

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC) serves as the primary regulator for business activity in Bahrain, overseeing registration, licensing, and commercial operations. Additionally, Export Bahrain supports businesses with international growth by facilitating access to global markets, while Sijilat, the Kingdom's one-stop portal for business registration, allows investors to establish and manage their operations quickly and efficiently.

For more information visit MOIC: <a href="https://www.moic.gov.bh/en">https://www.moic.gov.bh/en</a> For more information visit Export Bahrain: <a href="https://export.bh/">https://export.bh/</a>

Sijilat also provides tools and guides to help entrepreneurs navigate foreign ownership requirements, plan business strategies, and obtain sector-specific information. Some business operations require licensing from regulators in the Kingdom.

For more information, visit Sijilat: https://www.sijilat.bh/

Steps to register your business through Sijilat:



For building projects, the Benayat Building Permit Portal streamlines the process of acquiring building permits for investment, residential, commercial, and industrial developments. Licensed engineering offices in Bahrain can apply for permits, check statuses, pay building permit related fees, as well as apply for other building related services directly through the portal:

For more information visit Benayat: https://www.benayat.bh/building-permits/

Do you have additional questions about establishing operations in Bahrain? Or are you curious about Bahrain's economic landscape and high-potential sectors? The Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) can help.

The EDB provides hands-on support to foreign investors through:

- O **Business Case Support:** Guidance around sector-specific opportunities to aid investment decisions and introduction to the relevant local, regional, and international partners to help build advantageous connections.
- O **Facilities Services:** Dedicated relationship managers to support registration, incorporation, and government approvals.
- Aftercare Services: Ongoing assistance following the launch of your business to ensure that you are able to thrive and grow in Bahrain.

Please visit www.bahrainedb.com for more information.

# **GROWING**YOUR BUSINESS

Bahrain is committed to nurturing business growth through programs and services that empower enterprises to succeed. For example, Tamkeen, the Kingdom's Labour Fund, offers:

- Enterprise Support Programs: Co-matching grants and access to financing through local banks to help businesses at all stages of growth realize their goals.
- Employment Support Programs: Wage subsidies and human capital development support to help companies hire and upskill talent, ensuring competitiveness and growth.

Please visit www.tamkeen.bh for more information.

## **LOOKING TO INVEST**

### IN BAHRAIN?

#### **Investable Projects**

Our robust investment portfolio is born of bold, inspired ideas, which work towards building a brighter future for the Kingdom. Bahrain has always set its sight on key strategic projects which trigger further economic growth. To explore our investment-ready projects, and view examples of past successes and fully subscribed projects, please visit our dedicated Invest in Bahrain page: https://invest.bh/

#### **Bahrain Bourse**

Bahrain Bourse is a self-regulated multi-asset marketplace offering investors, issuers, and intermediaries a comprehensive suite of exchange-related facilities including offering listing, trading, settlement, and depositary services for various financial instruments. To open an account, please visit the Bahrain Bourse website to fill out the Opening Account Form and identify a broker: https://bahrainbourse.com/en

#### **Government Securities**

Central Bank of Bahrain issues debt securities on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain in coordination with the Ministry of Finance and National Economy. The CBB issues two different types of securities: conventional and Islamic, and the issuance calendar for short term government debt securities is published annually in advance, in the form of an issuance calendar which is available on the CBB website and on CBB's Reuters and Bloomberg pages. To participate in government securities, please visit the CBB's website: https://www.cbb.gov.bh/government-securities/