

Alba maintains status quo as world's largest aluminium smelter ex-China

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With a production of 1,600,111 metric tonnes (MT) in 2022, Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) continues to be the world's largest Aluminium smelter ex-China.

Alba said this citing a recent rating released by Wood Mackenzie – a global research, analytics and consultancy business that provides



Starting as a 120,000 tonnes per annum smelter in 1971, Alba, today, is the world's largest aluminium smelter ex-China with a production of more than 1.6 million metric tonnes per annum (2022).

quality data, analytics, and insights across multiple industry sectors.

Alba's Chairman of the Board

of Directors Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa stated: "Alba's journey of a thousand miles starts with a vision and I

take this opportunity to thank the Leadership of Bahrain and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom for his strategic vision that has seen Alba to where it is today."

He added: "We are proud to be the world's number one Aluminium smelter ex-China thanks to the successful operations of Potline 6. Potline 6 not only has boosted Alba's per-annum



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production by 540,000 metric tonnes but also set global benchmarks in sustainable aluminium production."

It is noteworthy that Alba has been surpassing its annual production target for more than 5 years, the credit of which goes to the Company's ambitious organic growth objectives and its dedicated workforce who always go by 'Safety is Operating License'.

Tatweer Petroleum obtains CIPS International Certificate

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Supply chain management department from Tatweer Petroleum has obtained an international certificate in professional ethics in the field of procurement and supply from the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS).

Ghassan Al-Muhanna, Acting Managing Director of Tatweer Petroleum said the achievement reflects the Tatweer Petroleum's commitment to adopting international best practices and the highest international standards in the field of purchasing and sales management.

Managing Director of CIPS in



The CIPS certificate

the Middle East and North Africa, Sam Achampong, expressed his happiness at this achievement, and the commitment of the company's employees to

learn, explore and expand their knowledge, which reflects their deep awareness and importance of ethical dealings.

LuLu Exchange Bahrain launches special campaign for women customers

Assured gift for all women customers who send money via LuLu Money App before 8 April, 2023

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LuLu Exchange Bahrain has come up with a new campaign named 'The Digital Women' for empowering women digitally.

The campaign gives an assured wireless headphone as a gift to every woman customer who makes a payment gateway transaction through the LuLu Money App between March 8 and April 8, 2023. Eligible customers are expected to collect their gift from any of the LuLu Exchange branches be-



fore April 15, 2023.

Edison Fernandez, GM of LuLu Exchange Bahrain, said, "Being in this digitally en-

hanced era, we at LuLu Exchange believe that women should also lead in this digitization. That is why we are offering this campaign to inspire women to start making use of the digital world and thereby bring themselves to the forefront."

LuLu Exchange's campaign is a testament to the organization's commitment to supporting women. It is a powerful reminder of the importance of promoting gender equality and empowering women in all spheres of life.

NBB launches AlGhalya Credit Card for women

"For a limited time period"

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has recently launched "AlGhalya" Credit Card for a limited time from 8th March 2023 to 8th June 2023, designed exclusively for women.

In line with its brand promise 'Closer to You', NBB's "AlGhalya" credit card aims to reward all women through service personalisation and extensive benefits.

Cardholders will benefit from attractive interest rates and raffle eligibility for a chance to win valuable prizes. In addition to 1,000 bonus points annually, 200 bonus points on special celebration days for women and double points accumulated on targeted occasions during the year. Applicants can also get a waiver on their loan processing and insurance premium fees



Shadi Barakat

once they apply for a loan along with the card, in addition to exclusive offers with various merchants, and access to a variety of airport lounges around the world.

To mark the launch of the new "AlGhalya" card, and for a limited time period, applicants will benefit from discounted interest rates for a period of 6



months and will be rewarded with 1,000 basis points along with 1,000 bonus points which can be redeemed through the Bank's loyalty rewards platform "Points". The Bank will also reward the first fifty applicants with BHD 30 which will be automatically deposited into their card.

Shadi Barakat, Head of Card Business, said: "We have specially designed "AlGhalya" credit card to cater to the financially independent female customer base, with a host of one-of-a-kind features and offers".

UK cyber security firm warns over ChatGPT

London, United Kingdom

British cyber security firm Darktrace on Wednesday warned that artificial intelligence bot ChatGPT may have increased the sophistication of phishing scams.

Content creation bot ChatGPT, Silicon Valley's latest app sensation, was launched by Microsoft-backed start-up OpenAI in November.

"Darktrace does not believe that ChatGPT has yet lowered barriers to entry for threat actors significantly," the firm said in a results statement.

"But it does believe that it may have helped increase the sophistication of phishing emails, enabling adversaries to create more targeted, personalised, and ultimately, successful attacks."

Generative AI, of which ChatGPT is an example, can upon request wade through reams of data to conjure up original content -- an image, a poem, a thousand-word essay -- in seconds.



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ChatGPT had "ignited a conversation about the implications of generative AI for cyber security", Darktrace noted Wednesday.

It added however that email attacks on its customers were "steady" despite the release of ChatGPT, with a decline in the number of those containing malicious links.

Yet it warned that the "linguistic complexity" of those emails -- including punctuation, sentence length and text

volume -- had increased.

"This indicates that cyber-criminals may be redirecting their focus to crafting more sophisticated social engineering scams that exploit user trust."

Darktrace also revealed Wednesday that its net profit sank 86 percent to \$581 million in the first half of its financial year, or six months to December.

Its performance was slammed by surging costs and tax charges.

Darktrace shares rose 1.2 percent to 267.10 pence in London midday deals, but the stock is down 40 percent compared with the same stage last year.

The company, which uses cutting-edge artificial intelligence technology to combat cyber attacks, floated on the London stock market in 2021.

However shares have tumbled over the last year and a half on concerns over the group's accounts, and after US private equity firm Thoma Bravo ended its takeover interest in 2022.

Al Baraka Islamic Bank and Qodwa Mentorship Programme ink partnership deal

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Al Baraka Islamic Bank has announced signing a programme partnership agreement with Qodwa Bahrain, the CFA Society Bahrain's Mentorship Program.

The signing held at Al Baraka headquarters was in the presence of Fatema AlAlawi - Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, Noorhan AlZann - CFA



The deal signing

- Board Member - CFA Society Bahrain and Qodwa Chairperson, Dr Ali J. Al-Moulani - CFA, President of the CFA Society Bahrain, and Maryam Ismael - Global Relations at Qodwa, and officials from both parties.

AlAlawi applauded this step and stated: "This one-of-a-kind program partnership will also foster stronger leadership skills and networking opportunities, as well as the development of a

vibrant community of Bahraini professionals, and thus providing a holistic growth for 'Aspire' and Qodwa".

AlZann expressed delight to have Al Baraka Islamic Bank as a Programme Partner and aspire to continue our growth and impact together within Bahrain and globally.

Dr Al-Moulani said his company takes pride in giving back to its community through its edu-

cational activities and flagship initiatives like Qodwa.

Conceptualized and launched in 2018 in Bahrain, QODWA, CFA Society Bahrain's Mentorship Program is designed to pair members and candidates who are best suited to realize their full potential together while ensuring the success of each individual as they achieve their academic and professional goals.