

RETHINKING  
**GLOBAL INVESTMENT**  
FOR NEW TRADE  
DYNAMICS



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## GATEWAY GULF 2025

### RETHINKING GLOBAL INVESTMENT FOR NEW TRADE DYNAMICS

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries represent one of the world's greatest development success stories. As the region makes strides towards ambitious economic diversification targets in response to evolving global trade dynamics, numerous highly attractive investment opportunities emerge.

In a period of rapid change reshaping international commerce and relations, the GCC has been a cornerstone of stability and vision, driving towards a new trade reality.

The region maintains strong relations with global markets, spurring steady economic expansion, with its GDP reaching US\$2.16 trillion in 2024 and forecast to grow to US\$2.25 trillion by 2026, according to the IMF.

The Kingdom of Bahrain distinguishes itself as the Gulf's most diversified economy, achieving an 86% non-oil contribution to GDP in 2024 whilst sustaining a substantial pipeline of over US\$30 billion in strategic projects, reinforcing its role as a dynamic investment destination.

Bahrain's sophisticated and expanding infrastructure, alongside business-supportive policies, a highly-skilled and future-ready talent pool, and an innovation-friendly environment have driven growth across key sectors — from financial services, manufacturing, logistics, information and communication technology, and tourism — creating a robust platform for rethinking global investment strategies.

## WHAT IS GATEWAY GULF?

Gateway Gulf is an exclusive invitation-only forum providing the opportunity for international businesses and investors to:

1

**DIRECTLY CONNECT WITH THE  
VISIONARIES DRIVING THE GCC'S  
ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION  
AGENDA**

2

**EXCLUSIVELY ACCESS THE  
REGION'S MOST PROMISING  
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

3

**DISCOVER BAHRAIN'S  
STRATEGIC ROLE IN  
ADVANCING THE GULF'S  
DIVERSIFICATION JOURNEY**

4

**IDENTIFY PATHWAYS FOR  
ESTABLISHING A COMMERCIAL  
FOOTPRINT IN BAHRAIN AS A  
STRATEGIC GATEWAY TO THE  
REGION**

The Forum's third edition will welcome a curated high-level selection of 200 business leaders, investors and senior government officials from leading markets across the GCC, Asia, Europe and America.

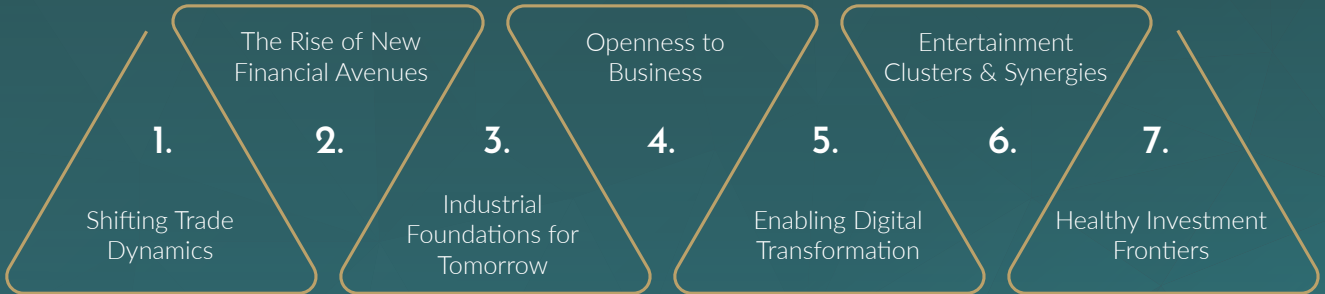


## JOIN US TO EXPLORE

The Gateway Gulf Investment Forum's programme will feature strategic plenary discussions and targeted breakout sessions examining the GCC's most compelling investment themes and how shifting global dynamics influence regional markets.



This year's programme pillars will cover:



The event is designed to share practical insights, deepen strategic partnerships, and unlock new opportunities across the Kingdom's priority sectors.

Last year's Forum brought together global leaders across the private and public sectors for two days of bespoke networking opportunities — featuring private lunches and dinners, curated one-on-one meetings, partnership signings, and showcases of investable projects — creating a truly unique experience that will be enhanced further in this year's third edition.

Hosted by the Bahrain Economic Development Board alongside leading figures across the Kingdom's public and private sectors, Gateway Gulf exemplifies the Team Bahrain approach — a powerful and curated philosophy that champions close collaboration between the private and public sectors, fostering an innovative and attractive investment environment where businesses can thrive.

Whether it is driving new regulatory reforms or assessing the feasibility of launching niche market ideas, Team Bahrain operates with commitment and expertise, ensuring investors are seamlessly connected to key decision-makers. This partnership is designed to support business, creating the ideal conditions for success in the Kingdom of Bahrain and beyond.

## SOME OF LAST YEAR'S TOP PARTICIPANTS



**H.E. Shaikh  
Salman bin Khalifa  
Al Khalifa**

Minister of Finance  
& National Economy  
Kingdom of Bahrain



**Safra Catz**  
CEO  
Oracle



**H.E. Khalid  
Al-Falih**  
Minister of Investment  
Kingdom of Saudi  
Arabia



**H.E. Noor  
bint Ali  
Alkhulaif**  
Minister of Sustainable  
Development, Chief  
Executive of Bahrain  
EDB  
Kingdom of Bahrain



**Sir Jonathan  
Symonds**  
Chairman of the  
Board  
GSK plc



**H.E. Abdullah  
bin Touq  
Al Marri**  
Cabinet Member &  
Minister of Economy  
United Arab Emirates



**H.E. Fatima  
Al Sairafi**  
Minister of Tourism  
Kingdom of Bahrain



**Manfredi Lefebvre  
D'Ovidio**  
Executive Chairman  
Heritage Group



**H.E. Abdulla  
bin Adel  
Fakhro**  
Minister of Industry &  
Commerce  
Kingdom of Bahrain



**Henadi  
Al-Saleh**  
Chair of the Board  
Agility



**H.E. Sultan  
Ahmed Bin  
Sulayem**  
Group Chairman &  
CEO  
DP World



**Brendan  
Nelson**  
President  
Boeing Global

## ABOUT YOUR HOST

The Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB) is an investment promotion agency with overall responsibility for attracting investment into the Kingdom of Bahrain and supporting initiatives that enhance the Kingdom's robust investment climate.

Bahrain EDB works with governments and both current and future investors to identify opportunities, communicate key strengths and initiatives, and enable economic growth through strategic investments. For more information on the Bahrain EDB visit [www.bahrainedb.com](http://www.bahrainedb.com).

## GET IN TOUCH

If you are interested in participating or would like to receive additional information about the Forum, please contact us.