# PayTabs to be BFB founding partner

As key officials from the Bahrain Economic Development Board and the Fintech Consortium kicked off the launch of Bahrain Fintech Bay on 21 February, PayTabs, the one-stop payment solutions firm announced it would be one of the principal founders of the glitzy new Bay.

Housed at the swanky Arcapita building in Manama, Bahrain Fintech Bay promises to be the Middle East's most dynamic and diverse fintech network. Its' objective is to be recognized as a complete ecosystem that will drive forward the Fintech industry in the

Bahrain Fintech Bay comprises of state of the art facilities, co-working spaces, communal areas, workstations, hot desks, and a variety of other shared infrastructure, making it the ideal hub for local and international corporate innovation labs and FinTech start-ups to base themselves in.

Speaking at the launch event, PayTabs Founder and CEO Abdulaziz Al Jouf said, "Our aim in partnering with Bahrain Fintech Bay is two-fold. We believe firms like ours that provide world-class payment solutions deserve world-class infrastructure to support this drive. PayTabs is also keen to explore the



CEO of Bahrain FinTech Bay Khalid Saad fields of shared innovation and ride the wave of transformation and dynamism that Bahrain is leap frogging into. This partnership will enable us to further forge ahead with our goal of being a locally based, global payment processor."

Khalid Saad, CEO of Bahrain FinTech Bay, added, "We are excited to welcome PayTabs as a Founding Partner of Bahrain FinTech Bay. As one of region's leading fintech firms, we look forward to working with them to further develop Bahrain's fintech and innovation ecosystem.'

The launch was one of a series of events and activities held to mark #FintasticBahrain week.

Speaking at the Payments Panel of the



PayTabs CEO Abdulaziz Al Jouf

GCC Financial Forum 2018, which was held earlier that day, at the Four Seasons Hotel, PayTabs Chief Digital Officer, Philippe Berard added, "Bahrain's central location in the Middle East makes it a critical online payments hub. Internet penetration in the kingdom is over 90 per cent - one of the highest in the world and it is only natural that e-commerce thrives against this backdrop.'

In 2017, PayTabs raised \$20 million from undisclosed investors. The company plans to use the funding to venture into a minimum of 20 new markets in Africa, Europe, Southeast Asia and the MENA regions. The mission of the company is to transform the way merchants send and receive payments.

## **Learning empowers** to become leaders'



luminium Bahrain B.S.C. A(Alba) Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray was a keynote speaker at the first Employability Summit that was held on Sunday, 11

Organised jointly by The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI) Bahrain and Bahrain Polytechnic, the Summit showcased opportunities in the job market as well as the latest trends in education and training in Bahrain.

At the Summit, Tim Murray's presentation focused on Alba's progress in Murray's empowering and educating its workforce to assume higher leadership positions. During his presentation, Murray said, "Lifelong learning empowers us to be adaptive leaders in this ever-changing world.

Alba believes that a strong learning culture helps build a productive workforce. From the very beginning, Alba has invested in the education and training of its human assets who are behind the many successes in our Company. We are proud of our landmark project, Line 6 Expansion Project, which will have a huge impact not just in the job creation for Bahrainis but also in terms of developing the skills and capabilities of the Bahraini workforce in line with the Kingdom's Vision 2030."

The Employability Summit featured a series of highquality speakers including top executives from Economic Development Board, Labour Market Regulatory Authority, Bahrain Polytechnic, RCŚI and Tamkeen.

# **Crazy Golf Club opens at Fontana Garden**



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The club is an added value to all the residences and investors in the Fontana Garden situated on the new Saud Al Faisal Road. The club is managed by The Royal Golf Club in Riffa, and will host various golfing events every month.

General Manager of Business Development and Sales at Fontana Real Estate Eman Al Mannai said, "Crazy Golf Club our first and only golf club in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This is a family lifestyle added value to our residential project."

"We have selected golf as we are following His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, who is our First Golfer. We would also like to encourage the sport to people from different nationalities who visit the Kingdom," she added.



# Get your Confidence Back with "Change" Micro Bio FUE Non- Shaved Hair Transplant by Dr Mukesh Batra at Middle East Hospital



At MEM - Hidd CHANGE Clinic (Dermatology Department) Dermatologist & Hair Transplant Specialist Dr. Mukesh Batra is leading hair transplant & is also offering clients a new service - the unshaven transplant, or U-FUE (Unshaven Follicular Unit Extraction).

### A new treatment

Previously, patients undergoing a hair transplant have needed to have their scalp shaved, but a new treatment means they can undergo the op leaving their actual hair completely untouched Patients can keep their hair in the same style and length, visit the clinic for the procedure, and leave several days later without anyone suspecting.

Hair Transplant Technique U- UFE It is primarily used to treat male pattern baldness. In this minimally invasive procedure, grafts containing hair follicles that are genetically resistant to balding, (like the back of the head) are transplanted to the bald scalp. ... This hair transplant procedure is called follicular unit transplantation (FUT).

Middle East Group of Hospitals and Medical Centers comprises of a multi-specialty Hospital and three medical center's spread all across Kingdom of Bahrain, offering high quality medical care and a variety of services with multi-specialty clinics.