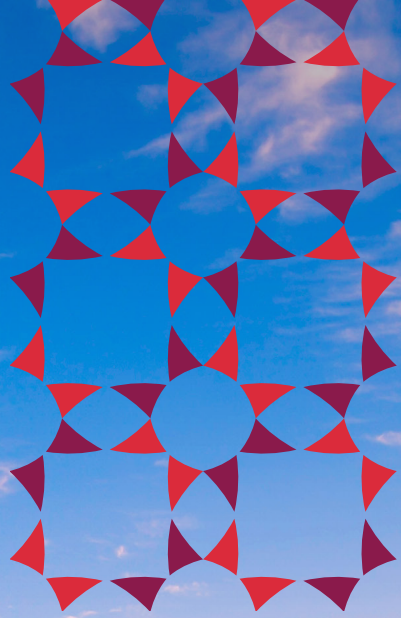




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Q4 - 2025





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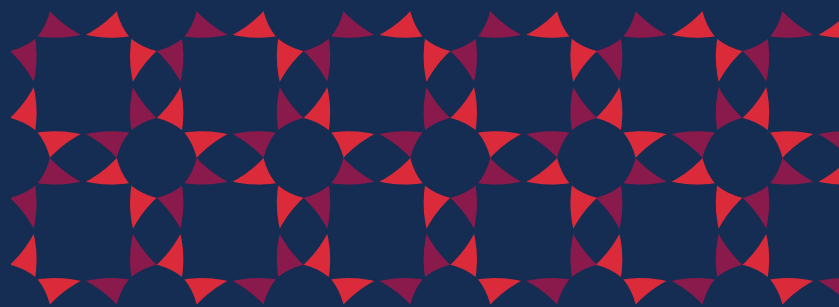
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Executive Summary

Introduction

Real GDP grew by 4.6% in Q4 2025 YoY, propelled by 7.4% growth in the non-oil sector. Some of the sectors that witnessed high real growth rates include Professional, Scientific, and Technical at 10.2%, Manufacturing at 9.6%, and Transportation and Storage at 8.9%. The Financial and Insurance Activities is the highest contributor to real GDP at 17.8%.

The volume of trade exchange between Bahrain and GCC countries has increased in Q4 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. Trade increased by 17% from 2.002 billion USD in Q4 2024 to 2.333 billion USD in Q4 2025.

Fawri transaction has increased by 8.5%, while POS transaction has increased by 2.6% in Q4 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. taking into consideration that Bahrain Ranks 2nd Regionally and 15th Globally in the World Bank's GovTech Maturity Index 2025

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Key Indicators in Q4 2025

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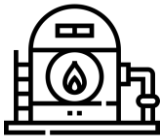
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Non-Oil GDP Growth

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Oil GDP Growth

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Top Growing Non-Oil Activities (YoY)



Professional, Scientific,
and Technical

10.2%



Manufacturing

9.6%



Transportation and
Storage

8.9%



Accommodation
and Food Services

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Trade Exchange

Bahrain's Top Import Partners

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Source: Information and eGovernment Authority

Key Indicators in Q4 2025

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POS Transactions

2.6% YoY



Fawri Transactions

8.4% YoY

Interest Rates on Business Loans Q4 2025

Sector	%
Construction & Real Estate	7.58%
Manufacturing	5.51%
Trade	6.46%
Other	5.59%

Bahrain's Ranking on Global Indices



Bahrain Ranks 3rd in the Arab Region and 38th Globally in the Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2025

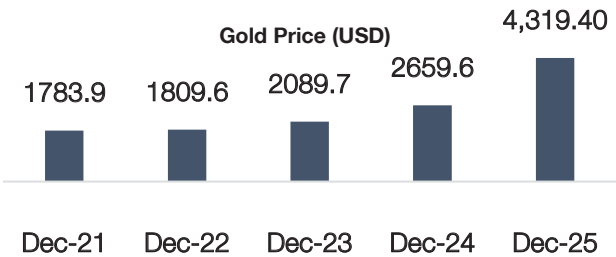


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142% increase in gold price over 5-year period

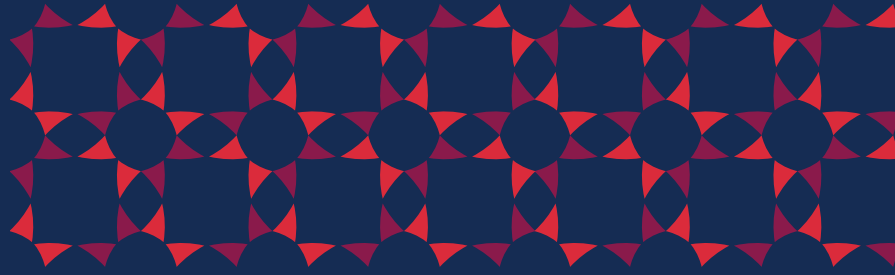


Oil Type	Price – Dec 2025
WTI	\$57.42
Brent	\$60.85

WTI and Brent Oil Price Change Dec 2025

-15.8% and -15.5% YoY

Source: Information and eGovernment Authority, SIO, IMF, CBB, Bloomberg



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Growth and GDP Contribution of Economic Sectors

Professional, Scientific, and Technical Activities
is the fastest growing sector at 10% YoY in Q4 2025



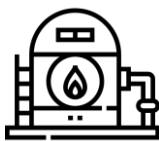
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Real GDP Growth by Non-oil Economic Activities –Q4 2025 (YoY)

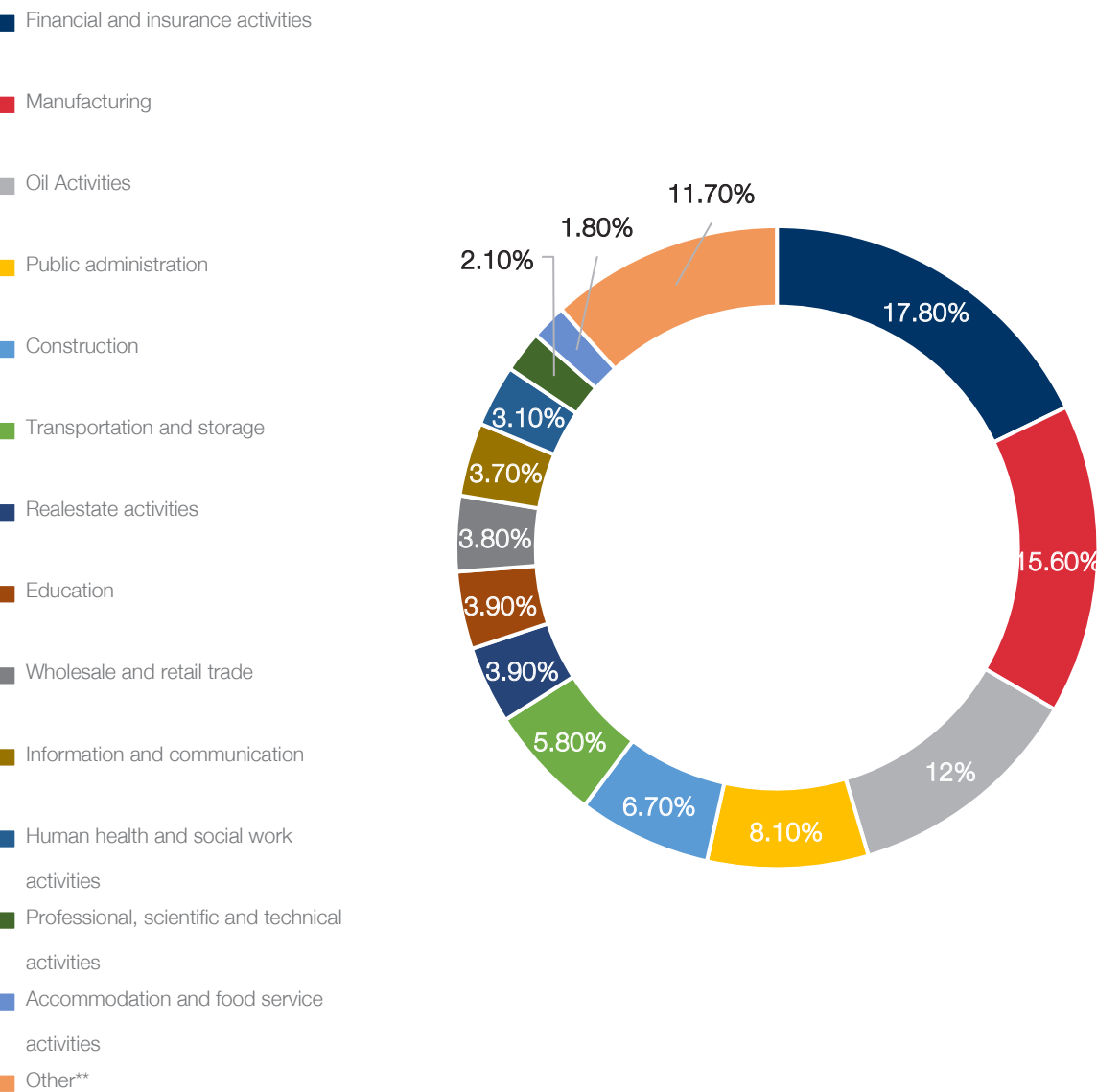
Sector	YoY Growth
Professional, Scientific and Technical	10.2% ▲
Manufacturing	9.6% ▲
Transportation and Storage	8.9% ▲
Accommodation and Food Services	8.6% ▲
Financial and Insurance Activities	7.6% ▲
Construction	7.3% ▲
Information and Communication	6.6% ▲
Human Health and Social Work	6.1% ▲
Education	6.0% ▲
Wholesale and Retail Trade	4.9% ▲
Real Estate	4.5% ▲
Public Administration	3.8% ▲

Bahrain’s real GDP grew by 4.6% YoY in Q4 2025, propelled by a 7.4% growth in the non-oil sector and a -12.3% decrease in the oil sector. The Professional, Scientific, and Technical Activities witnessed the highest YoY growth by 10.2%. Manufacturing was The second fastest growing activity at 9.6% YoY, Transportation and Storage at 8.9% YoY.

Source: Information and eGovernment Authority - Ministry of Finance and National Economy

Financial and Insurance Activities is the highest contributor to real GDP at 17.8% in Q4 2025

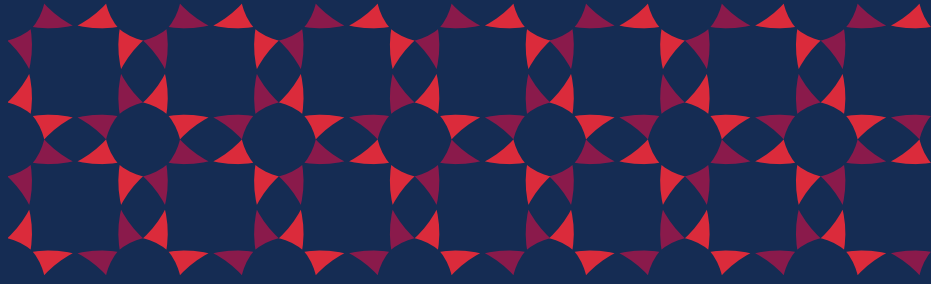
Economic Activities Contribution to Real GDP – Q4 2025



*** Includes Electricity and Gas, Activities of households as employers, Water supply, sewerage and waste management, Arts, entertainment and recreation, Agriculture, forestry and fishing, other service activities, and net taxes on products.*

The Financial and Insurance Activities is the highest contributor to GDP in Q4 2025 at 17.8%, followed by the Manufacturing at 15.6%, and the Mining and Quarrying at 12%.

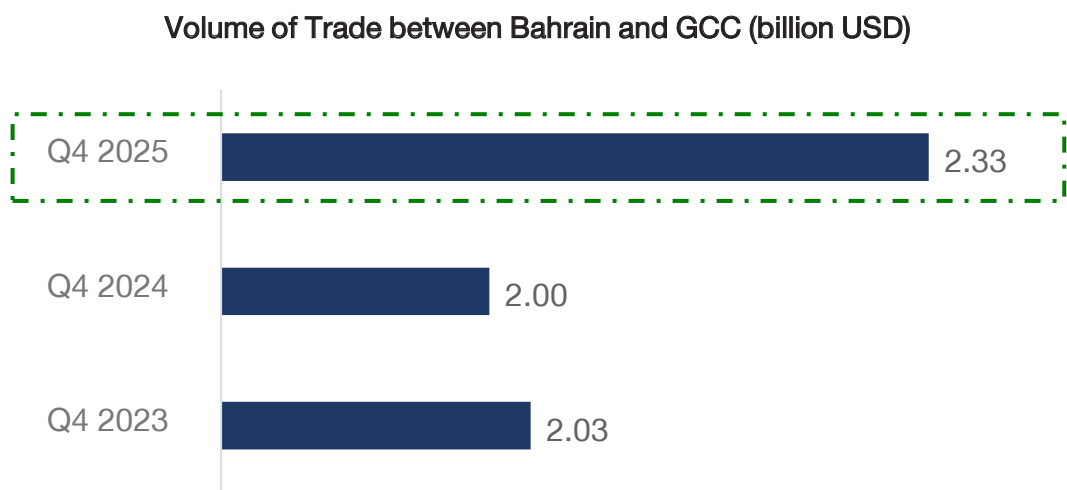
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Trade Exchange

17% Increase in volume of trade between Bahrain and GCC countries in Q4 2025 YoY

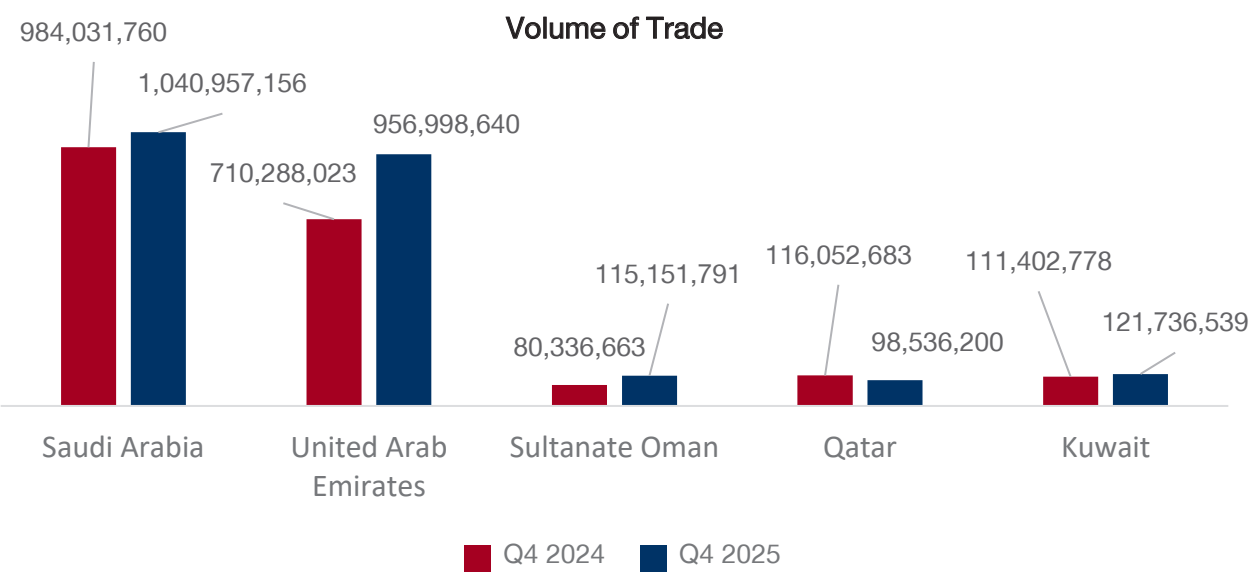


Q4 2023	Q4 2024	Q4 2025	% Change from 2024 to 2025
2,032,987,354	2,002,111,907	2,333,380,326	17%

The volume of trade exchange between Bahrain and GCC countries has increased in Q4 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. Trade increased by 17% from 2.002 billion USD in Q4 2024 to 2.333 billion USD in Q4 2025.

Source: Information and e-Government Authority

43% increase in the volume of trade between Bahrain and Sultanate Oman in Q4 2025



Country	Q4 2023	Q4 2024	Q4 2025	% Change from 2024 to 2025
Saudi Arabia	969,054,759	984,031,760	1,040,957,156	6%
United Arab Emirates	788,917,588	710,288,023	956,998,640	35%
Sultanate Oman	105,670,275	80,336,663	115,151,791	43%
Qatar	32,727,218	116,052,683	98,536,200	-15%
Kuwait	136,617,514	111,402,778	121,736,539	9%

Source: Information and e-Government Authority

43% increase in the volume of trade between Bahrain and Sultanate Oman in Q4 2025

6%

Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia had the highest volume of trade exchange with Bahrain in Q4 2025. The volume of trade between KSA and Bahrain was 984 million USD in Q4 2024 and increased by 6% to 1,04 million USD in Q4 2025.

35%

United Arab Emirates

The United Arab Emirates had the second-highest volume of trade exchange with Bahrain among GCC countries in Q4 2025. The volume of trade between the two countries has increased by 35% from 710 million USD in Q4 2024 to 957 million USD in Q4 2025.

43%

Oman

Trade between Bahrain and Oman increased by 43% from 80 million USD in Q4 2024 to 115 million USD in Q4 2025.

-15%

Qatar

Trade levels between Qatar and Bahrain have decreased by 15%, from 116 million USD in Q4 2024 to 99 million USD in Q4 2025.

9%

Kuwait

Trade between Bahrain and Kuwait has increased as well by 9% from 111 million USD in Q4 2024 to 122 million USD in Q4 2025.

Source: Information and e-Government Authority

Bahrain's Top Import Partners in Q4 2025

Country	Total Value of Imports in Q4 2025 (USD)	Top Imported Commodity	Commodity Value (USD)	% of Total Imports from the Country
China	665,591,980	Smartphones	85,212,225	13%
United Arab Emirates	455,768,777	Gold Ingots	166,528,461	37%
France	284,752,162	Turbo – Propellers of a Power not Exceeding 1,100 KW	93,086,222	33%
Brazil	282,767,009	Non-agglomerated Iron Ores And Concentrates	257,095,544	91%
Australia	278,786,929	Other Aluminum Oxide	247,924,047	89%

China maintains its position to be Bahrain's top import partner in Q4 2025

China was the top largest import partner with an imports value of 666 million USD in Q4 2025. The top imported commodity was smartphones, valued at 85 million USD and constituting 13% of total imports from China.

United Arab Emirates came the second Bahrain's top import partner with a total import value of 456 million USD. The top imported commodity was Gold Ingots, with a total value of 167 million USD. This commodity accounts for 37% of total imports from UAE.

France was the third top import market with total import amount of 285 million USD. The top imported commodity was Turbo – Propellers of a Power not Exceeding 1,100 KW, valued at 93 million USD and accounting for 33% of total imports from France.

Brazil was Bahrain's fourth import partner in Q4 2025, with the total value of imports reaching 283 million USD. The top imported commodity was Non-agglomerated Iron Ores And Concentrates, valued at 257 million USD, and it accounts for 91% of total imports.

Australia was Bahrain's fifth import market, with a total import amount of 279 million USD. The top commodity imported was Other Aluminum Oxide at 248 million USD and it accounts for 89% of imports from Australia.

Source: Information and e-Government Authority



Bahrain's Top Export Partners in Q4 2025

Country	Total Value of Exports in Q4 2025 (USD)	Top Exported Commodity	Commodity Value (USD)	% of Total Exports from the Country
Saudi Arabia	804,823,150	Unwrought Aluminum Alloys	133,471,027	17%
United Arab Emirates	501,229,863	Gold Ingots	90,358,319	18%
United States of America	250,505,559	Unwrought Aluminum Alloys	82,822,796	%33
India	148,772,291	Urea, whether or not in Aqueous Solution	40,175,577	%27
Netherlands	132,477,552	Unwrought Aluminum Alloys	60,295,126	%46

Saudi Arabia maintains its position as Bahrain's top export partner in Q4 2025

Saudi Arabia has maintained its position as the largest export market for Bahraini commodities in Q4 2025, with the total value of exports reaching 805 million USD. The top exported commodity was Unwrought Aluminum Alloys at 133 million USD, accounting for 17% of total exports to Saudi Arabia.

The United Arab Emirates was Bahrain's second largest export partner, with a total value of exports of 501 million USD. The top exported commodity was Gold Ingots at 90 million USD, accounting for 17% of exports.

The United States was Bahrain's third largest export partner with the total value of exports reaching 251 million USD. The top exported commodity was Unwrought Aluminum Alloys at 83 million USD, accounting for 33% of exports to the US.

Total exports to India amounted to 149 million USD. The top exported commodity was Urea, whether or not in Aqueous Solution at 41 million USD, which constitutes 27% of total exports to India.

Netherlands was Bahrain's fifth largest export partner in Q4 2025, with the total value of exports reaching 132 million USD. The top exported commodity was Unwrought Aluminum Alloys at 60 million USD, and it accounts for 46% of total exports.

Source: Information and e-Government Authority



Bahrain's Top Traded Commodities in Q4 2025

Top Imports in Bahrain

Commodity	Import Value (USD)
Non-agglomerated Iron Ores And Concentrates	394,662,959
Other Aluminum Oxide	250,321,490
Gold Ingots	196,491,512
Parts of Aircraft Engines	191,543,756
Smartphones	98,177,722

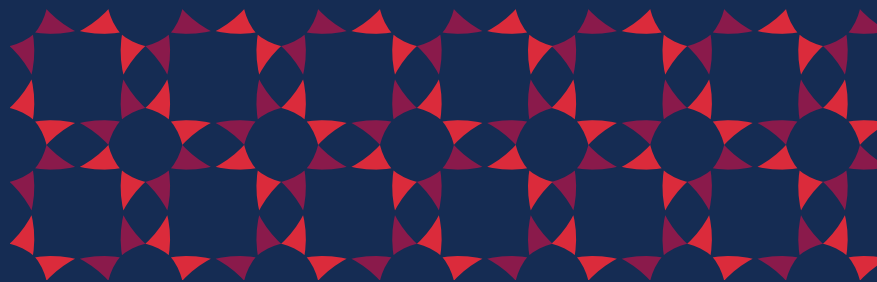
The top imported commodity in Q4 2025 was Non-agglomerated Iron Ores And Concentrates with the total value of imports reaching 395 million USD. This is followed by Other Aluminum Oxide and Gold Ingots, with the total value of imports reaching 250 million USD and 196 million USD, respectively.

Top Exports from Bahrain

Commodity	Export Value (USD)
Unwrought Aluminium Alloys	815,825,676
Agglomerated Iron Ores and Concentrates	364,401,438
Aluminum Wire, Not Alloyed, Over 7 Mm Thick	167,578,068
Processed Cheese, not Grated or Powdered	143,425,712
Aluminum Wire, Alloyed, Over 7 Mm Thick	96,508,086

The top exported commodity in Q4 2025 was Unwrought Aluminium Alloys, with the total value of exports reaching 816 million USD. The second and third top exported commodities were Agglomerated Iron Ores and Concentrates and Aluminum Wire, Not Alloyed, Over 7 Mm Thick with the total value of exports reaching 364 million USD and 168 million USD, respectively.

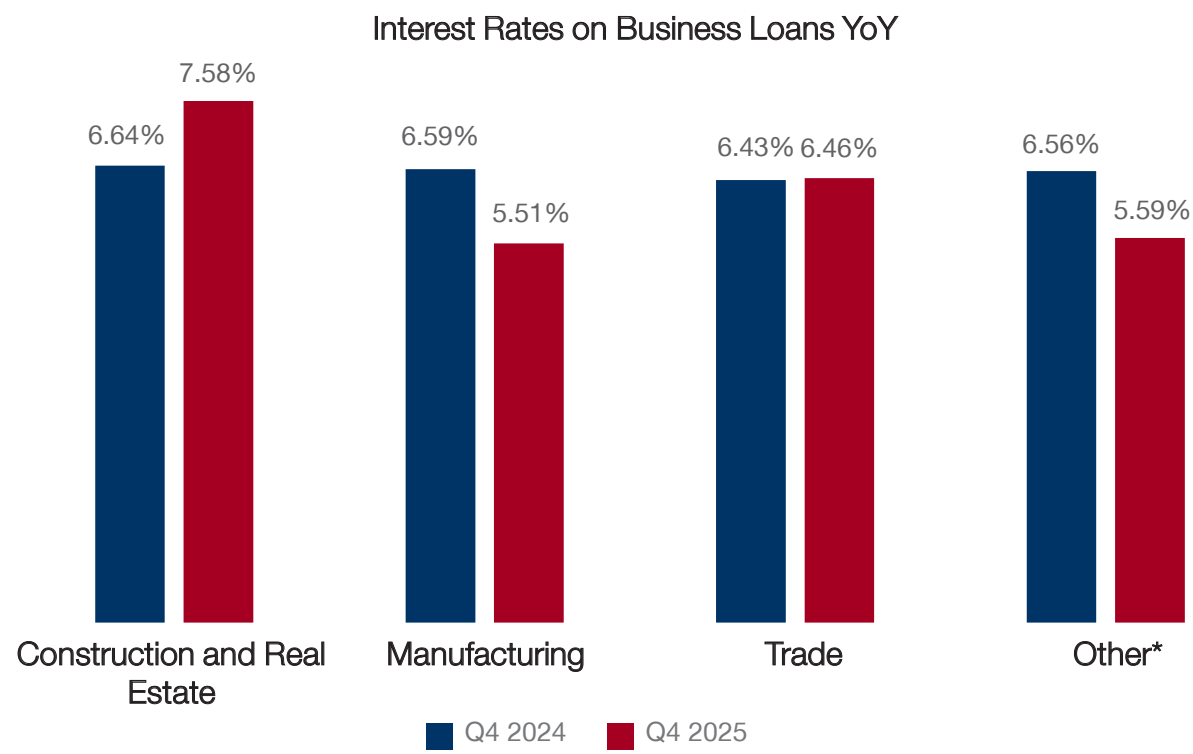
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Increase in Interest Rates on Business Loans in the Construction and Real Estate Sectors, While Decreasing in Other Sectors (Q4 2025 YoY)



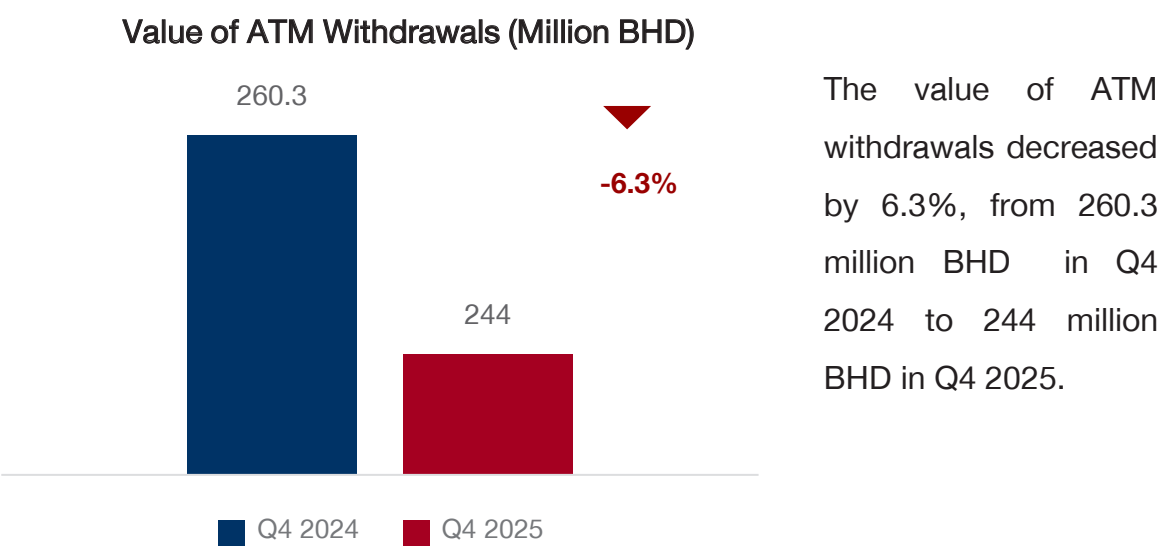
In the Construction and Real Estate sector, the interest rate increased from 6.64% in Q4 2024 to 7.58% in Q4 2025, representing a 14% rise. In contrast, the Manufacturing sector recorded a 16.3% decline, with rates decreasing from 6.59% to 5.51% over the same period. Similarly, interest rates in the Other sector fell from 6.56% in Q4 2024 to 5.59% in Q4 2025.

* Includes non-banks financial and other services.

Source: Central Bank of Bahrain

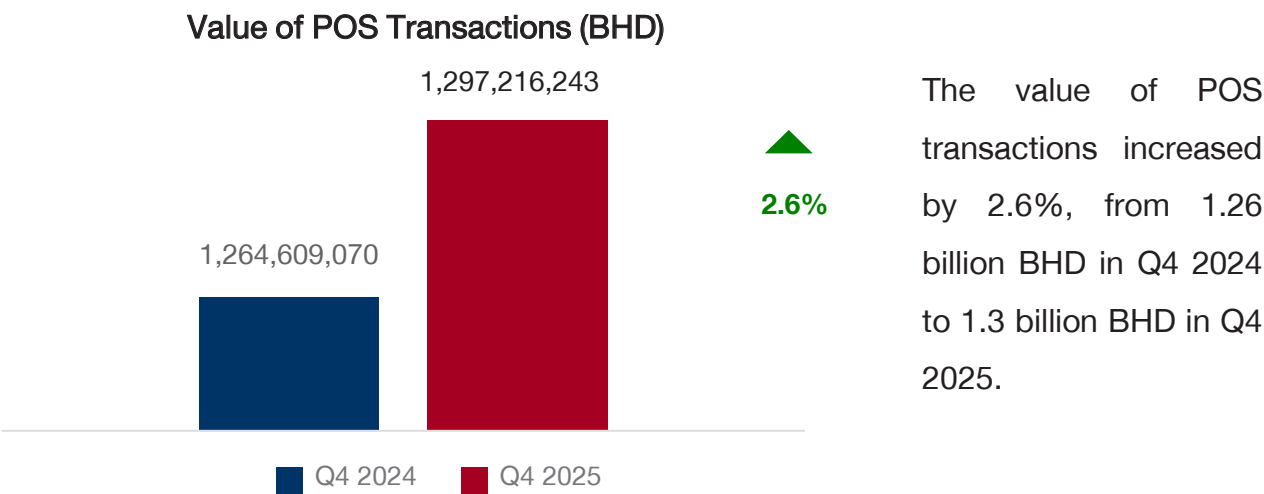


6.3% decrease in ATM withdrawal values in Q4 2025 compared to the same period in 2024



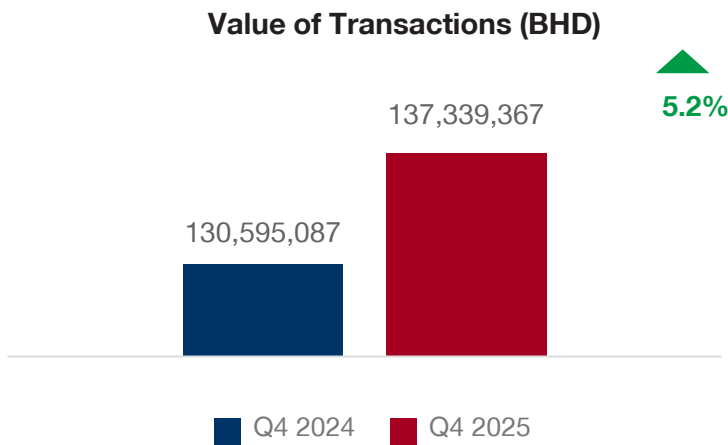
Source: Central Bank of Bahrain

2.6% increase in the value of POS transactions recorded in Q4 2025 compared to the same period in 2024



Source: Central Bank of Bahrain

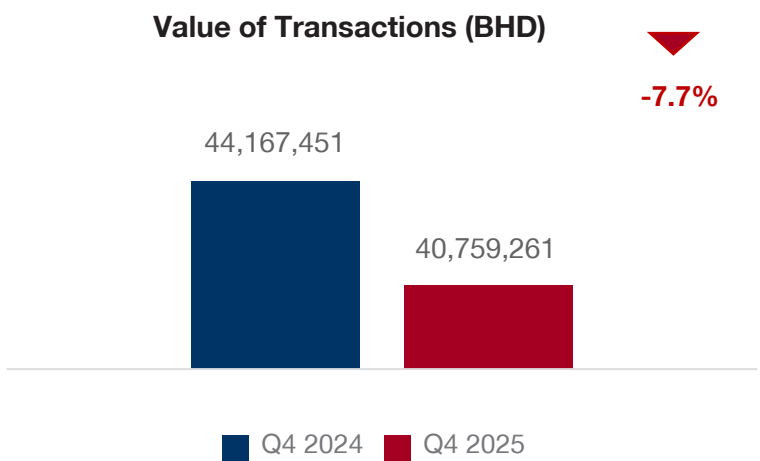
5.2% increase in the value of supermarket transactions in Q4 2025 compared to the same period in 2024



The value of supermarket transactions increased by 5.2%, from 130.6 million BHD in Q4 2024, to 137 million BHD in Q4 2025.

Source: Central Bank of Bahrain

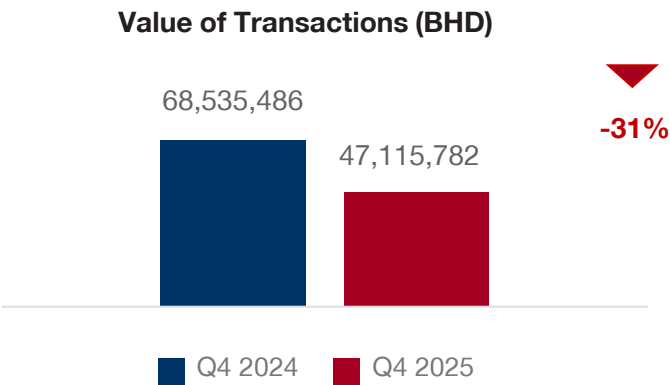
7.7% decrease in the value of department store transactions in Q4 2025 compared to the same period in 2024



The value of department store transactions decreased by 7.7%, from 44 million BHD in Q4 2024, to 40.7 million BHD in Q4 2025.

Source: Central Bank of Bahrain

31% decrease in the value of jewelry store transactions in Q4 2025 compared to the same period in 2025

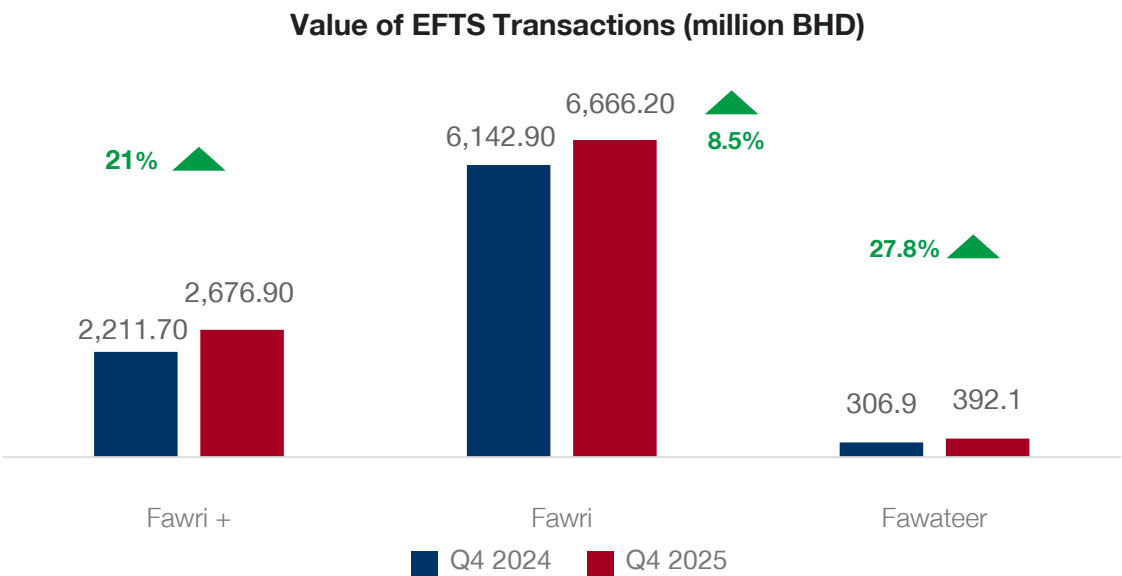


The value of transactions in the jewelry stores sector decreased by 31%, from 68.5 million BHD in Q4 2024, to 47 million BHD in Q4 2025.

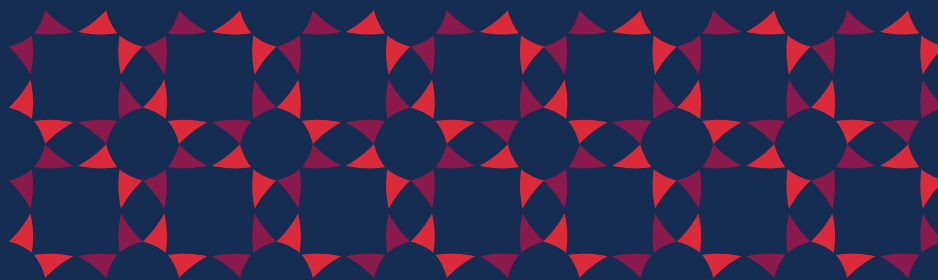
Source: Central Bank of Bahrain

27.8% increase in transfers via Fawateer in Q4 2025 compared to the same period in 2024

The value of EFTS transactions through the Fawri+ system increased by 21% from 2.2 billion BHD in Q4 2024 to 2.67 billion BHD in Q4 2025. The value of EFTS transactions through the Fawri system increased by 8.5% as well from 6.14 billion BHD in Q4 2024 to 6.6 billion BHD in Q4 2025. Fawateer transactions increased by 27.8% from 306 million BHD in Q4 2024 to 392 million BHD in Q4 2025.



Source: Central Bank of Bahrain



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Bahrain's Ranking in Global Indices

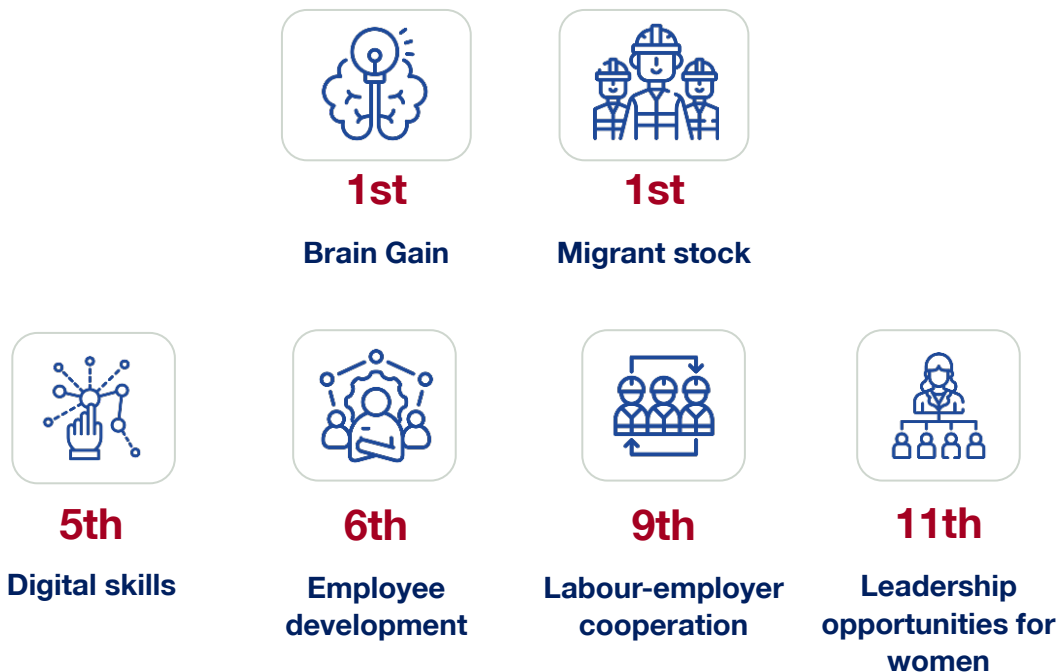
Bahrain Ranks 3rd in the Arab Region and 38th Globally in the Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2025

Bahrain has achieved a notable milestone in the Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) 2025, ranking 3rd in the Arab region and 38th globally out of 135 economies, advancing from 44th place in 2023. This upward movement reflects measurable progress in strengthening the Kingdom’s talent ecosystem and consolidating its position as a competitive, knowledge-driven economy.

The Index is structured around six pillars: Enable, Attract, Grow, Retain, Vocational and Technical Skills, and Generalist Adaptive Skills, supported by fourteen sub-pillars that provide a comprehensive assessment of talent competitiveness.

Bahrain’s progress in GTCI 2025 shows balanced development, with particular strength in the Enable and Attract pillars. The Enable pillar reflects the country’s ability to build a supportive environment through strong institutions, clear regulations, and competitive markets. The Attract pillar highlights Bahrain’s capacity to draw international talent while maintaining an open and inclusive society.

Bahrain's Globally Top-Ranked Indicators GTCI 2025



Source: Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2025

Bahrain Ranks 2nd Regionally and 15th Globally in the World Bank's GovTech Maturity Index 2025

Bahrain has been ranked second regionally and 15th globally among 197 countries in the World Bank Group's 2025 GovTech Maturity Index (GTMI). The Kingdom has witnessed a significant increase in its overall maturity score, rising to 93.6% in 2025, compared to 51% in 2020.

The GTMI provides a comprehensive assessment of public sector digital transformation across 197 economies, measuring performance through 48 indicators grouped into four focus areas: Core Government Systems, Online Public Service Delivery, Digital Citizen Engagement, and GovTech Enablers. In the 2025 report, Bahrain was classified in Category A, reflecting 'very high digital maturity'.

Bahrain delivered strong results across all four indices, ranking 5th globally in the Digital Citizen Engagement Index with a score of 98.3%, scoring 95.8% in the Public Services Delivery Index, 93.2% in the GovTech Enablers Index, and 87.1% in the Core Government Systems Index, demonstrating advanced digital infrastructure, efficient eService delivery, and robust government systems.

Bahrain's Globally Top-Ranked Indicators GTCI 2025



98.3%

Digital Citizen
Engagement
Index



95.8%

Public Services
Delivery Index



93.2%

GovTech Enablers
Index

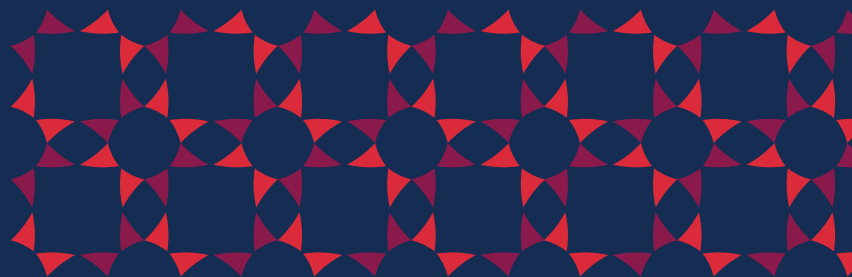


87.1%

Core
Government
Systems Index

Source: GovTech Maturity Index 2025/ bna.bh





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Global Economic Outlook

15.8% Decrease in WTI oil price in December 2025 YoY

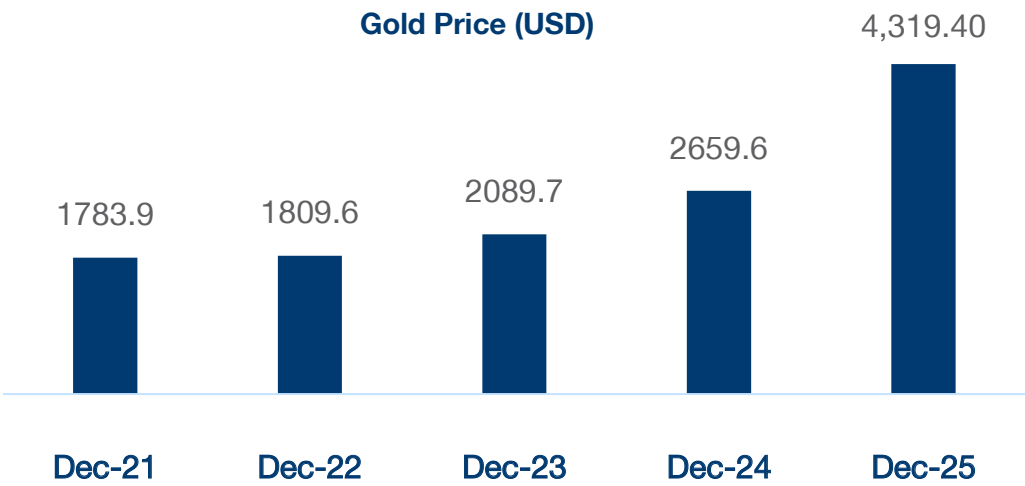
Oil Prices (USD per barrel)

Oil Type	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	Percentage Change
WTI	\$68.18	\$57.42	-15.8%▼
Brent	\$71.98	\$60.85	-15.5%▼

The price of a barrel of WTI crude oil has decreased by 15.8% in December 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. The price of a barrel of WTI crude oil has decreased from \$68.18 per barrel in 2024 to \$57.42 per barrel in 2025. Also, the price of Brent crude oil has decreased from \$71.98 per barrel in 2024 to \$60.85 per barrel in 2025.

Source: Bloomberg

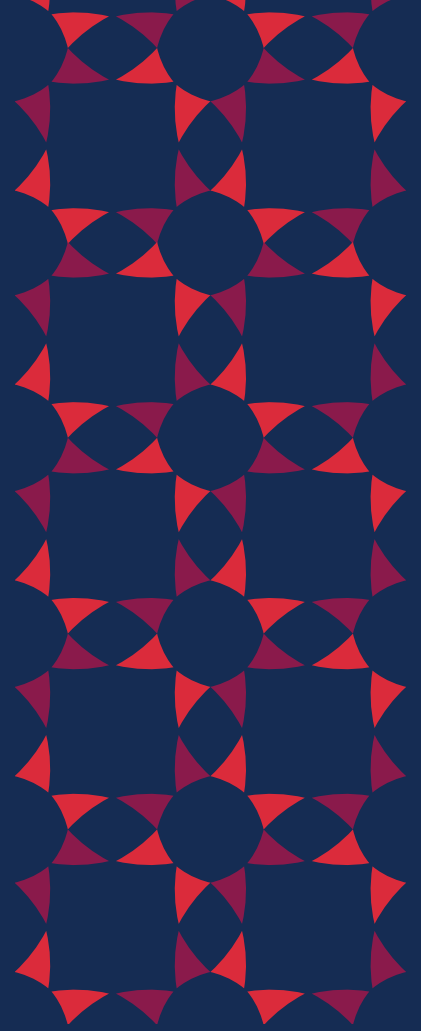
142% increase in gold price over 5-year period



The price of gold reached \$ 4,319.40 USD in December 2025, an increase of 142% compared to \$ 1783.9 USD in December 2021.

Source: Bloomberg





Since its inception in 1939, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) played a prominent role in shaping the national economy of Bahrain and creating a vigorous private sector.

It has kept abreast of the fast-paced economic and social developments, and consolidated its efforts to stimulate the growth and expansion of the private sector and empower its role in the economic development of the country alongside the public sector.

The confidence bestowed upon the chamber by the wise leadership reinforced its influence on economic decisions and streamlined its endeavor to create an attractive ecosystem that fosters the flourish of businesses. In addition, the growing base of its members contributed to reinstating its standing as the sole representative of the private sector and an advocate of its interest.