

**SUBJ: INTERVIEW: Why VCs, Startups & Tech Companies should be watching Bahrain**

Hi XX,

While California's startups are facing regulatory hurdles at home, others are piloting AI, fintech, and blockchain in Bahrain, the first Gulf state to launch a regulatory sandbox and host a hyperscale [AWS cloud region](#).

Her Excellency Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Bahrain's Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of the [Bahrain Economic Development Board](#) (EDB), will be in SF Oct 2-4 and available to discuss:

- How Bahrain's sandbox allows fintech, AI, and digital finance companies to experiment and pilot products under supervision, ahead of clearing regulations.
- With AWS anchoring the ecosystem, startups are using Bahrain as both a launchpad into Gulf markets and a way to attract Middle Eastern capital.
- For founders facing H-1B visa caps, Bahrain's Golden Residency makes physical relocation or establishing regional HQs more viable.

Let me know if you'd be interested in speaking with her while she's in town.

Best,  
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