

# 'Dream come true' for Hamilton fan

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Formula 1 fans around the world have been delighted by a viral video of seven-time F1 world champion Lewis Hamilton taking some time off his busy schedule during the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix to pose for a photograph with a long-time fan.

Hamilton was making his way back to the Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) paddock from the vending area in a shuttle bus on Saturday, when, according to a source accompanying Hamilton and his Mercedes team members, Hamilton spotted the fan running and chasing their vehicle over a long distance.

The F1 superstar then told the shuttle driver to stop while



Hamilton stops his vehicle to take this picture with Samarth

in the middle of the road so he could take a photo with his admirer, Samarth S Dhond, who is a general manager of a private company in Bahrain.

Samarth has been waiting for this chance for 10 years, and he said that this was a golden opportunity when speaking with

The Daily Tribune.

Samarth, a yearly race-goer to the Bahrain Grand Prix, says he has been photographing Hamilton for many years.

He has written and sent numerous letters and images to Hamilton expressing his interest. Samarth told The Dai-



A Mercedes post

ly Tribune: "In 2012 at 9.30 I was waiting for Lewis outside the paddock and I got my first shots."

# F1 becoming more attractive to younger generation



Jeuneux and Maya

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Formula 1 has become more appealing to the younger generation, and this was evident at the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023 where scores of teenagers and children were seen at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) enjoying the weekend's events.

According to reports, the average age of an F1 fan is 32, but in recent times, F1 has seen an influx in its support.

In 2021, F1 was the fastest growing major sporting championship in the world regarding follower growth, and it experienced the highest engagement with social media posts, compared to other major sports, reports claim.

The Daily Tribune interviewed some of the younger race-goers and they cheerfully relayed that they are becoming big supporters of motorsport. Being "first time attendees to the Grand Prix", they have been thrilled with what they have seen at BIC.

"Tik-tok is full of entertaining edits of the races and drivers that perked our interest in the sport and inspired us to see the track in person, as well as the drivers," said Jeuneux and Maya.

They added that they were surprised with how diverse



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the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix is in terms of the fascinating off-track entertainment. "There is entertainment for everyone of all ages!" they said.

Another excited attendee added: "This is my first time attending F1, as I have just recently found the passion for the sport."

He said that his main enthusiasm was previously focused on other sports like football; however, developed a new-found passion for racing and will begin to attend other major destinations in F1.

"I wish I had found my interest in the sport much sooner, but I am now anticipating what the other tracks and destinations hold," he added.

## Stage is set for 17th Spring of Culture Festival

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The Spring of Culture Festival in its 17th edition will feature two musical evenings this week.

The Cultural Hall will host the Qawwali Night concert by renowned Indian Sufi musicians led by Nawaz Sabri on March 7 at 8 pm.

The concert is hosted in cooperation with the Indian embassy to Bahrain.

On March 9, the Cultural Hall will be the fitting setting for the Italian Journey concert in cooperation with the Italian embassy at 8 pm.

In the spirit of promoting traditional Bahraini folk music, Dar Al Muharraq will host a traditional folklore performance by Qalali Folk Band on March 11 at 8:00 pm.

## Token of appreciation



Indian Ladies Association (ILA) President Ms Shipra Dhir Passi met the Governor of the Capital Governorate, Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, and presented him a token of appreciation for his support to the ILA, Bahrain. ILA thanked Mr Yusuf Lori, Director of Information and Follow up, Capital Governorate, for inviting ILA officers and members to the majlis. Ms Shipra was accompanied by ILA senior member Ms Sarada Ajith.

**Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company B.S.C.**  
**Invitation to the Annual General Meeting**  
**To be held on Monday 27 March 2023 at 10:30 am**

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The Board of Directors of Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company B.S.C. would like to invite the Shareholders to attend the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Monday 27 March 2023 at 10:30 am at BKIC Tower located in Seef District, Manama – Kingdom Bahrain. In the absence of quorum, a second meeting will be held on Monday 3 April 2023 at the same time and place. In the absence of quorum on the second date, a third meeting will be scheduled on Monday 10 April 2023 at the same time and place to discuss and adopt the agenda items below:

**Agenda for the Ordinary General Meeting**

- 1) Approve the previous minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 21 March 2022.
- 2) Discuss and approve the Board of Directors report for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
- 3) Listen to the external auditors' report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.
- 4) Discuss and approve the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.
- 5) Discuss and approve the following recommendations of the Board of Directors in allocating the net profits for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 as follows:
  - a) Transfer BD 424,941/- to the statutory reserve.
  - b) Distribution of BD 3,734,461/- cash dividends of 25% of the paid-up capital equivalent to 25 fils per share (Excluding the Treasury Shares) to shareholders, as follows:
 

Event	Date
<b>Cum-Dividend Date</b> (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	28 March 2023
<b>Ex-Dividend Date</b> (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	29 March 2023
<b>Record Date</b> (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	30 March 2023
<b>Payment Date</b> (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	12 April 2023
  - c) Transfer BD 588,718/- to the retained earnings.
- 6) Approve the recommendation to allocate BD 175,000/- as remuneration to the Board of Directors for the year ended 31 December 2022, subject to the approval of the MOIC.
- 7) Approve to allocate BD 50,000/- for the Charity and Donations.
- 8) Inform shareholders about related party transactions during the year ended 31 December 2022 as detailed in note (30) of the financial statements.
- 9) Discuss and approve the Corporate Governance report for the year 2022 and the Company's compliance with Central Bank of Bahrain's requirements.
- 10) Discharge the Board of Directors of any liability related to their conduct for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
- 11) Appointment/ Re-appointment of the External Auditors for the financial year 2023, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain and authorize the Board of Directors to fix their fees.
- 12) Appoint (6) and Elect (4) board members for the upcoming three years, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain.
- 13) Any additional matters in accordance with article (207) of Bahrain Commercial Companies Law.

**Important notes to the shareholders**

- 1) All registered shareholders at the annual general meeting date are eligible to attend the meeting in person or appoint, in writing, a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf provided that such proxy is not a director or employee of the company, as prescribed in article (203) of Bahrain Commercial Companies Law.
- 2) In the case of an institutional shareholders, the representative attending the meeting must submit the proxy signed by an authorized signatory of the relevant institutional shareholder. The proxy must be sealed by the institutional shareholder's stamp.
- 3) A copy of the proxy form is available on the Company's website [www.gigbh.com](http://www.gigbh.com) and Bahrain Bourse's website [www.bahrainbourse.com](http://www.bahrainbourse.com).
- 4) The proxy form should be submitted to KFin Technologies W.L.L. (Bahrain) on its address Office no. 74, 7th floor, Al-Zamil Tower, Building, Road, 383, Block 305, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, Tel: 17215080, Fax: 17212055 or to Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company B.S.C. on its address BKIC Tower 2775, Road 2835, Block 428, Seef District - P.O. Box 10166, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, no later than 24 hours before the scheduled meeting date. Proxy forms may be delivered by hand, post, or by email: [fordan@gig.com.bh](mailto:fordan@gig.com.bh). Any proxies received after the deadline will not be valid for the AGM.
- 5) All shareholders appointing a proxy to attend the meeting must submit the proxy holder's identification document or passport in addition to the proxy.
- 6) The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 are available on the Company's website [www.gigbh.com](http://www.gigbh.com) and Bahrain Bourse's website [www.bahrainbourse.com](http://www.bahrainbourse.com).
- 7) For any inquiries, please call the Secretary to the Board on 17119914.

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