

## Stage set for 14th International Conference of Bahrain Chapter of ICAI

● Star speakers to examine change-management, tech & ethics

● Conference on 9th and 10th December at the Diplomat Radisson SAS Hotel

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Over 300 Chartered Accountants from around the region and as far as India and the UK – CEOs, CFOs, COOs and finance professionals-turned-entrepreneurs – will gather over the coming weekend in Bahrain for the 14th Annual International Conference of the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). The conference has been designed this year under the theme “New Horizon Beckons” and topics impacting professional change-management,



The press conference



When we started our tradition of annual conferences, Bahrain's reputation as a MICE destination was just emerging. Today, we have so many professional conferences, workshops and seminars taking place and the Kingdom's exhibitions and conferences infrastructure has grown impressively

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personal life-goals and lessons in entrepreneurial success. The conference is being held on 9th and 10th December, 2022 at the Diplomat Radisson SAS Hotel under the patronage of

the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Kingdom of Bahrain. Among the key speakers is India's Minister for Roads and Transport, Nitin Gadkari who will address the conference vir-

tually. (Dr.) Debashis Mitra, the President of ICAI, Aniket Talati the Vice-President, Ajay Seth, CPO of Maruti-Suzuki India Ltd., Dr Narendra Jadhav, Former Advisor to the IMF and Former Chief Economist of the RBI and Kanika Tekriwal, CEO of JetSet-Go, India's foremost private jet charter service and Forbes 30 Under 30 business leader.

Celebrity TV star, motivational speaker and classical dancer Sudha Chandran will also be one of the main participants along with another star speaker from the world of cinema and theatre well-known actor Padmashree Manoj Joshi.

Other speakers of note are Ravi Lahoti, Chief Audit Executive of India's Bandhan Bank whose topic is money laundering; Roberto Mancone, CEO of Beyon Money whose talk will focus on Bahrain's burgeoning digital economy; Adib Ibrahim, Managing Director (Protiviti UAE), and Jose Thomas, Director (Protiviti Bahrain) – they will speak on cloud services in the context of emerging tech trends. India-based Veni Thapar will analyse the profession of chartered accountancy in the Artificial Intelligence Era; Nishith Saxena, Grant Thornton Bahrain will highlight concerns and opportunities in cybersecurity. Ms Seema Kasat, Director KPMG Bahrain and Camille Geadah, Director, KPMG, Bahrain will be exploring New Horizons in an Evolving Marketplace.

“This year's conference is special because we have a galaxy of 17 star speakers who will address topics as diverse as Corporate Frauds & Mistakes and their implications on Governance, Auditors & Account-

ants, the concerns over Privacy and Cybersecurity and lessons from the success stories of the likes of Kanika Tekriwal, Sudha Chandran, actor Padmashree Manoj Joshi and Major General Vikram Dev Dogra, the 'Ironman of India Army', motivational & leadership coach and TEDx speaker.” said ICAI Chairperson Sharmila Shet.

The Conference Inaugural Session will be addressed by Duaa Abdulrah Almuallim, Chief of Financial Analysis and Economic Information, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, a representative of CBB, along with Indian Ambassador to Bahrain Piyush Srivastava, KPMG Bahrain Managing Partner, Jamal Fakhro and Abbas Ali Radhi, Chairman of the Bahrain Accountants Association, who will join luminaries from the global CA fraternity.

The conference is valuable to participants who will be credited 12 CPE hours (continuing professional education) towards their mandatory annual requirement.



Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) celebrated Bahraini Woman's Day in a ceremony under the patronage of Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqail, on 04 December 2022 at Alba's Oasis Hall. Special invitees for this event were Alba's Board Member Rasha Sabkar; Supreme Council for Women's Gender Balance Director Rania Ahmed Al Jar; Representatives of the General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions and the Free Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions (Al Hurri) and female journalists from Bahrain's local newspapers. Alba's CEO Ali Al Baqail stated: "We are proud of the fact that the percentage of female employees in supervisory-level and above positions stand at 41% today out of Alba's total female workforce". The ceremony was attended by members of the Executive Management, Directors, and Managers.



Minister of Industry and Commerce, Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, received in his office, Bahrain SMEs Development Society President Ahmed Al-Salloum, and discussed topics related to the SMEs sector in Bahrain, which is witnessing a remarkable growth. Al-Salloum stressed that efforts to support SMEs contributed significantly to its growth and prosperity, appreciating all the decisions adopted by the esteemed government to enhance and develop this sector.