Invest in Bahrain. Unlock the GCC’s Growing Healthcare Market
Be at the heart of better health.

Share in the success.

Healthcare investment. Unpacking the potential.

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Pursue a wealth of opportunities.

Why Bahrain for healthcare.

Why Bahrain for investment.

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A picture of health

3.82%
GDP contribution, 2020¹

8.25%
health services GDP contribution growth, CAGR 2018-20²

1,931%
forecast FDI increase, 2018-20²
Bahrain offers enormous potential in a market ripe for development.

Demand for healthcare across the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is growing rapidly due to factors such as:

- **Speed of regional population increase:**
  the GCC’s population is expected to reach 76 million by 2050\(^1\)

- **Chronic lifestyle ailments:**
  these are among the world’s highest, along with incidence of NCDs (non-communicable diseases)\(^3\)

- **Growing healthcare infrastructure expenditure:** GCC healthcare spend grew by nearly 27% 2013-19 and is anticipated to reach US $165 billion in 2022\(^4\)

In Bahrain, healthcare is vital to the economy. Domestic expenditure is expected to reach US $2.684 billion by 2025\(^5\), around 59% of which will be government spending.

We’re ahead of the game, as well as being an ideal location from which to penetrate a valuable regional sector. Our position at the centre of the Gulf makes us a magnet for regional healthcare services.

**Join us. Bahrain offers exceptional scope to make your mark on the state of GCC health.**

Sources: \(^1\)Information & e-Government Authority; \(^2\)Fitch Solutions, Q4 2021; \(^3\)NHRA; \(^4\)EY; \(^5\)KMPG
Pursue a wealth of opportunities.

Bahrain has all the components to become the GCC’s specialised healthcare hub. Your business can be part of it.

Spurred on by demographics – our domestic population is expected to reach 2.059 million by 2032¹ – the healthcare sector is growing steadily. Government is playing a strong role, with clear health objectives and significant infrastructure and workforce development.

As a result, Bahrain offers excellent investment prospects not simply in developing facilities, but in healthcare training, technology and support services, making the Kingdom highly suitable to launch and then scale across the GCC.

Doctors on demand
Bahrain’s first National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA)-licensed telemedicine platform, start-up Doctori, launched across the GCC in April 2020. With an AI-equipped interface, it allows patients to receive medical advice from a doctor for a modest one-off fee.

Source: 'Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA)
Here's what's possible:

**Medical care**
You will discover opportunities in establishing clinics, centres and hospitals for different health services and care.
Opportunities are available for medical, surgical, obstetrics & gynaecology and paediatric care. There is also demand for psychiatry, long-term care, sports medicine & rehabilitation, together with day-surgery hospitals for high patient throughput and levels of care.

**Complementary/ Alternative Medicine**
As growing trend in seeking cure from some disease, Bahrain have regulated such services under resolution 33, 2016, where such practices are legalised and licensed in the Kingdom, expanding patients' choices in caring for their health.

**Technology**

**Artificial intelligence (AI)**
AI in healthcare focuses on analysing links between prevention or treatment and patient outcomes. Diagnosis and management of disease can be faster and more accurate, with better decision-making.
There are powerful advantages for both routine clinical practice and research: AI applications can process huge data sets, yet give quick, easy access to information.

**Telemedicine**
One consequence of COVID-19 is that physicians, healthcare providers and patients can be brought closer more easily, without risk.
Under ‘Resolution 2, 2019’, Bahrain’s independent and innovative regulator, the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) legalised telemedicine and tele-radiology as alternatives to in-person contact. Providers can continue to offer basic care, together with second-opinion consultations and radiology reporting.

**Training**
Your investment will enable Bahrain to build a healthcare workforce with a broad range of specialisms and technical competencies to meet the diverse needs of patients and populations.
Bahrain is well advanced in developing skilled workers. Two accredited training institutions offer degrees in medicine, with one also teaching nursing. In addition, the College of Health Sciences at the University of Bahrain provides qualifications for nurses, as well as for radiology, laboratory and dental technicians.
In dentistry specifically, the Bahrain Ministry of Labour and the NHRA have approved establishment of a new private institution to offer training in orthodontics at fellowship level and for dental assistants.

Further training opportunities include:
- Ophthalmology
- Biomedical engineering
- Midwifery
- Speciality nursing
- CSSD (sterile services)
- Infection control
- Hospital administration
- Medical coding
- Caregiving
- Healthcare quality
- Diplomas and master’s degrees in medical specialities
- Support services: medical waste management, laundry and catering
Share in the success.

See who’s already invested in Bahrain’s healthcare for domestic and regional advantage.

More than medical
Bahrain’s healthcare is exceptionally broad and extends from hospitals to complementary private-sector provision that includes stem-cell banks, hair transplants and alternative medicine.
KIMSHEALTH is the foundation for good health and wellness.

Since 2004, KIMSHEALTH Bahrain has been keeping its patients at the heart of its care and has committed itself to providing quality and affordable healthcare.

KIMSHEALTH cares for over 2.5 million local and international patients annually through a chain of 24 multi-specialty hospitals and medical centers in India and the Middle East.

KIMSHEALTH's patients receive compassionate and ethical care through its multi-disciplinary team of over 900 doctors and 3,200 allied professionals in India (Kerala), Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE.

In Bahrain, KIMSHEALTH has been serving through a network of 2 hospitals and 4 medical centers, namely – Royal Bahrain Hospital in Salamiyaa, KIMSHEALTH Hospital in Umm Al Hassam, RBH Medical Center in Janabiya and KIMSHEALTH Medical Center in Muharraq, Umm Al Hassam and Askar.

Through focused digitization of its services and constructive engagement at various touch points, KIMSHEALTH aims to provide coherent patient experience.

It is KIMSHEALTH's passion to create healthy communities not just through treatments but also through awareness, education and engagements.

Specialties

- 24 Hour Clinic
- Anesthesiology
- Cardiology
- Dentistry
- Dermatology & Cosmetology
- Ears, Nose And Throat (Ent)
- Emergency & Critical Care
- Endocrinology
- Family Medicine
- Gastroenterology
- General Medicine
- General Surgery
- Home Healthcare
- Internal Medicine
- Laboratory
- Neonatology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Nutrition & Dietetics
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Ophthalmology
- Oral Surgery
- Orthodontics
- Orthopedics
- Pain Management
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Physiotherapy
- Plastic Surgery
- Pre-Employment Medical Check-Up
- Psychiatry
- Pulmonology
- Radiology
- Rheumatology
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery
Royal Hospital for Women & Children, a premium healthcare provider in the Kingdom of Bahrain is the only hospital that is dedicated to the treatment of Women & Children.

Since its inception in 2019, this 50-bed premium healthcare provider offers round-the-clock care through a 200+ medical professionals that include more than 50 consultants and specialists covering over 30 specialties.

The hospital provides quality healthcare backed by advanced medical technologies and a wealth of knowledge and experience in all medical specialties. In addition to having the most advanced Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) among Bahrain's private facilities, the Royal Hospital also focuses on developing five key centers of clinical excellence:

- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Pediatrics & neonatology
- Laparoscopic & bariatric surgery
- Cosmetology (beauty treatments) & aesthetic surgery
- In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF)

**Specialties**

- Allergy and Immunology
- Dental
- Dermatology / Cosmetology
- Dietetics
- ENT
- Family Medicine
- Gastroenterology
- General & Bariatric Surgery
- Cardiology
- In Vitro Fertilization
- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Orthopedics
- Pain Management Clinic
- Pediatric Gastroenterology
- Pediatric Orthopedics
- Pediatric Surgery
- Pediatrics & Neonatology
- Physiotherapy
- Plastic Surgery
- Psychiatry
- Rheumatology
The NHRA has implemented an electronic platform that provides full traceability for pharmaceutical products that are imported, distributed, and dispensed in Bahrain and is envisaged to include medical devices in the near future.

Developed in partnership with US company AVC Global and its Bahrain subsidiary MVC for the GCC and wider region, it’s a highly sophisticated system that uses distributed ledger blockchain technology to deliver compliance with global pharmaceutical supply chain standards, including GS1.

The new NHRA-MVC Traceability Hub offers key advantages to secure confidence in the quality and safety of pharmaceutical products. As well as physical tracking, it provides real-time verification, transparency, and accountability to ensure patient safety through correct medication and fast product recalls and withdrawals. In addition, the Hub detects counterfeit products entering the Kingdom, helping to prevent fraud – vital as around 10.6% of medicines and 8% of medical devices in circulation, for example, are estimated to be illegal copies.¹

Source: ¹WHO
Healthcare facilities:

1. Diyar Muharraq
2. Cancer & Diabetes Long-Term Care Centre
3. Dilmunia
4. King Hamad University Hospital (KHUH)
5. Alnoor Hospital
6. Alhilal Hospital
7. American Mission Hospital
8. Middle East Hospital
9. Bahrain Specialist Hospital
10. Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC)
11. Almanal Ophthalmology Hospital
12. Royal Bahrain Hospital
13. Ibin Alnafees Hospital
14. Alkindi Hospital
15. Sereen psychiatric Hospital
16. KIMSHEALTH Hospital
17. Tarik Saed Specialist Hospital
18. Bahrain International Hospital
19. Dr. Haifa Ophthalmology Hospital
20. Gulf American Hospital
21. AlAmal Hospital
22. Aljasra Psychiatric Hospital
23. Bahrain Defence Force Hospital (BDF)
24. International Medical City Hospital
25. Kidney Dialysis Centre
26. Royal Hospital for Women & Children
27. Awali Hospital
28. Mohammed Bin Khalifa Cardiac Centre
29. King Abdullah Medical City
30. Hawar Wellness Resort
Why Bahrain for healthcare.

Bahrain offers international companies compelling reasons to invest here.

Government efforts

Through the Supreme Council of Health, which encompasses the Ministry of Health, NHRA, Academia and private healthcare representatives, the Bahrain government is driving a number of important projects.

SEHATI

In common with other neighboring GCC states, such as the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain is progressing towards high-quality universal healthcare coverage through mandatory health insurance. Our own national scheme, SEHATI (Social Health Insurance Program), is being rolled out.

On one hand, SEHATI improves patients’ rights by allowing them to choose healthcare providers – both facilities and doctors; on the other, it enables the private sector to bid for basic, complementary services.

Government Healthcare facilities autonomy

Under Bahrain’s national health insurance system, government hospitals and health centres need to be able to compete effectively. A new board of trustees therefore now supervises government health institutions to ensure sustainable, cost-efficient delivery of the best services. Government healthcare managers have greater autonomy, but this is balanced by financial and administrative responsibility: by reaching revenue and quality targets, they may retain profits but can be held to account by the Supreme Council of Health and other bodies if they fail to do so.
HIKMA

The National Centre for Health Information and Knowledge Management (HIKMA) monitors, controls and directs the new health system in cooperation with other bodies.

As well as providing data on health economics, quality management and policy and strategic planning, HIKMA administers healthcare information from a variety of sources:

A unified medical electronic record

A unified medical electronic record standardizes medical terms and practice. It gives doctors access to patient records from any healthcare institution, allows managers to monitor practitioners’ performance, shows workload in each health institution together with treatment outcomes and prevents repeated requests for recent tests or medicines. Hospitals, insurance companies, the guarantee fund and pharmacies can obtain this data via a paid-for smart reporting system.

A health insurance information system manages treatment claims from service providers, with detailed checks, through to payment. It also provides an accurate source of healthcare spending in the public and private sectors, and by individuals.

A medication management system

A medication management system registers all medicines in the Kingdom and follows their journey through to the patient. It alerts doctors and pharmacists to doses and interactions between medications, together with patient sensitivities. The system monitors dispensing by all service providers and can exchange medical prescriptions for patients attending outpatient clinics from private pharmacies in addition to raising bills to service buyers, such as the guarantee fund and private insurance companies.

Regional access

Bahrain is strategically located at the centre of a growing regional population and the six states that comprise the GCC.

With increasing chronic conditions, due to greater affluence, and the emergence of middle-class healthcare consumption, there are major opportunities both to reach out to the GCC and the wider MENA area and for inbound healthcare tourism to Bahrain.
Support
Investors can be sure of excellent financial, training and entrepreneurship support from the Bahrain government and expert healthcare and investment guidance from the NHRA. It’s a winning combination.

Significant planned infrastructure
Bahrain’s commitment to healthcare can be seen in the number of planned healthcare projects. Those in the pipeline supported by the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) alone amount to US $385 million.

We also have our finger on the pulse of developments in other key GCC states, so that investors are aware of opportunities.
Healthcare investment. Unpacking the potential.

Bahrain has a rich landscape of NHRA-accredited hospitals and health centres – 29 and 118 respectively – that includes:

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Source: NHRA 2021 Annual Report
Bahrain needs even greater bed provision to serve the region

Despite being ranked second in the GCC for general medical and surgical establishments and for hospital beds, Bahrain’s bed provision, at 211 per 100,000 population is below the world average of 270 per 100,000.

**Hospital Beds per 100,000 people (WHO)**

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<th>Country</th>
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<td>Estonia</td>
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<td>USA</td>
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<td>Singapore</td>
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**2,434**

Of which, government beds (2019)¹

**518**

Private beds (2020)²

Sources: ¹IGA, 2019; ²NHRA 2020 Annual Report
The opportunity

It is expected that the demand for hospital beds will increase with the increase in population and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) rate in the next 5 years especially for ICU and Medical beds.

Forecast for needed pediatric, obstetrics, medical, surgical, ICU and specialty beds
Bahrain needs even more trained healthcare professionals

According to the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) data, the total healthcare professionals registered with active license in 2021 were 25,076 of which, 4,727 are physicians, 1,145 Dentists, 13,558 nurses, 3,944 allied health.¹

NHRA-licensed professionals by category

The opportunity

By building a large professional workforce, there’s significant potential to expand the healthcare market and for licensed professionals to advance their careers and make a bigger impact.

For investors, there’s major scope to create an attractive regional talent base, both in medical and related healthcare, and in support services.

Source: ¹NHRA 2021 Annual Report
Bahrain can help tackle chronic ailments and NCDs

It’s not just Bahrainis who suffer from cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, obesity and NCDs (non-communicable diseases); chronic lifestyle problems continue to pose significant risks across the GCC.¹

Unwelcome diseases create demand

Bahrain had the GCC’s highest NCD-related mortality rate in 2017². In 2019, NCDs accounted for 83% of Bahrain’s deaths in 2019.

GCC NCD mortality cases³

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<th>Country</th>
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<td>UAE</td>
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<td>Saudia Arabia</td>
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<td>Kuwait</td>
<td>72%</td>
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<td>Oman</td>
<td>72%</td>
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<td>Qatar</td>
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The opportunity

Through a combination of higher bed provision and workforce numbers, and a growing healthcare ecosystem, investors can capitalise on the need to bear down on world-leading problems.

Sources: ¹EY; ²Alpen Capital Report, 2020; ³BNA
Why Bahrain for investment.

Bahrain believes in powerful two-way relationships.

We work with you to maximise the investment potential of the GCC and we do it with individual care. When you succeed, so does Bahrain.

Here are five ways we create opportunities for your healthcare business:

1. Financial attractiveness
2. Ease of doing business
3. Access to decision-makers
4. Highly-skilled people
5. Exceptional lifestyle
1. Financial attractiveness.

Bahrain offers everything you need to deliver higher profits. You’ll gain certainty when entering a new region, with all the right ingredients to make the most of prospects. And you’ll earn the greatest return on your investment.

Market opportunity

From Bahrain you gain access to a market worth US $1.6 trillion\(^1\), with 54 million consumers.\(^2\) If you’re really ambitious, the US $3.7 trillion MENA awaits, with 445 million consumers.\(^3\)

Benefit from lower operating costs

You’ll spend less on running a business than anywhere in the GCC. Influential reports show that costs can be up to 43% lower.\(^3\)

Trade duty-free

Bahrain has agreements across the region and beyond. You’ll also gain tariff-free movement with the USA, Singapore, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Pay minimal taxes

With no withholding taxes and few indirect taxes, your business will prosper in the region’s most lenient tax regime.

Run things your way

Enjoy unrivalled financial freedom in Bahrain, with 100% foreign ownership\(^4\), 100% repatriation of capital profits and dividends and no free zone restrictions. In fact, Bahrain ranks first in the GCC for financial freedom\(^5\).

Sources: \(^1\)Zawya, Q2 2021; \(^2\)UNDP, Arab Development Portal (2021); \(^3\)KPMG Cost of Doing Business reports: Manufacturing, Logistics (2019), ICT, Financial Services (2020); \(^4\)Most sectors; \(^5\)Heritage 2021 Index of Economic Freedom
2. Ease of doing business.

You’ll achieve more, faster. Being ‘business friendly’ guides everything we do. Bahrain goes to exceptional lengths to create agile conditions in which enterprise can compete.

Digital infrastructure

Bahrain is a digital, knowledge-based economy that can help you realise the cost and speed benefits of cloud storage. We’ve registered multiple firsts:

- First in MENA to implement a cloud-first policy, 2017
- First in the region to deliver commercial 5G, 2017
- First in MENA with a hyperscale data centre, 2018

Start-up promotion

Bahrain is a great place to start or scale up a business. Start-ups receive excellent support, from seed grants to funding and guidance from accelerators and incubators, angel networks, venture capital specialists and high-net-worth individuals.

Our community-led initiative has driven dynamic growth of a vibrant ecosystem that’s increased by 89% CAGR since 2017.

Physical infrastructure

We provide the connectivity for you to distribute products, innovation and services.

And we give you speed and throughput via an efficient, constantly enhancing logistics hub. You can get anywhere in the GCC by air within 90 minutes.
Progressive regulation

Bahrain’s regulatory framework helps you innovate and grow at low risk. Regulation is simple, clear and transparent. Our high governance standards lead to outstanding stability. And we are always developing our approach, with 17 new measures introduced since 2017.
3. Access to decision-makers.

Make the best connections to get your business up and running fast and effectively: Team Bahrain brings together the expertise and resources to understand your business and accelerate your ambitions.

We link you to key decision-makers, strategic bodies and partners across the public and private sectors, to solve problems and clear the way for profitable opportunities.

**The Team Bahrain approach**

- **Collaboration: Success is mutual**
  
  Team Bahrain selects the most relevant experts, influencers and senior management. We create opportunities and solutions so that your business thrives and our economy grows.

- **Agility: Creating first-mover advantage**
  
  Team Bahrain gives investors a competitive edge by opening doors and removing barriers. We connect clients directly to top government decision-makers and create a future-focused mindset that embraces emerging trends and opportunities.

- **Responsiveness: We listen**
  
  Team Bahrain is front-footed and action-oriented. We're receptive to the needs of investors, understand where challenges lie and are proactive in removing obstacles or creating business-friendly policies and initiatives.
4. Highly-skilled people.

Bahrain gives you flexibility to create a brilliant workforce. Recruit locally from a diverse one-million-plus talent pool that’s recognised as one of the GCC’s most skilled. There are around 1,950 Bahraini employees in private-sector healthcare, an increase of 19% 2017-20, and a higher proportion of the total.

Educated and highly trained

Bahrain’s focus on skills gives you an exceptional resource. You’re sure of high levels of drive and motivation from a dynamic young workforce.

Commercial, bilingual

Bahrainis speak your language. Around 90% of our workforce is fully bilingual in English and Arabic (Bahrain ranks sixth in the Middle East for English proficiency1). Their neutral Arabic accent ensures excellent communication.

Employees are also commercially aware. Most Bahraini nationals are employed in the private sector and bring valuable business experience.

Well balanced

Bahrain takes gender equality seriously, so you can draw on the widest talent.

In education, women achieve more in several subjects and near parity in others.2 Bahrain is first globally for female digital skills training and STEM.3 And while women comprise just over 20% of the total labour force4, 36% of healthcare employees are female.1

Sources: 1ICA/SIO, 2020; 2WEF Global Gender Gap Report, 2021; 3Inclusive Internet Index, 2021; 4Bahrain Ministry of Education (MoE) 2019-20
5. Exceptional lifestyle.

Life feels good here. Expats love working and living in Bahrain. Many come for a short while and stay for decades.

You’ll enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, with all the comforts you expect and many advantages you don’t. That’s because Bahrain EDB gets the important things right.

A sense of home
As an island trading nation, Bahrain has welcomed people from all over the world for millennia.

Today is no different – we have a large expatriate population and a liberal, tolerant society. Our natural inclination is to help you settle in and regard Bahrain as your ‘home from home’. Little wonder: Bahrain ranks first in MENA ‘for feeling at home’.1

A great choice of accommodation
Whatever your budget, finding somewhere suitable to live is no problem. Choose from modern city-centre or suburban apartments up to stylish waterfront properties or large villas in an expat community.

Superb education
Bahrainis regard education highly, and the Kingdom’s education system is the Gulf’s longest established. Your family will receive a fine education at every stage.

Culture for everyone
Bahrain has everything to help you make the most of your free time and to achieve the perfect work-life balance. Our 4,000 year-long history surrounds you in a rich, authentic culture you simply won’t find elsewhere.

Source: 1InterNations Expat Insider, 2021
It’s all here.

Celebrating history
Ancient archaeological sites, museums, art galleries, merchant houses, UNESCO World Heritage sites, including a trail that covers our pearl diving tradition.

Attractions and activities
Bustling souks, lively cafés, modern shopping malls, theme parks and water parks, indoor skydiving, golf and scuba diving. Bahrain keeps you busy.

Formula 1
Nothing beats the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix for noise and excitement. This thrilling annual event runs at night at the Bahrain International Circuit, Sakhir.
All the help you need.

You’ll have read how our unique ‘Team Bahrain’ approach smooths the way for investment. Bahrain goes further for new and potential investors.

Government help – cost-effective operation

Public authority Tamkeen is key to Bahrain’s efforts to build a vibrant, sustainable private sector. It fosters development and growth of enterprises and drives initiatives to enhance workforce productivity. Businesses and individuals from all sectors can gain from training, finance, grants, advice and entrepreneurship support. However, in healthcare, there’s even more. Investors can benefit from support to cover up to 40% of the cost of medical devices and subsidizes up to 70% of Bahraini salaries for the first three years.

Regulatory help – ease of entry & set-up

The NHRA has a dedicated investors’ office that can advise on investment opportunities in the healthcare sector and provide guidance on laws, rules and regulations. It can support you in taking investment decisions and follow up applications by coordinating with relevant bodies, ministries, and other departments of the authority. There’s simply no more effective way to establish a health facility.

Business help – start-up and beyond

The Bahrain EDB works with the NHRA to enable investors to take full advantage of the Kingdom’s vibrant business environment. Our sector experts are on-hand to provide everything you need to set up a business in Bahrain. With offices worldwide, you’re sure to find an EDB representative nearby.
Our services include:

**Feasibility**
Market analysis and data to support your investment decision

**Registration**
A concierge service to streamline your entry into Bahrain

**Aftercare**
Long-term support to ensure your success
The NHRA and Bahrain EDB. Here for you.

About the NHRA

The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) regulates the provision of healthcare in Bahrain and ensures appropriateness, continuity, efficiency and safety in delivering health services. Its guidance is based on the best scientific evidence and healthcare best practices in accordance with international standards.

The NHRA implements and develops health regulations in both government and the private sector. This involves regulation related to licensing healthcare facilities including hospitals, medical centres, private clinics, centres for allied health professionals and pharmaceutical centres, as well as licensing individual healthcare professionals. Besides regulating medicines and medical devices.

The role of the NHRA:

- Issue regulations organizing professions and health services
- Registration and price of medicines and pharmaceutical products, and ensure their quality
- Grant and renew licenses for health professionals and health facilities
- Monitor and evaluate healthcare facilities
- Accreditation of health facilities
- Investigate medical errors
- Disciplinary hearings for professional misconduct
- Approve clinical trials
About the Bahrain EDB

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

The EDB works with the government and both current and prospective investors to ensure that Bahrain’s investment climate is attractive, to communicate its key strengths and to identify opportunities for further economic growth through investment.

The EDB focuses on several economic sectors that capitalise on Bahrain’s competitive advantages and provide significant investment opportunities. As well as healthcare, these include financial services, manufacturing, technology and innovation, tourism, education, logistics and transport.
Get started. Get in touch.

There’s always an expert on hand to assist you.

Bahrain offers a global footprint with local care delivered by representatives in 12 countries. Contact us and we’ll be delighted to answer your questions about healthcare investment and to help you take things further.
1. Bahrain
2. United Kingdom
3. France
4. Germany
5. Israel
6. Saudi Arabia
7. India
8. China
9. Hong Kong
10. South Korea
11. Japan
12. USA