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# Airport Modernisation Programme under Global Spotlight at Bahrain International Airshow



**Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) will showcase the Airport Modernisation Programme's (AMP) latest developments in front of the global aerospace community at Bahrain International Airshow (BIAS) 2018, the largest event in the series to date. BAC is a Gold Sponsor of the commercially-focused biennial airshow, which brings together leading civil and military aviation companies and senior government figures from around the world to conduct business and explore partnerships.**

Held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the supervision of BIAS Supreme Organising Committee Chairman, His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, BIAS 2018 will take place from 14 to 16 November at Sakhir Air Base. It is being organised by the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications and the Royal Bahraini Air Force in association with Farnborough International.

The event attracts aviation leaders from around the world and provides an ideal platform for BAC to showcase Bahrain's competitive advantages as a regional hub, as well as the significant improvements being made to Bahrain International Airport's infrastructure, facilities, and services through the AMP.

To mark the event's opening and welcome participants, BAC will host the official BIAS Gala Dinner at the Bahrain National Museum on 14 November. His Excellency the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, Engineer Kamal Bin Ahmed Mohamed, the GFG Board of Directors, BAC's senior management, and a number of VIPs will be in attendance.

Following the success of the event in 2016, this year's BIAS was moved from its regular slot in January to November to accommodate its continued growth. The size of the Exhibition Feature Hall has doubled for 2018, covering more than 9,000 sqm. It houses corporate and country pavilions where companies from around the world can showcase their products and services to the aviation community.

In addition to its own pavilion with a model of the AMP on display, BAC's wholly-owned subsidiary, Hala Bahrain, and its joint venture with the National Oil and Gas Authority, BAC Jet Fuel Company, will each have separate stands to showcase their products and services to the aviation community. BAC is also providing a dedicated pavilion for a number of major contractors involved in the AMP to present more information about their roles.

In addition to the three-day delegation programme and the exhibition, an airport conference will be hosted by BAC under the patronage of His Excellency the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, Engineer Kamal Bin Ahmed Mohamed.

Held under the theme 'Into the Future: Challenges and Opportunities for Gulf Region Airports and Airlines', the conference will feature engaging panel discussions with senior decision makers from leading regional airlines. Professor Rigas Doganis, a leading aviation consultant and



strategic advisor to a number of airlines, airports, banks, and governments around the world, will open the event.

This year's airshow is shaping up to be more commercially successful than ever. BAC is looking forward to networking with top international airlines and logistics companies to explore potential channels of cooperation that will bring the company closer to its goals, which include developing new routes out of BIA, transforming air cargo into one of Bahrain's primary industries, and increasing the aviation sector's contribution to the national economy in line with Bahrain's Vision 2030.

BIAS 2018 also marks a milestone for the AMP with a number of agreements for strategic projects and key concessions at the new Passenger Terminal Building set to be announced during the event. Representatives from renowned local, regional, and international companies will sign the agreements alongside His Excellency the Minister, and BAC Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalah.

**9,000 sqm**

EXHIBITION FEATURE HALL



**14-16 NOV**

BIAS



## Minister of Transportation Visits Hala Bahrain's Main Lounge



**His Excellency the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and Chairman of Gulf Air Holding Group, Eng. Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed visited Hala Bahrain's Main Lounge at BIA's Departure Area to inspect its facilities and hospitality services for arriving, departing, and transit passengers. He was accompanied by BAC Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Yousif Al Binfaluh and several other BAC officials.**

During the visit, HE the Minister met with Hala Bahrain's management and hospitality teams and was briefed on the company's services, which aim to ensure a welcoming, stress-free, and convenient airport experience. Hala Bahrain, a subsidiary of BAC, operates four lounges in BIA's Arrivals and Departures Areas, which offer a number of exclusive services and amenities.

HE the Minister said: "Hala Bahrain is a main pillar of the Airport Modernisation Programme. Its premium hospitality and support services reflect the Kingdom's trademark culture of generosity, making travelling through BIA a smooth and enjoyable journey. The company will also play a key role in enhancing the overall airport experience at the new Passenger Terminal Building. We are currently in the process of appointing a contractor to design and engineer Hala Bahrain's main lounge at the facility as well as a consultant for operations."

Launched in 2017, Hala Bahrain makes travel easier for passengers with its wide range of services, including meet and greet, concierge, portage, transportation, flower arrangements, and passenger clearance assistance. Its launch is in line with BAC's strategy to diversify revenue streams and achieve sustainable profitability.

## Minister of Transportation Chairs BAC Board of Directors Meeting

His Excellency the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and Chairman of Gulf Air Holding Group, Eng. Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, headed a recent BAC Board of Directors meeting. In attendance were BFG International Group President, Dr. Samer Majed Al Jishi; Mumtalakat Company Vice President of Investments, Raed Abdullah Fakhri; Ithmaar Bank Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Abdul Hakim Khalil Al Mutawa; General Coordinator of Projects and Strategic Planning in the Office of the First Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Fahad bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa; Investcorp Co-Chief Executive Officer, Rishi Kapoor; and JP Morgan Senior Country Manager, Dr. Ali Mousa; along with other BAC board members and executives.

The board reviewed the latest commercial developments, including contracts related to the management and operation of outlets at the new Passenger Terminal Building and the progress of the Operations Readiness and Airport Transfer (ORAT) platform.





## Minister of Finance Welcomes Inaugural Flight



His Excellency the Minister of Finance, Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, and His Excellency Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, Engineer Kamal Bin Ahmed Mohamed, received his Kuwaiti counterpart, His Excellency Dr. Nayef Falah Al-Hajraf and his accompanying delegation who arrived at BIA aboard Kuwait Airlines' inaugural flight from Kuwait International Airport's (KIA) new passenger terminal, T4. HE Shaikh Ahmed was accompanied by Kuwaiti Ambassador to Bahrain and Dean of Diplomatic Corps, His Excellency Shaikh Azzam Mubarak Al Sabah, and other officials.

HE Shaikh Ahmed welcomed the Kuwaiti delegation to Bahrain and extended his congratulations to Kuwait's leadership on the historic achievement the new terminal represents. He also stressed the

importance of improving the level of cooperation between Bahraini and Kuwaiti authorities and praised the efforts of both countries' governments to strengthen bilateral relations.

HE the Minister of Transportation expressed his appreciation to Kuwait Airlines for choosing the Kingdom of Bahrain as its first destination from the new terminal. He said: "This demonstrates the close and historical ties between our two countries and the high level of cooperation between them. The new terminal will help accommodate the increased demand for travel to Kuwait, has a capacity which exceeds 70,000 passengers every year."

## BIA Improves Aircraft Landing Safety and Efficiency

Bahrain International Airport (BIA) has completed the first phase of an air navigation and instrument landing system (ILS) upgrade that will markedly improve the airport's landing safety procedures and efficiency. Overseen by Bahrain's aviation regulator, Civil Aviation Affairs (CAA), in cooperation with BAC, the upgrade is in line with Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications efforts to ensure that the Kingdom's air navigation system meets the standards and requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

ILS is state-of-the-art runway approach aid that uses radio beams to provide pilots with vertical and horizontal guidance during an approach, enabling them to navigate and land safely in difficult weather conditions and low visibility. BIA's transition from ILS CAT I to CATII is a significant milestone in the Airport Modernisation Programme, which will help to lessen the number of flights diverted from BIA, reduce flight delays, and ensure greater passenger safety.

His Excellency the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, Eng. Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, said: "The upgrade follows the directives of Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa to accelerate the modernisation of our air navigation systems to accommodate expected civil aviation sector growth in accordance with the comprehensive development plan of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. Work on the second phase of the project, which will see

the ILS upgraded to CAT III, is also proceeding according to plan and is expected to be fully implemented in time for the completion of the Airport Modernisation Programme. This will further strengthen the Kingdom's leading position in civil aviation, both regionally and internationally, and enable BIA to provide excellent services with the highest levels of safety for all airspace users."

HE the Minister also announced that BAC is in the process of appointing a consultant to upgrade BIA's ILS to CATIIIB, which will allow aircraft to land at visibilities as low as 50 metres. The improvements will include the installation of additional lights on the runway and the development of auxiliary substations to support CATIII operations.



## CEO Appointed to ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Board

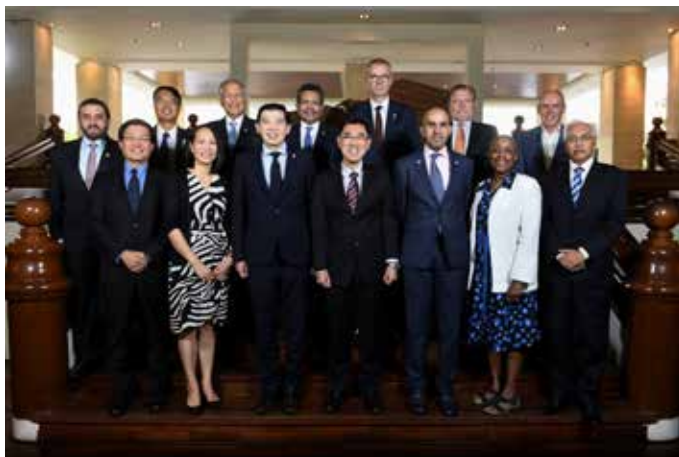
**BAC Chief Executive Officer Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalah has been appointed a special advisor to the Airport Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific Regional Board, the governing body overseeing regional policy development and fiscal management. In this role, Mr Al Binfalah will provide guidance, together with the Regional Board, to the organisation's Regional Office in order to further the interests of the Asia-Pacific aviation industry as a whole.**

Mr Al Binfalah said: "It is an honour to be appointed as a special advisor to this important industry organisation and I look forward to collaborating with its members to achieve our collective strategic goals."

The ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Board recently convened for a meeting on the sidelines of the ACI Asia-Pacific Small and Emerging Airports Seminar 2018, which took place in Langkawi, Malaysia. The board, which is comprised of senior representatives from various regional airports, discussed a variety of topics, including updates on cybersecurity and relationship development with worldwide companies. The next meeting will take place in Hong Kong in April 2019.

ACI represents the world's airports and their collective interests. It promotes professional excellence in airport management and operations,

and works closely with prominent aviation organisations such as ICAO and IATA to develop standards, policies, and recommended practices. The ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Board represents the interests of more than 580 airports in 48 countries and territories, which account for over 90 per cent of commercial air traffic in the Asia-Pacific region.



## BAC VP of Strategy Implementation & Business Improvement Joins Airports Council International Committee



BAC Vice President of Strategy Implementation & Business Improvement, Leena Faraj was elected to the Airport Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific Regional Economics Committee. In this role, she will help to provide regional support to members on airport economic matters.

The ACI Regional Economics Committee serves as a forum for members to share best practices and discuss

challenges and opportunities in areas such as: airport charges, models of ownership, financing, performance management and regulation.

As BAC's Vice President of Strategy Implementation & Business Improvement, Mrs Faraj plays a vital role in developing initiatives to accomplish the company's goals and strategy. This includes overseeing and advising on strategic planning, goal setting, evaluating programmes, procedures and operations, as well as budget & resource allocation.

Ms Faraj is the latest BAC staff member to join the ACI's ranks. Vice President of Human Resources, Hind Mahmood serves as Second Vice Chair of the ACI Asia-Pacific Regional HR Committee, Vice President of Information & Communication Technology, Najwa A. Rahim serves on the ACI World Airport IT Standing Committee, Director of Aviation Security, Duaj Al Kuwari serves on the ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Aviation Security Committee, and Director of Airside Operations, Abdulhakim AlShaibani serves on the ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Operational Safety Committee.

## Exploring New Routes to Success



**Developing a more diverse route network is a top priority for any airport. In addition to giving passengers more destinations to choose from, it enables flows of trade, investment, and tourism that support wider economic growth by creating new job opportunities, improving productivity, and increasing competitiveness.**

In line with ongoing efforts to develop new routes out of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), BAC held a series of meetings with ambassadors in Bahrain to explore channels of cooperation in the aviation sector. BAC Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalah headed the delegation, which included Chief Commercial Officer, Ayman Zainal, and Head of Route Development, Nawal Almajed.

During a meeting with Indonesian Ambassador Extraordinary, His Excellency Nur Syahrir Rahardjo, the BAC delegation discussed the potential of operating a direct passenger route from Bahrain to the Republic of Indonesia. They also explored developing direct city link air cargo operations to increase the volume of goods transported through BIA.

In addition to establishing new routes, BAC is keen to reassess discontinued ones. During a meeting with Nepalese Ambassador, His Excellency Padam Sundas, the BAC delegation explored the potential recommencement of a direct route from Bahrain to the Federal Democratic

Republic of Nepal. They also discussed other potential channels of cooperation in the aviation sector that would boost tourism, trade, and bilateral relations.

Mr. Al Binfalah said: "These meetings reflect our vision for stronger, more prosperous relationships between Bahrain and countries all over the world. BAC and its partners are working diligently to develop new routes and cargo operations that will serve the needs of businesses and passengers where we operate. In coordination with the respective Ambassadors, we invite leading Nepalese and Indonesian carriers wishing to discuss potential collaboration to visit BAC."



## Spotlighting the Kingdom's Aviation Ambitions

A Bahrain delegation comprised of representatives from BAC and the Bahrain Economic Development Board showcased the Kingdom's competitive advantages and ambitious vision for aviation at the 24th World Routes Development Forum in China.

The annual forum is one of the aviation industry's biggest global events. It attracts senior decision makers from the world's leading aviation organisations and provides a platform for route development professionals to discuss, develop, and plan network strategy.

The event included face-to-face meetings, an exhibition, and a conference featuring presentations and panel discussions with industry experts centred on key air service development issues currently affecting the route development community. More than 3,000 delegates, representing 300 airlines, 700 airport operators, and 130 tourism authorities, as well as a number of government bodies and stakeholders, explored potential partnerships and business development opportunities over the three days.





## ORAT Programme Makes Continued Progress



**The on-schedule launch of the new Passenger Terminal Building is a critical success factor of the Airport Modernisation Programme (AMP). To ensure a smooth transfer from the existing terminal to the new facility and the successful commencement of daily operations from day one, BAC and its partners have embarked on a national Operations Readiness and Airport Transfer (ORAT) programme.**

Conducted by Fraport AG Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide, a leading services company with over 10 years of experience in inaugurating airport infrastructure projects, the comprehensive programme will help to facilitate the development of the airport's new infrastructure. The company is also providing consultancy services for the new Passenger Terminal Building.

The process of turning a newly constructed facility into a fully functioning airport needs to be carefully managed. To ensure preparations are being implemented as planned, the National ORAT Steering Committee, which was formed as per Royal Order (10) for 2017, issued by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, has held several meetings to address key issues.

The Committee is chaired by His Excellency Engineer Kamal bin Ahmed Mohamed, the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, with

representation from Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs, Bahrain Customs, the Ministry of Interior Passport and Residence Affairs, the Public Security Directorate, and BAC.

BAC is hosting a series of ORAT stakeholder workshops, which play a vital role in the ORAT process by providing a platform to exchange information and discuss crucial topics. They also give stakeholders the opportunity to clarify any queries related to their operations within the project.

During the most recent workshop, stakeholders were briefed on ongoing ORAT activities, timelines, and expectations as well as the progress of core processes, including trial, training, and transfer activities. In attendance were senior officials from Civil Aviation Affairs, other government authorities, Gulf Air, Bahrain Airport Services, airlines, BAC management, and representatives from key organisations currently operating at BIA, as well as concessionaires appointed for the new Passenger Terminal Building.

Representatives from Fraport AG and Hill International, which is providing project management services, delivered updates on the project's latest developments. The operational readiness trials, which are expected to take place in the second quarter of 2019, will involve all of the new Passenger Terminal Building's stakeholders.



## Vision Comes into Focus



**BAC Chief Development and Technical Officer, Abdulla Janahi, discusses the progress of the new Passenger Terminal Building and the latest developments taking place as part of the Airport Modernisation Programme.**

**How far along is the construction of the new Passenger Terminal building and what are some of the major milestones accomplished so far?**

Construction is now more than 60% complete and all involved parties are working diligently to ensure the new facility's on-schedule launch in Q3 2019. Several of the aircraft stands, bridge houses, and mobile bridges are completed, the main power is connected, and the chilled water systems are undergoing the final stage of testing. We are currently installing the interior fittings and fixtures as well as some of the general systems, which will shortly undergo testing and commissioning.

**What are some of the most exciting infrastructure developments coming up in the next few months and how big a role do they play in the AMP?**

We have finished the main construction of the Passenger Terminal Building, phase 1 of the concourse is completed, and we have begun to close the façade. We are currently constructing the main landside viaduct, which is 9.6 metres high and will enable us to connect the departure gates to the main airport roads. In addition, we have completed the design for the new Maintenance, Repair, and Operation (MRO) hanger and are aiming to appoint a design and supervision consultant for the Cargo Express Village facility in November 2018.

**What challenges has the AMP recently faced in terms of infrastructure development and how were they overcome?**

The most challenging issue is building the new infrastructure next to a fully operational facility while maintaining the same high levels of safety

and security. Fortunately, with the cooperation of BAC's operations teams (Terminal and Airside) and great support from Civil Aviation Affairs, Gulf Air, Ministry of Interior departments operating out of BIA, and Bahrain Airport Services, we are achieving the Airport Modernisation Programme's objectives without impacting existing operations.

**The runway has recently been upgraded to CAT II. How will this enhance BIA's operations?**

The CAT II runway will improve BIA's efficiency and allow aircraft to land and take off with visibility as low as 350 metres. This will lessen the number of flights diverted from BIA, reduce flight delays, and ensure greater passenger safety.

**What stands BIA apart from other airports in the region?**

Even after the launch of the new Passenger Terminal Building, which will increase capacity to 14 million passengers a year, BIA still won't be among the largest airports in the region. It will, however, be a customer-friendly boutique airport with efficient services that reflect the Kingdom's trademark hospitality. The new facility will also have a Bahrain concept corner to showcase the Kingdom's traditions and culture, which means passengers will get to experience Bahrain even if they never leave the airport. In addition, the new Passenger Terminal Building's ergonomic design means passengers will be able to traverse the arrival and departure areas more quickly than at any other regional airport.

**How will BIA's new infrastructure transform the overall airport experience from the moment visitors arrive?**

Although the new Passenger Terminal Building will be four times bigger than the existing one, it will maintain the same high levels of efficiency. The facility has been carefully designed to ensure departing passengers don't need to change levels from the moment they arrive until they reach their aircraft gate.

Similarly, arriving passengers will remain on one level until they clear customs and immigration. After this, only one change is required to reach the baggage claim area and three options are available, stairs, escalators, and elevators. There will be nice spacious baggage halls, which are equipped with eight baggage carousels. From there, passengers will



## Vision Comes into Focus (Contd.)

pass through either the red or green channel (nothing to declare or goods to declare) until they reach the meet and greet area.

### Please tell us about your future strategy for asset maintenance at the new Passenger Terminal building.

We have built a state-of-the-art Central Utilities Complex (CUC), which houses the new facility's main district cooling centre, water storage tanks, power supply (connected to Electricity Water Authority 11KV grids), and back up generators. In addition, the new Passenger Terminal Building is equipped with the latest ICT technology and state-of-the-art Baggage Handling Systems.

With such diverse assets, availability and reliability are top priorities. We enlisted the services of highly trained engineers at the design stage of the project and they will remain with us until the final takeover. We also plan to outsource certain functions that we believe require local or international expertise, which will help us to maintain these assets.

### How will BIA's new infrastructure benefit airlines and airport stakeholders?

BAC will utilise the increased number of contact gates by assigning them to various airlines, which will improve the overall passenger experience. In addition, the state-of-the-art ICT infrastructure will offer improved connectivity for passengers and airlines alike. The new Passenger Terminal Building will also boast a wider variety of good and services, including Duty-Free, retail, food and beverages, airside lounges, and a hotel. Furthermore there will be much more space for passengers at the Departures and Arrivals areas.

### What are some of the improvements being made to BIA's commercial areas?

The new Passenger Terminal Building's considerable size means we can offer much bigger spaces to a wider variety of commercial tenants at the airside departure level. In addition, there is a multi-story car park that can accommodate 2,700 vehicles just 20 metres away from the arrival doors.

The new Duty Free area will be four times larger than the existing one and retail areas will be three times bigger, turning the airport into a key commercial hub. The food and beverage offerings will be much improved and more diverse, with Jamie Oliver's Deli and Pizzeria among the big-name brands lined up.

There will also be an airside hotel, which is envisioned to be an eye-catching 4 or 5-star property with excellent service. Travellers will be able to sleep off their jet lag or unwind with a relaxing spa treatment that leaves them feeling refreshed and ready for the next leg of their journeys.

### Upon completion, what kind of economic impact do you think the AMP will have on the Kingdom?

The AMP will play a pivotal role in enhancing the aviation sector's contribution to the national economy in line with the Kingdom's Vision 2030. We believe it will also enable us to provide improved levels of service to our national carrier, Gulf Air, as well as existing international airlines operating out of BIA. We are also looking forward to attracting more airlines, growing our number of destinations, and increasing the frequency of current routes, which will help enhance investment, trade, tourism, and bilateral relations.

## Business Continuity Management Progress



BAC recognised 30 employees from the Airport Operations and Facility Management departments who completed a business continuity management training course as part of ongoing efforts to enhance BIA's business continuity and ICT disaster recovery capabilities. Conducted by Munich Airport Consulting International, the training aimed to develop participants' theoretical knowledge of business continuity concepts and practices based on international standards. It also tested their ability to convert the concepts into practical plans.

BAC is currently working with Munich Airport Consulting International to develop a governance framework to help ensure continuity of operations at BIA during disasters and crises and to define, implement, and test the contingency plans. The project, begun in March this year and expected to continue until November, is in line with the Airport Modernisation Programme's goal to strengthen BIA's operations, ICT infrastructure and security.

# Smart Technology for a Smarter Airport



BIA's new Passenger Terminal Building will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology to enhance efficiency, improve security, and meet passengers' growing expectations for a more seamless airport experience. Advancements in automation will streamline some of the most time-consuming processes and procedures, reducing waiting times for passengers and giving them more control over their journeys.

One of the game-changing technologies being implemented is a new self-bag drop system, which offers a range of benefits, including shorter passenger queues, reduced labour costs for airlines, and enhanced check-in capacity. Although the system is straightforward to use, staff will be on hand to provide personal support with the process at any time.

There will be two types of E-gates at the new Passenger Terminal Building – security E-gates (between the check-in area and Immigration to validate the boarding passes) and Immigration E-gates (self-service border

control at both Departure and Arrival areas). The system, which verifies users' identities using biometrics, will enable travellers to pass through immigration checkpoints faster and with less staff involvement while still maintaining a high level of security.

To improve the overall airport experience and make it easier for passengers to find what they're looking for, the new facility will have a state-of-the-art Information Kiosk. It will provide useful details about bus and taxi services, the Kingdom's tourist attractions, prayer times, weather conditions, currency exchange rates, and hotels around the island.

Operations at BIA's various parking facilities will also be markedly improved following the introduction of a new Car Park Management System. The electronic system will replace the existing manned toll booth with self-service kiosks for payment.

The safety and security of passengers and staff are top priorities for BIA. The new Passenger Terminal Building will house state-of-the-art screening machines with advanced capabilities that enhance the effectiveness of checkpoints. BAC is also enhancing cyber security by implementing ISO27001: 2013 and several next-generation technologies, including firewalls, an intrusion prevention system, a host intrusion prevention system, and security information and event management software.

With its advanced technology and convenience-oriented approach, the new Passenger Terminal Building is aiming to put BIA on the global aviation map alongside the best airports in the world.

## Did you know?

### Dedicated to Going Green

With the ever-increasing stress on the planet's resources, tackling climate change is one of the most pressing concerns of the 21st century.

Aviation plays an indispensable part in today's society by connecting countries, people, and products with a range unmatched by any other mode of transport, and as the face of air transport on the ground, airports need to work to improve the sector's reputation in terms of environmental impact and energy efficiency.

BAC is making it a top priority to operate BIA as an environmentally friendly and efficient facility for a proud country. The company has achieved ISO 14001 certification, the international standard for an effective environmental management system, which is followed by leading organisations around the world.

As a member of the High Energy Consumers Committee of Bahrain, which is comprised of key government and non-government institutions, BAC works proactively to support the implementation of the Kingdom's National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP).

Set by the Sustainable Energy Unit of Bahrain, the NEEAP aims to conserve resources and reflects the Kingdom's efforts to deliver the sustainable energy transition outlined in its economic Vision 2030. One of its main goals is to reduce Bahrain's energy consumption by 6 per cent by 2025 through 22 proposed initiatives.

In 2015, BAC achieved Airport Carbon Accreditation 'Level 1 Mapping' from the Airports Council International (ACI), the only institutionally-endorsed carbon management certification standard for airports, which recognises facilities that successfully manage and reduce their carbon footprint.

BAC is also a member of the ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Environment Committee, which convenes twice a year to discuss and share airport environmental initiatives across the region.

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Turning ambitious goals into reality requires a dedicated team of professionals to oversee each stage of the process. BAC's Health, Safety and Environment department performs environmental inspections and audits at BIA's airside and landside locations and works with the airport stakeholders to ensure BIA is a safe place.

This year, BAC established an Energy & Water Committee to analyse its energy and water consumption and set reduction targets for BIA.

In addition, the new Passenger Terminal Building is targeting Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification in 2019. Being a globally recognised symbol of sustainability achievement, LEED is the most widely used green building rating system in the world.



# Think Pink: Spotlighting Breast Cancer Awareness

Highlighting Breast cancer awareness is a global responsibility and BAC is keen to play its part. In support of breast cancer awareness month and the annual Think Pink Bahrain campaign, the floors in front of the check-in counters and Duty Free Area at BIA were imprinted with big pink ribbons. The aim was to spark conversations about the importance of regular check-ups, education, and early detection. The initiative is in line with BAC's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme and reflects its commitment to community engagement.

BAC, in collaboration with Gulf Air and Gulf Aviation Academy (GAA), also held a Breast Cancer Prevention and Women's Wellness Day as part of the Think Pink campaign. In attendance were BAC Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalal, GAA Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Dhaffer Al Abbasi, Gulf Air Chief Executive Officer, Krešimir Ku ko, and a number of employees.

