

"Bahrain is capitalising
on opportunities to
transform the digital
landscape, which is
accelerating the pace of
economic diversification"

Mastercard

"Bahrain's digital
ecosystem gives us
instant access to the
Gulf's \$1.5tn economy"

PayTabs

"Bahrain's young
workforce is by far the
most tech-smart in
the region"

NEC Payments

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250

projected number
of MENA FinTech
start-ups by 2020¹



4.2%

average growth
of the financial
services sector
between 2006²
and 2016²

OVER 400 financial institutions have made their homes in Bahrain

1. WRL State of Fintech Report
2. Bahrain Economic Development Board

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BUSINESS
friendly
BAHRAIN

Fintastic Bahrain

FinTech hub of the Middle East

At the heart of the digital
revolution, FinTech is growing
rapidly – nowhere more so than in
Bahrain. Our country has always
been an appealing proposition for
financial services. As the region's
longest established financial centre,
we have led the way in both sound
regulation and innovation.

Now we're laying the foundations
for the new wave of FinTech
companies to flourish, with
new infrastructure, tech-friendly
regulations and regular
infusions of fresh thinking.

Read on and learn about the
latest developments.

Solid foundations (built on sand)

Our regulatory sandbox is designed as a testbed for innovation. Try out ideas in a safe virtual space, one that has already been put to the test by several companies.

Drop anchor in FinTech Bay

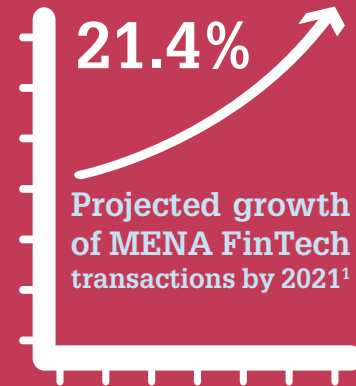
The liveliest hub in the Middle East, FinTech Bay makes the perfect base. State-of-the-art facilities and shared workspaces create a nourishing ecosystem for both start-ups and corporate innovation labs.

StartUp Bahrain

Our initiative is bringing together entrepreneurs, investors, incubators and academia, as well as the Bahrain government. The goal: to create a community in which startups can find support, share ideas and ultimately thrive.

A green light for crowdfunding

If you're looking to raise capital, you'll be pleased that our crowdfunding regulation has been approved by the Central Bank of Bahrain. It comes in three flavours: equity-based, finance-based and Sharia-compliant.



In partnership with Singapore

Singapore has long been at the forefront of FinTech. So we're delighted to be working with the Singapore Fintech Consortium on the continued development of our own FinTech hub.


1. Statista
2. WRL State of Fintech Report

Opening the e-wallet

With the world's highest level of mobile phone ownership, Bahrainis are particularly tech-savvy.

They're eager to embrace our national e-wallet, a truly innovative payment system.

\$200m
projected
investment
in MENA
FinTech
companies
by 2020²



A pillar of support

The Central Bank of Bahrain has championed innovation for over four decades.

Now they have opened a specialist unit to support the burgeoning FinTech sector.