

Thales high technologies to ensure security and comfort for Bahrain International Airport' passengers

- Through its local company, Thales Bahrain SPC has successfully delivered the phase 1 of the special airport communications and security systems in respect of the airport modernization project
- State-of-the-art technology has been implemented to enhance operations and overall security experience for passengers
- Thales has established and signed a consortium agreement with SITA to act as partners for mainly the provision of Airport Operation Systems and other communications system.



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Thales, the major provider of integrated security and telecommunications solutions for critical infrastructures has successfully delivered the phase 1 of the new Bahrain International Airport as part of this important modernization project.

Built in two phases, the Bahrain International Airport expansion covers 210,000 square meters, quadrupling the size of the existing terminal and increasing its capacity to 14 million passengers a year. The project is in an important step in achieving Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 and aims to cement Bahrain's reputation as a leading aviation hub in the region.

With more than 30-years presence in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Thales has built strong partnerships with public sector organisations including the Ministry of Transportation & Communication. Thales is one of the main local partner embedded in the ecosystem of the Kingdom promoting localisation in order to develop sovereign capabilities in line with the Economic Vision 2030. Through its local company, it intends to foster its contribution to the Kingdom's ambitions to develop a knowledge-based economy with outstanding civil infrastructure and security, underpinned by a strong local industrial technology base to support growth, localisation and industrialisation strategies.

Thales was subcontracted for the supply of an integrated solution covering security, safety, airport operation, as well as communication and infrastructure for the Bahrain International Airport terminal building, car parks and Central Utility Complex. These technologies focus on smart security, including advanced modular solutions such as video analytics, abnormal behaviours or conditions detection, smart incident management and resource management tools. Thanks to its long-standing experience in the air mobility industry, airport security and identity management. Thales provides a full-integrated offer to secure and optimise every operation in the airport.

Through centralizing the management of Airport operations, Bahrain International Airport is guaranteed a high level of business continuity and traffic flow within the airport. This will also lead to reduced waiting times while ensuring the best possible safety conditions, improving passenger experience and increasing infrastructure performance. Thales solutions also enable the production of relevant performance indicators (KPIs) to inform decision-makers in real time and make the organization more efficient.

“We have ensured that Bahrain International Airport has been equipped with the latest smart and innovative solutions. This guarantees optimum protection for passengers, staff and facilities, and meets the demand for enhanced security at the new airport by Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications and Bahrain Airport Company.

Thales’s strength in innovation and digital technologies perfectly positions the group to become a preferred partner for aerospace, transportation and public security, the pillars of Bahrain’s smart city ambition,” **Alain Correia, Managing Director, Thales Bahrain.**

About Thales

Thales (Euronext Paris: HO) is a global high technology leader investing in digital and “deep tech” innovations – connectivity, big data, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and quantum technology – to build a future we can all trust, which is vital to the development of our societies. The company provides solutions, services and products that help its customers – businesses, organisations and states – in the defence, aeronautics, space, transportation and digital identity and security markets to fulfil their critical missions, by placing humans at the heart of the decision-making process.

With 83,000 employees in 68 countries, Thales generated sales of €19 billion in 2019 (on a basis including Gemalto over 12 months).

About Thales in Bahrain

Thales Bahrain SPC, a local company 100% owned by Thales, is one of the main local partner embedded in the ecosystem of the Kingdom promoting localisation in order to develop sovereign capabilities in line with the Economic Vision 2030. It will use its new fixed base of operations to explore new business opportunities by developing strategic expertise in country. The development of local talents will enable Thales Bahrain SPC to maximise the local workshare and take prime contractorship positions on behalf of the Group, while supporting the Economic Vision’s guiding principles; sustainability, competitiveness, and fairness.

Thales fostered strong partnerships with public sector organisations including the Bahrain Defence Forces, Bahrain Civil Aviation and, notably, the Ministry of Transportation & Communication. Beyond the public sector, Thales has developed close ties with large local enterprise such as Gulf Air which the group supplies with the most advanced flight management system on the market. Thales in Bahrain will seek to expand its footprint within the civil domain, especially the security market, with a focus on digitisation and cybersecurity.

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