

## Four Seasons beach offers island resort experience

Luxury hotel in the heart of the Kingdom's capital city adds the ultimate vacation feature for guests

A destination within a destination awaits visitors to Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay, as the property transforms from an urban resort to a complete island resort with the addition of The Four Seasons Beach.

### The new beach

Curving along the private island's sun-drenched southern shore, the 160-metre (525-foot) expanse of pristine white sand is the ideal retreat for all the family. In addition to a dedicated play area where children can enjoy building sandcastles, parents and couples can look forward to a quieter zone, providing a tranquil haven to lounge in the sun, sip a cool drink or take in the city's spectacular sunsets.



FSBahrain\_Beach



"During our first three years, guests have been generous in their praise of Four Seasons, revelling in the many diversions we offer right here on our own private island in the city. When we asked what would make their experience more memorable, the answer was almost always the same: a beach. So we are delighted to now open the beach, which completes the Hotel's transition to a fully-fledged island resort."

- Richard Raab, General Manager of Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay

### Attractive services

Beach lovers can look forward to the attentive service of Four Seasons staff on hand to offer everything from fresh fruit skewers and refreshing beverages, to an array of high-end sun care products and a chair-side sunglasses cleaning and repair service. Guests can also choose from a delicious lunch and snack menu, with food served directly on the beach. After dark, the new outdoor space will transform into a vibrant venue hosting torch-lit events, and it is also available for group bookings.

## Special packages

Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay is giving guests an extra reason to celebrate the summer, with a special Family Package. Guests who book a suite for three or more nights will receive 50 percent savings on the rates for a connecting room, offering additional space and comfort for the whole family to enjoy. Premium high-speed internet access and a round-trip transfer by water taxi for two adults and two children per night are included as part of the package.

For bookings, call +(973) 1711 5000.

### Opening this summer

Set to open by this summer, The Four Seasons Beach will welcome Hotel guests and Spa members throughout the day at no additional charge.

# Batelco achieves ISO 22301:2012 certification

Manama

Batelco, Bahrain's leading communications solutions operator has been awarded with ISO Certification in Business Continuity (ISO 22301:2012), following a thorough and vigorous auditing process conducted by Bureau Veritas. The ISO 22301:2012 Certification has been awarded to the following units of Batelco:

- IT Units: Operations, Development and Support.
- Network Units: Network development, Core NGN & IP Transmission, Network Operation Centre, Access Network, Cyber Security Operation Centre, Mobile Core & VAS, Radio Access, Power O&M Development.

A number of experienced Batelco staff, headed by the Business Continuity team, have worked together to establish comprehensive practices and ensured that they meet all the requirements of the international ISO standard; which were further verified by an independent auditing team from Bureau Veritas.

ISO 22301 is a comprehensive standard that represents the highest level of commitment to business



continuity and disaster preparedness. By achieving ISO 22301 certification, Batelco continues to demonstrate its focus on high availability and business continuity, as well as the commitment to constantly provide reliable services to its customers.

Batelco Bahrain CEO, Mohamed Bubashait expressed his thanks and gratitude to all the teams who participated in this achievement. Batelco is among the largest telecommunication companies in terms of size and specialised departments and its board of directors

ISO Certification in Business Continuity was awarded, following a thorough and vigorous auditing process

pays special attention to building flexible and resilient practises.

"Achieving ISO Certification demonstrates that we take business continuity seriously and are committed to providing best in class service to our customers. Batelco always emphasize its commitments to the regulatory commitments of the TRA," Bubashait added.

Batelco Business Continuity Manager Maha Ali added, "Batelco's achievement of ISO 22301:2012 certification reflects the top management's commitment to the efforts of teams working towards achieving a common goal."

## Bahrain Middle East Bank enters into partnership with ICIEC



ICIEC CEO Oussama A. Kaissi and BMB CEO Korhan Alev signing the agreement

Tunisia

Bahrain Middle East Bank B.S.C. (BMB), announced its added gear in its product line, with agreements being entered into with The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC), a Member of the IDB Group (Islamic Development Bank Group, Jeddah, KSA), to consolidate its trade financing activities, with specific emphasis to GCC and MENA.

BMB signed two agreements with ICIEC - a Documentary Credit

Insurance Policy (DCIP) and Bank Master Policy (BMP).

Bank Master Policy agreement (BMP) will assist BMB to cater to export financing on an Islamic basis and utilize export receivables as security for the repayment of the credit extended.

Documentary Credit Insurance Policy (DCIP) will help BMB effectively manage risks affecting its Letter of Credit (LC) transactions in ICIEC member countries.

The agreements were signed on

behalf of ICIEC by Oussama A. Kaissi - ICIEC's Chief Executive Officer - and, on behalf of Bahrain Middle East Bank (BMB) by Korhan Alev, Chief Executive Officer.

Alev said, "We are extremely happy to advance our cooperation with the IDB's ICIEC by signing the DCIP and BMP policies. Trade finance forms an important focus of our diversification strategy and contributes significantly to our mandate to support The Kingdom of Bahrain, GCC and MENA industry development.