

Gulf Air celebrates 40 years of Athens operations

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Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the World's Most Improved Airline 2022, recently celebrated 40 years of direct operations between Bahrain and the Hellenic Republic. Athens International Airport organised two events in Athens in collaboration with the airline to commemorate the anniversary.

The celebration included a press event where members of the media were invited to interact with Gulf Air Acting Chief Executive Officer Captain Waleed AlAlawi and members of the airline's Executive Management and airport officials on the latest news of the two organizations.

The celebration also included a trade event where Athens International Airport Chief Executive Officer Dr Yiannis Paraschis, President Hatta & FED HATTA (Hellenic association of travel & tourist agencies) Ly-sandros Tsilidis, Police Major General Chief Commander of



Officials during the event celebrating 40 years of direct operations between Bahrain and the Hellenic Republic



Gulf Air started direct flights between Bahrain and Athens in 1980, and the airline currently operates daily flights to the Hellenic Capital, as Athens is an attractive year-round destination for travellers from across Gulf Air's network.

Athens International Airport Konstantinos Markopoulos, owners and managers of tour operators, travel agents, and shipping agents received an update on the latest news of Gulf Air and its operations from Captain AlAlawi.

On this occasion, Captain AlAlawi commented "The Kingdom of Bahrain and Greece enjoy a strong trade and commerce relationship, and Gulf Air values the Athens route as it links both countries with a flow of tourists to both destinations. The airline's flights to its Greek seasonal destinations Mykonos and Santorini have just ended, making this summer the second time we

bring back these two favourite destinations due to their popularity amongst our passengers.

"Moreover, Gulf Air recently launched a stopover programme in which passengers can choose to stay in Bahrain for a number of nights and explore what it has to offer. The programme best suits Greek travellers when connecting from Athens via Bahrain to the Middle East, GCC, Indian Subcontinent and the Far East. We look forward to another 40 years of successful operations to Athens, and we trust that our Greek travellers will enjoy the products and services of our customer-centric airline".

For his part, Dr Paraschis stated: "Servicing Greece for 40 years and, since 2001, flying from Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos", Gulf Air has been one of our most valuable airline partners, with a remarkable contribution to the connectivity of our airport and the city of Athens! In these 21 years of operations to/from our airport, the airline has been offering its clients a top-notch airline product, having carried in total more than 800,000 passengers on more than 10,000 flights, demonstrating in 2022 a double digit increase in passengers and flights vs 2019.

"We would like to extend our warmest wishes to our airline partner for further development in the Athens market and re-confirm our commitment to the continuation of our close and successful cooperation for the next 40 years - and many more!"

LEGAL VIEWPOINT

Board of Directors & Corporate Governance



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A basic principle of corporate governance (CG) relates to the Board of Directors of the company, wherein the company shall be headed by an effective, collegial and informative Board of Directors.

You need as an executive or board member to ask yourself, where do we (as a company) stand in this?

To achieve the ultimate goal and rationale of corporate governance, all members of the Board of Directors should understand the exact role and responsibilities of the Board as stipulated, inter alia, in the Company Law, the Articles & Memorandum of Association of the company, the corporate culture and the corporate governance code.

The outcome of this in particular highlights that the role of the Board is different from the role of the shareholders of the company (whose interests the Board serves) and, also, the role of the officers at the different levels working in the company. In particular, members of the Board of Directors should understand the Boards fiduciary duties of care and loyalty to the company, the shareholders, the stakeholders and the community in general.

All members of the Board of Directors in each company are responsible both individually and collectively for performing these responsibilities, which cannot be transferred nor delegated to other persons or to other bodies of the company.

When a new Board Director is appointed, the Chairman of the Board, assisted by the legal advisor of the company, should review the Boards role and duties with all members of the Board of Directors, particularly covering the legal and regulatory requirements and the particulars stipulated in the Code of Corporate Governance.

The company should have a written appointment agreement with each member of the Board of Directors which includes the directors powers and duties and other matters relating to his appointment including his tenure term, the time commitment envisaged, the committee(s) assignment if any, his remuneration and expense reimbursement entitlement, and his access to independent professional advice when and if needed. Having independent professional advice is very important to enable him to participate more effectively and knowledgeably.

The Board of directors should consider adopting a formal "Board Charter" or other statement in a legal document specifying matters which are reserved to the Board, which should include but need not be limited to the specific items stated in the Company Law. An alternative is a formal statement or by-law stating the functions and authority delegated to the officers as mentioned in the Company Law.

The Board of Directors should be collegial and deliberative, to gain the benefit of each member of the Board of Directors judgment and experience. There is great need to benefit from the knowledge, knowhow and the wisdom of each Board member. The Chairman should take an active lead in promoting mutual trust, open discussion, constructive dissent and support for decisions after they have been made. To achieve such goals, the Board of Directors should meet frequently, usually more than the minimum required by law.

All members of the Board of Directors should attend the meetings, and the Board of Directors should maintain informal communication between meetings. Unexcused absence(s) is not welcomed as it may disturb the functions of the Board of Directors and indicates that the person is not the type of those needed for efficient Board of Directors as stipulated in the Corporate Governance Code. Regarding attendance, more control measures are required and continuous absence could lead to termination of membership. In this, we believe that, perseverance and loyalty are necessary elements for consideration at the time of appointing each member on the Board of Directors... It goes without saying, this includes independent directors, as well.

Commitment and accountability reflects the effectiveness of the Board and are essentially required and should be observed by members of the Board of Directors, taking in account that they are supposed to excel and give good example to all related parties in the company, the shareholders and community stakeholders. If you are a Board member, you need to ask yourself where do you stand in this and are you effective enough to make your Board of Directors more effective, as required for corporate governance purposes.

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Beyon Cyber signs as security transformation partner of AICS

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Beyon Cyber has signed a partnership agreement with Faalyat to support the Arab International Cybersecurity Summit (AICS), as the event's Security Transformation Partner.

Faalyat, Bahrain based Event Management Company and Messe Frankfurt, one of the world's leading trade fair, congress and event organisers, are the joint organisers for the event, which will take place from 6 - 8 December 2022, at Exhibition World Bahrain.

The partnership signing took



place at Batelco's Headquarters, with Beyon Cyber CEO Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Duajj Al Khalifa and Faalyat Managing Director &

Board Member Amal Almurbati signing the agreement.

The Arab International Cybersecurity Summit will be the largest gathering of cybersecurity professional's in-country and will connect global leaders in the Cyber and InfoSec community from around the globe.

The event will be co-hosted by The National Cyber Security Center (NCSC). The Kingdom of Bahrain's National Cyber Security Strategy and 2030 vision will be at the very heart of this unique event.

Faalyat Managing Director

and Board Member Amal Almurbati said, "We are looking forward to having local and international attendance, promoting and highlighting local initiatives and advising on the discussion themes most important to Bahrain industry."

Speaking following the signing of the partnership, Beyon Cyber's CEO, Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Duajj Al Khalifa stated, "This event is evidence that cybersecurity has been rightfully elevated to a high order of priority within governments and business sectors across the Arab

Long-awaited Arabic pop-up returns with new dishes at Four Seasons

● Dates: Tuesdays through Saturdays (closed on Sunday and Monday)

● Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 midnight

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This fall, Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay brings back the Arabic pop-up restaurant at the beach. With newly added mezze, salads, main dishes, and desserts on the menu, as well as an enriched selection of mocktails and beverages, the authentic experience at the beach continues to be a culinary feast for Arabic



cuisine aficionados.

Leading the talented oriental culinary team of Four Seasons, Oriental Specialty Chef Tony El Khoury created new recipes for the Arabic pop-up menu to feast on the guests' taste buds. Among the new mezze and salads are the Fattoush served in Khubz Bread Basket, which stands out

with a pleasing presentation, Falafel Salad with Homemade Pickles and Nuts and Labneh, Garlic served with Dry Mint and Seafood Provençal.

Beef Shawarma with French Fries and Salmon Harra with Sautéed Broccoli will be guests' new favourite main dishes. Chef Tony also re-created the tradi-

tional Manakish and presented them with a selection of Zaatar Shanklish, Halloumi Pesto with Black Olives, and, Sujuk and Cheese. Preparing his variation of the Manakish, Chef Tony was inspired by the famous Pinza Romana recipe of the hotel's Executive Chef Leonardo Di Clemente, which gave this traditional dish a new light and crispy form. At the finishing, a crowd-pleaser, the Chocolate Banana with Pistachio, will be the new sweet ending of the dinner. The à la carte menu is complemented by a premium selection of Moroccan Tea, Arabic Coffee, and Turkish Coffee.

This memorable dinner with authentic flavours will be experienced in the stunning atmosphere of Bahrain Bay.