Governance (ESG) Guideline for listed companies demonstrates BHB’s commitment to encourage issuers to fully embrace ESG disclosures. The guidelines have been drafted to ensure alignment

with Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and World Federation of Exchanges Sustainability Principles and UN Sustainability Stock Exchanges Initiatives recommendations. Bahrain Bourse has received notable recognitions across different facets of its business operations including: Best Corporate Governance and Work Life Balance by Global Banking & Finance Awards – 2021, Excellence in Customer Service Award via the National Suggestions & Complaints System “Tawasul” – 2020, Award Level 3 in Information Security Forum “Thiqa” – 2019, Award for Corporate Governance by World Finance – 2014, Best Corporate Governance, GCC by Capital Finance International – 2013 which is a testament to its continuous efforts to improve in various aspects.

BAHRAIN BOURSE ACHIEVES PRESTIGIOUS INFORMATION SECURITY CERTIFICATION ISO 27001



Bahrain Bourse, a self-regulated multi-asset marketplace, announced that it has attained the ISO 27001:2013 certification, an

internationally recognized worldwide information security management standard, after successfully completing all the requirements and being officially certified by SIS Certifications Pvt. Ltd. The certification marks a significant milestone to formally acknowledge Bahrain Bourse’s commitment to enhance its overall information security and risk management framework. The achievement

demonstrates Bahrain Bourse’s investment in people, processes, and technology to protect the information it holds. It also proves the ongoing efforts Bahrain Bourse puts to identify new risks, assess the implications and implement tailored information security controls that minimize any damages to the organization, investors, and stakeholders. (Continued on page 2)

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ISO 27001:2013 is a globally renowned information security management standard published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the world's largest independent, non-governmental international organization. The certification process requires an accredited certification agency to conduct an audit to assess how organisations implement, monitor, maintain, and continually improve an Information Security Management System (ISMS) within the context of the organization and business operations including the Information Technology

infrastructure. SIS Certifications Pvt. Ltd. is accredited by both International Accreditation Services (IAS-IAF) and International Organization for Accreditation Services (IOAS), specialized in providing the ISO inspection/Audit, certification and training services, SIS Certifications has been trusted for over 2 decades, having served more than 15,000 clients in 50+ countries across the globe in almost 100+ international ISO standards for the physical and digital world to create a safer and more sustainable future through safety, quality, security and sustainability solutions.

BAHRAIN BOURSE ADOPTS GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION STANDARD (GICS) FOR LISTED COMPANIES



Bahrain Bourse, a self-regulated multi-asset marketplace, announced that it will adopt the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) for listed companies effective as of 11th July 2021. This is in line with Bahrain Bourse's strategy to enhance transparency and efficiency in Bahrain's capital market and to meet best international practices. The industrial re-classification aims to establish alignment with global industrial standards for classifying listed companies,

provide better information to international investors on the performance of sectoral indices, and enable easier company and sectoral comparability with global peers as well as comparability between companies and sectors. The GICS is a global hierarchical industry classification standard developed by index providers MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices and it covers 11 sectors representing first level of GICS. Of the 11 sectors, companies currently listed on Bahrain Bourse will be

reclassified into seven sectors based on their principal business activity (Level 1): Materials (will include 1 company), Industrials (covering Capital Goods, and Commercial & Professional Services and Transportation) will include 3 companies, Consumer Discretionary (covering Consumer Services, Retailing, Automobiles & Components, and Consumer Durables & Apparel) will include 5 companies, Consumer Staples (covering Food & Staples Retailing,

and Food, Beverage & Tobacco, and Household & Personal Products) will include 4 companies, Financials (covering Banks, Insurance, and Diversified Financials) will include 22 companies, Communication Services (covering Telecommunication Services, and Media & Entertainment) will include 3 companies, and Real Estate (covering REITs, and Real Estate Management & Development) will include 3 companies. The remaining four industrial sector groups (Energy, Healthcare, Information Technology, and Utilities) will remain inactive as there are currently no companies listed on Bahrain Bourse that can be classified under those groups. However, these four industrial sector groups will be activated with immediate effect when relevant companies to those industry groups are listed.

BAHRAIN BOURSE FORMS DISCIPLINARY APPEALS BOARD



Bahrain Bourse (BHB), a self-regulated multi-asset marketplace, has formed a Disciplinary Appeals Board as part of its commitment to meet the requirements of the Central Bank of Bahrain and in line with its efforts to secure a comprehensive enforcement framework to settle disputes, govern, and take disciplinary action against market participants (including issuers and registered

members at Bahrain Bourse) for enhanced accountability. Market participants are also granted the right to appeal on violations imposed. The Disciplinary Appeals Board members are appointed following a resolution from BHB’s Board, and are approved by the Central Bank of Bahrain. The resolution of the Disciplinary Appeals Board formation is in line

with Bahrain Bourse’s Business Rules when it comes to the implementation of procedures relating to reviewing and handling appeals arising from decisions passed by BHB’s Disciplinary Board and the Violations Committee. The Disciplinary Appeals Board consists of three members which includes: Judge Hammad Ahmed Al Sowaidi, Dr. Abdulgadir Warsama Ghal-

ib and Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Al-Hammadi, General Manager of Naseej. The Disciplinary Appeals Board shall be responsible for reviewing and handling appeals against disciplinary resolutions issued to the relevant parties in compliance with Bahrain Bourse’s Business Rules and the CBB Volume 6 Dispute Resolution, Arbitration & Disciplinary Proceedings (“DRA”) Module.

BAHRAIN BOURSE ADOPTS AMAZON WORKSPACES FOR ENHANCED BUSINESS CONTINUITY AND PERFORMANCE



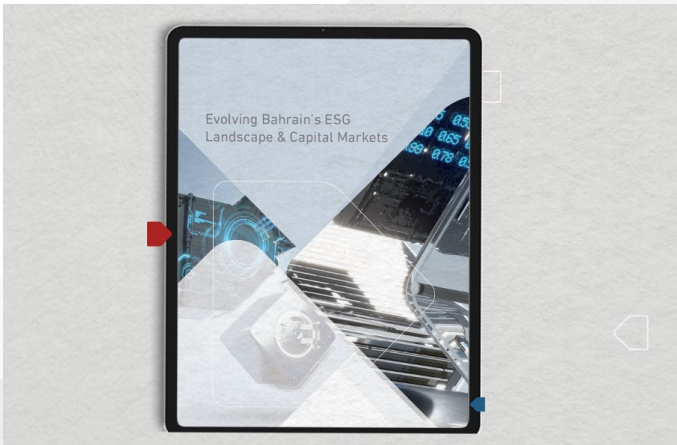
Bahrain Bourse, a self-regulated multi-asset marketplace, adopted Amazon WorkSpaces, a managed, secure desktop-as-a-service solution, to enhance its business continuity performance and strengthen operational agility

and resilience. Amazon WorkSpaces is a solution by Amazon Web Services (AWS), the leading cloud computing service provider. With Amazon WorkSpaces, Bahrain Bourse can provide a secure, managed, cloud-based

virtual desktop to its employees that is accessible from anywhere, anytime. Bahrain Bourse has fully utilized and customized the workspace to replicate its disaster recovery (DR) site encompassing all its functionality and features

to ensure business continuity at all times. Furthermore, Amazon WorkSpaces is deployed in an Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (Amazon VPC), with a secure login, and its services are available 24/7 to serve its purpose efficiently. Amazon WorkSpaces is a fully managed, persistent desktop virtualization service that enables users to access data, applications, and resources on any supported device. The service reduces expenses tied to on-premises solutions such as onsite hardware and building costs, physical security, and server technicians required for storage, backup, and disaster recovery.

BAHRAIN BOURSE IN COLLABORATION WITH HSBC BAHRAIN LAUNCH A GUIDE TO SUSTAINABLE FINANCE



Bahrain Bourse, a self-regulated multi-asset marketplace, in collaboration with HSBC Bahrain launched a thought leadership publication on Sustainable Finance

titled “Evolving ESG Landscape & Capital Markets” as part of its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative. The

publication focuses on the sustainable development agenda and green finance. The thought leadership publication aims to raise awareness on the rise of ESG as an investment consideration, importance of ESG disclosures, and the growing importance of sustainable financing options in the region and showcases notable case studies. It explores a variety of sustainable financing options and the required ESG disclosure for each including the latest guidance principles. The publication recommends further acceleration of ESG disclosures which will pave

way for actionable progress within the sustainable financing landscape. It is worth noting that Bahrain Bourse issued its Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Voluntary Reporting Guideline for listed companies in June 2020. Bahrain Bourse also joined the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) initiative to demonstrate its voluntary commitment to promoting sustainable and transparent capital markets in cooperation with listed companies and other related stakeholders.

BAHRAIN BOURSE COLLABORATES WITH INSTINCTIF PARTNERS TO DEVELOP IR BEST PRACTICE AMONG LISTED COMPANIES



Bahrain Bourse, a self-regulated multi-asset marketplace, announced signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Instinctif Partners MENA, an international business communications consultancy and Investor Relations (IR) advisory. The collaboration seeks to implement IR-related initiatives, which will allow Bahrain Bourse to promote best practice among

listed companies, other market participants, as well as internally. The collaboration will include a series of workshops as well as one-to-one sessions with listed companies, to review best practice approaches to improve communication between issuers, the investment community and other stakeholders. Bahrain Bourse announced the launch of its Investor Relations

Best Practice Guide in May 2021, as part of its efforts to encourage IR best practice among listed companies. The guide's purpose is to clarify the importance of the IR function and the positive impact that it can have on market valuation and competitiveness. In April 2019, Bahrain Bourse and the Middle East Investor Relations Association (MEIRA) officially launched the MEIRA chapter in

Bahrain, with the aim of developing and enhancing Investor Relations across the Kingdom of Bahrain. The founding members of the MEIRA chapter in Bahrain include Aluminium Bahrain (ALBA), Bank ABC, Bahrain Telecommunications Company (Batelco), Bahrain Bourse, Ithmaar Holding, National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), and SICO BSC (c).

BAHRAIN BOURSE & INJAZ BAHRAIN LAUNCHES NATIONAL CHALLENGE FOR SMART INVESTOR PROGRAM IN ITS 4th EDITION



Bahrain Bourse, a self-regulated multi-asset marketplace, will be launching a national challenge in collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain for Smart Investor Program participants to spark engagement and inspire students to participate utilising their learnings during the program. The challenge will inspire a competitive spirit, and support the Kingdom's youth to gain a better understanding of the

program's concepts along with engaging key partners and stakeholders. Since its inception, the program has been carried out for 3 consecutive academic years. The program will commence in October, and continue until the challenge in April next year. The challenge is open to 4th grade elementary students that are enrolled in the Smart Investor Program and

have completed all 7 sessions. The Smart Investor program is a national awareness program that was launched in 2018 in collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain. The program equips young students with basic concepts related to money management, savings and smart financial planning through interactive edutainment activities in order to assist them in making sound financial decisions. The Smart Investor program for the academic year 2020-2021 was conducted virtually with the participation of around 5000 students. The strategic partner for the 2020-2021 program was the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), and silver sponsor was: Bank ABC. The program reflects Bahrain Bourse's strategic efforts to enhance

investment awareness providing a combination of financial awareness, knowledge, skills, attitude and behaviors necessary to make sound financial decisions and ultimately achieve financial well-being across various age groups within the Kingdom of Bahrain. Students will need to be enrolled in the Smart Investor Program with all 7 sessions completed to be eligible for the challenge. The filtration process will take place through a test upon completion of the program, and the top 30 scoring students will be qualified to compete across schools. For entry submissions, video format presentations will be requested from students to have them present their opinions on statements related to the program's objectives.

AHLI UNITED BANK GOLD SPONSOR OF BAHRAIN BOURSE'S 4th EDITION OF THE "SMART INVESTOR" PROGRAM



Bahrain Bourse, a self-regulated multi-asset marketplace, has announced Ahli United Bank (AUB) as a Gold Sponsor for the 4th Edition of the "Smart Investor" Program. The Smart Investor Program is a national awareness program organized in collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain, aimed at promoting financial and investment literacy among elementary school students in Bahrain.

Mrs. Narjes Jamal, Chief Operating Officer of Bahrain Bourse, commented: "It is with utmost pleasure to welcome Ahli United Bank on board as one of the official sponsors of the Smart Investor Program's 4th Edition. AUB's consistency and dedication in supporting Bahrain Bourse has contributed significantly to the community's development by empowering

youth, disseminating fundamental financial concepts, and helping us extend the program to benefit students cross the Kingdom." On his part, Mr. David O'Loan, Deputy Group CEO, Treasury & Investments at AUB, stated: "It is an honour to be able to support such pivotal initiatives by Bahrain Bourse, which is dedicated to harnessing the financial and economic potential of the next generation. Our values at AUB are well aligned with those of Bahrain Bourse in that we recognise the importance of financial education for youngsters. Beginning early with financial education paves the way for an individual's future financial capability, and ability to make sound financial decisions." The Smart Investor program, which launched in 2018, is a

national awareness program in collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain targeting grade school students. The initiative aims to provide young students with basic financial concepts such as money management, savings, and smart financial planning through interactive edutainment activities to help them make sound financial decisions. The program consists of seven themed sessions designed to equip students with the following concepts: Thinking, Specifying, Planning, Execution, Saving, Progression, and Evaluation. For the first time, the Smart Investor Program will launch a national challenge for participants in order to increase engagement and encourage students to participate by applying what they've learned during the program.

ITHMAAR HOLDING SILVER SPONSOR OF BAHRAIN BOURSE'S 4th EDITION OF THE "SMART INVESTOR" PROGRAM



Bahrain Bourse, a self-regulated multi-asset marketplace, announces Ithmaar Holding, a Bahrain-based Islamic financial institution, as a Silver

Sponsor for the 4th Edition of the "Smart Investor" Program. The Smart Investor program is a national awareness program organised in collaboration

with INJAZ Bahrain, and aims to promote financial and investment literacy among elementary school students in Bahrain. The Smart Investor program, which began in 2018, is a national awareness program in collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain targeting grade school students. The initiative aims to provide young students with basic financial concepts such as money management, savings, and smart financial planning through interactive edutainment activities to help them make sound

financial decisions. The program is divided into seven sessions, each of which focuses on one of the following concepts: Thinking, Specifying, Planning, Execution, Saving, Progression, and Evaluation. For the first time ever, the Program will launch a national challenge for Smart Investor program participants in order to increase engagement and encourage students to participate by applying what they've learned during the program.

BAHRAIN CLEAR DISTRIBUTES BD 121 MILLION OF CASH DIVIDENDS FOR LISTED SECURITIES ON BAHRAIN BOURSE



Bahrain Clear announced that it has successfully distributed the cash dividend distribution for the year ended 31st December 2020, with BD 121.82 million of dividends for 23 listed securities (with declared dividends for the year ended 31st December 2020) to the entitled investors with updated IBAN details at Bahrain Clear representing 82% of overall dividends declaration.

Bahrain Clear managed the distribution process on behalf of 23 listed securities that declared dividends for the year ended 31st December 2020 on Bahrain Bourse and all investors received their dividends via IBAN bank transfers. In accordance with Ministerial Cabinet Resolution No. 2020/48-2, Bahrain Bourse established the 'Amanat' Investor Protection Funds Program to ensure investor

protection and management and administration of cash dividend distribution for all listed companies. Since the inception of 'Amanat', the cash dividend distribution increased from an average of 50% for the year ended 31st December 2019 compared to 82% for the financial year the year ended 31st December 2020, an increase of 32%. It is worth mentioning that Bahrain Clear is a fully owned

subsidiary of Bahrain Bourse with a disclosed capital of BD 5 million, and a paid up capital of BD 1 million. Bahrain Clear is licensed as a clearing house by the Central Bank of Bahrain, offering pre and post-trade services to investors as well as a range of services including transactions depository, clearing, settlement, central registry and registration.

BAHRAIN CLEAR BECOMES FIRST CLEARING HOUSE IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO ADOPT ISIN-TO-LEI MAPPING INITIATIVE



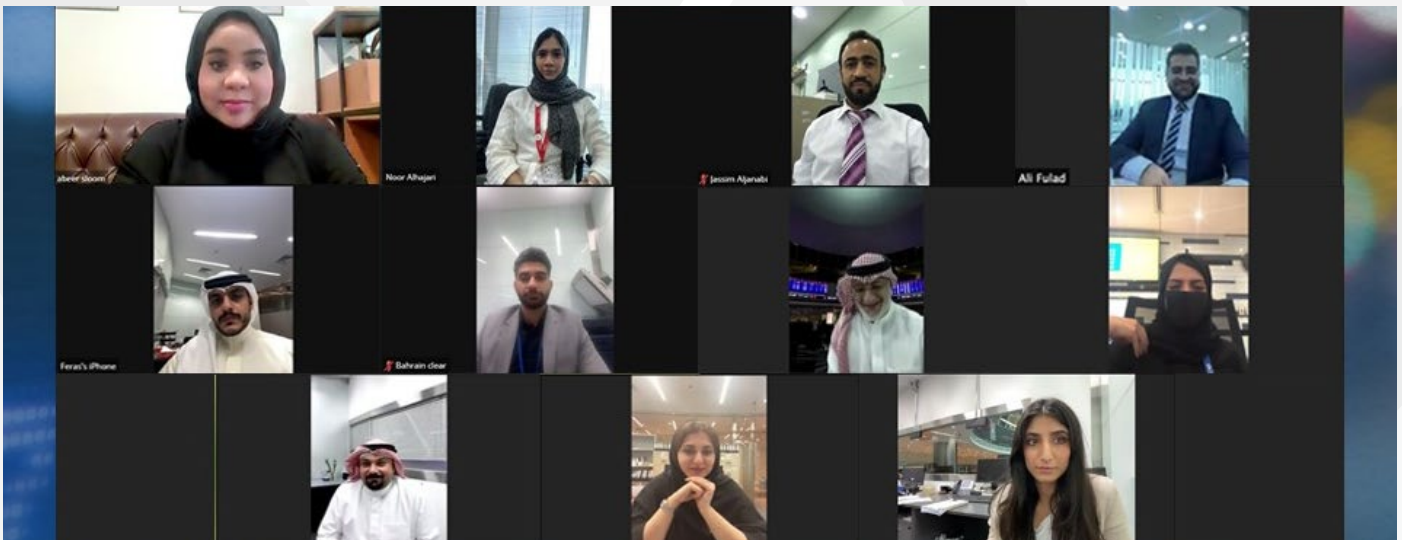
Bahrain Clear, a fully-owned subsidiary of Bahrain Bourse, is the first Clearing House and National Numbering Agency (NNA) in the Middle East to participate in International Securities Identification Numbers (ISINs) to Legal Entity Identifiers (LEIs), (ISIN – ISO 6166 and LEI – ISO 17442), global mapping initiative. The initiative was established to help improve transparency, minimize risk

exposures, and facilitate the industry in meeting various regulatory requirements. The linkage was established to support the Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA) and Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF) mapping initiative, which was introduced to enhance transparency of exposure (by connecting the issuer and issuance of securities), and minimize risk exposures within

financial data systems. Furthermore, the ISIN-to-LEI linkage has several benefits including assisting the industry in meeting several regulatory requirements, enhanced AML/KYC, improved data quality, and increased efficiency. This initiative comes after a majority of financial institutions have prioritized the issue of data integrity, and aspired for enhanced data quality and a better approach to risk management, while reducing the chances of market abuse by means of enhanced Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Know Your Customer (KYC) checks. Following the financial crisis, the goal of the drivers of the LEI initiative - the Group of 20, the Financial Stability Board and many

regulators around the world – was to use the LEI to create transparency in financial transactions globally. The LEI system is a global reference data system that uniquely recognizes every legal entity or structure that is a party to a financial transaction, regardless of jurisdiction. The system comprises a 20-character, alpha-numeric code in accordance with the ISO 17442 standard produced by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). By linking the two ISO standards together, firms will be able to aggregate the data required to gain a clear view of their securities exposure within a given issuer and its related entities.

BAHRAIN CLEAR ORGANIZES SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR ITS INVESTOR CENTER TEAM TO ENSURE SERVING A WIDER STAKEHOLDER GROUP



Bahrain Clear, a fully-owned subsidiary of Bahrain Bourse, organized a sign language training course for employees at its Investor Center to ensure serving a wider group of investors. The six-day course, delivered by a specialized instructor from “Esharah for Training”, covered

topics such as the basics of sign language and its implementation to aid people of determination, along with community awareness towards the culture of people with hearing difficulties. As part of this initiative, Bahrain Clear has also setup a dedicated priority lane for people of determination to provide

them with immediate assistance at Bahrain Clear’s Investor Center. On this occasion, it is worth mentioning that Bahrain Clear is a fully owned subsidiary of Bahrain Bourse with a disclosed capital of BD 5 million, and a paid up capital of BD 1 million. Bahrain Clear is

licensed as a clearing house by the Central Bank of Bahrain, offering pre and post-trade services to investors as well as a range of services including transactions depository, clearing, settlement, central registry and registration.

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