

INVEST IN THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN





WHY BAHRAIN

100% foreign ownership

- Customs duty exemptions. Manufacturing, raw materials importing, plant machinery equipment, and spare parts are exempted from customs duty.

Wide duty-free access

- Bahrain offers duty-free access to the key economies of the GCC, USA, Singapore, all 14 Arab countries, Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, and Liechtenstein.



WORLD CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE

Connected

- The shortest transit time between seaport, airport and industrial zones in the Gulf.

Efficient and fast

- Khalifa Bin Salman Port offers the fastest customs clearance of any country in the GCC.
- High-standard industrial zones designed to meet the needs of tomorrow's businesses.

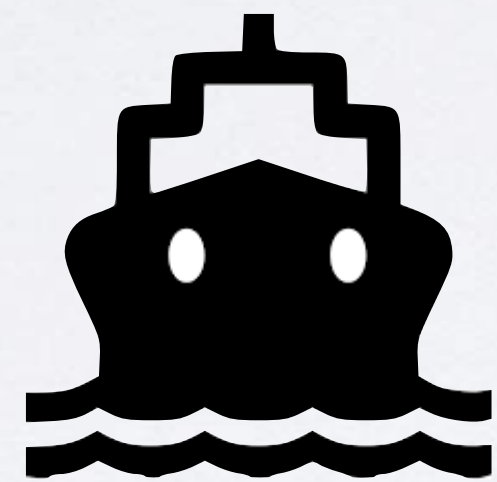


GATEWAY TO THE MIDDLE EAST



Road

Just a 30 minute drive to Saudi Arabia, the region's largest economy, through the King Fahad Causeway.



Sea

The fastest clearance time anywhere in the GCC when going through the Khalifa Bin Salman Port.



Air

The easiest and most direct access to all of the GCC's airport hubs, with 1-hour flights from Bahrain International Airport.



OPPORTUNITIES

0% tax

No corporate income tax or personal income tax.

35% cheaper

Cost of setting up and operating businesses is 20% – 35% cheaper than in other GCC countries.

Government grants

Investment grants are offered by the labour fund (Tamkeen).



OPPORTUNITIES

Low-cost leases

Bahrain offers low industrial land lease rates with no additional fees or service charges.

Lower cost of living

People who relocate to Bahrain can look forward to a lower overall cost of living than in most other countries in the GCC.

EXAMPLES OF INTERNATIONAL FIRMS
IN THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN



STRONG MARKET CONNECTEDNESS

7th globally

In terms of international and domestic transport infrastructure links and the level of service it receives. (Agility Emerging Markets Logistics Index 2017)

\$ 1.5tn market | 36mn consumers

A growing GCC market, easily accessible through Bahrain's logistics channels and open for opportunity.



BAHRAIN LIFE STYLE

Bahrain ranked number one for the second year running in the 2018 InterNations Expat Survey, with particularly high scores across 'ease of settling in' and 'feeling at home'. Bahrain also placed 5th globally in the HSBC's 2018 Expat Explorer Survey for expat satisfaction and is the only country in the MENA region to be featured in the top 5 best places to live, work, and raise a family.



A WELCOMING AND TOLERANT SOCIETY

Bahrain's 4,000+ year old history as a commercial crossroads has created a legacy of diversity and acceptance. Bahrain boasts a multi-faith society that sees Buddhist temples, Christian churches, Jewish synagogues and Muslim mosques sitting side-by-side for years.



BAHRAIN DRAGON CITY



- \$100m Dragon City mall
- Dragon City is a first of its kind development that encompasses over 787 commercial units, making it the largest wholesale and retail trading centre in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- Situated to the South-West of Diyar Al Muharraq in close proximity to Bahrain's International Airport, the state-of-the-art Khalifa Bin Salman Port and the Capital of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Manama,
- Dragon City caters to customers from both the Kingdom and beyond. Dragon City is infused with Chinese architectural and cultural aspects and offers Chinese products of the highest quality to local consumers, trade customers and tourists





EASY AND LIBERAL VISA POLICIES

Employees and visitors can enter Bahrain easily, thanks to our supportive visa policies: Bahrain offers a one-month visa upon arrival to nationals of over 66 countries, with the ability to renew for an additional three months.



TALENTED HUMAN CAPITAL

Tech Savvy

Bahrain ranks 15th globally in the use of virtual social media networks, and 91.3% of parents interact with their children online. (WEF 2016, National Internet Safety Review 2015)

Young

Over 70% of employees in the ICT sector are locals, and 60% of the ICT workforce in Bahrain is in the 18-24 age bracket. (National statistics)



TALENTED HUMAN CAPITAL

Educated

89% of our ICT workforce holds either a Bachelor's or a Master's degree, and 44% hold another professional certification. (National Statistics)

Bilingual

90% of our ICT workforce is fluent in English and Arabic, the two most commonly spoken languages in Bahrain and Bahrain ranks 1st in MENA and 6th worldwide in language skills. (National statistics, Expat Insider Survey, Internations 2016)