

## **SL: Why U.S. Tech is Looking to Bahrain – Green Data Center Signals Gulf’s Next Digital Hub**

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Bahrain is rapidly emerging as the Gulf’s sandbox for innovation – offering U.S. companies advanced digital infrastructure, an open investment climate, and a strategic base for regional growth.

[Bahrain-based Beyon today at the Gateway Gulf Forum unveiled](#) its second fully green, solar-powered data center, a milestone for Bahrain’s net-zero ambitions and a key reason why U.S. firms like AWS, Citi, and Mondelez are choosing Bahrain as their regional launchpad.

### **Her Excellency Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Bahrain’s Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of the Economic Development Board, is available for an interview to discuss:**

- Why leading U.S. firms like AWS have chosen Bahrain for regional cloud hubs, leveraging the Bahrain’s world-class digital infrastructure and direct, high-capacity connectivity to major markets.
- How Bahrain’s regulatory “sandbox” and business-friendly incentives make it faster and easier for U.S. data center operators and service providers to launch, test, and scale next-generation solutions – including AI, edge computing, and smart city services.
- How Bahrain’s advanced, solar-powered data centers offer U.S. cloud and digital infrastructure companies a cost-efficient, fully renewable option for regional operations – and a model for achieving net-zero goals.
- The strategic advantages of Bahrain’s location, skilled workforce, and robust legal protections for U.S. companies building mission-critical data and cloud infrastructure for the Middle East and beyond.

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### **BIO**



[Her Excellency Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif](#) is the Chief Executive of Bahrain’s Economic Development Board and the Kingdom’s Minister of Sustainable Development - a rare blend of tech-savvy policymaker and global dealmaker. A regular voice at the World Economic Forum, she’s architecting Bahrain’s transformation into the Gulf’s next digital and fintech launchpad, attracting US tech giants like AWS and pioneering investor-friendly reforms. Noor is a champion for innovation and pragmatic regulation in the Gulf, offering US entrepreneurs direct insight into to the region’s capital, talent, and regulatory sandbox.

**Speaking examples:** [Bloomberg](#), [World Economic Forum 2025](#), [World Economic Forum 2024](#)

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**On the Sidelines of Gateway Gulf Forum 2025**  
**Master Plan for Digital City Bahrain Submitted to the Urban Planning and Development Authority**

***Submission announced on the sidelines of Gateway Gulf, marks a key milestone in Beyon's USD 1.5 billion innovation hub to be built at its Hamala headquarters***

**Manama, Bahrain:** Beyon announced on the sidelines of Gateway Gulf 2025 that the comprehensive Master Plan for Digital City Bahrain, which will be located at Beyon's headquarters in Hamala, has been submitted to the Urban Planning and Development Authority (UPDA). The announcement was made in the presence of H.E. Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Beyon Group, and other officials from both entities.

This step marks a pivotal milestone in the development of the flagship project. It also reflects the company's vision of establishing a cutting-edge ecosystem for technology, research, and digital enterprise.

The US\$1.5 billion Master Plan covers the full scope of Digital City Bahrain's design, integrating commercial, educational, and R&D spaces with lifestyle components including retail, hotels, healthcare, and residential apartments, all unified by approximately 70,000 m<sup>2</sup> of landscaped open spaces, integrated mobility solutions, and advanced urban infrastructure.

Faisal Al Jalahma, Chairman of Digital City Development Company, stated, "We are pleased to reach this milestone on a project set to be transformative for Bahrain. Digital City will be a dynamic environment where business and community life can thrive. With a human-centered design enabled by smart technology, the Master Plan embodies Bahrain's vision for a resilient, inclusive, and future-ready economy."

Eng. Ahmed Abdulaziz Al-Khayat, CEO of the Urban Planning and Development Authority, affirmed that the Digital City Master Plan represents a strategic milestone aligned with the objectives of Bahrain's National Urban Development Strategy. He highlighted that the collaboration between the Authority, Beyon, and its partners ensures seamless integration with the national infrastructure framework, supporting sustainable urban growth while creating valuable opportunities for both the community and the business sector.

This milestone marks the commencement of the Authority's formal review process, paving the way for subsequent phases that include setting detailed design standards and enabling works. The project is poised to play a pivotal role in advancing Bahrain's transition toward a knowledge-based economy, serving as a national model that combines global expertise with a forward-looking vision for sustainable development.

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**ABOUT BEYON:**

*Beyon is a global technology group, dedicated to bringing technology closer to people and businesses with best-in-class connectivity and digital solutions. As a group, Beyon is focused on creating a prosperous digital growth portfolio through its subsidiary companies Batelco, Beyon Money, Beyon Cyber, Beyon Solutions, and Beyon Connect. Beyon also supports a successful group of international investments, subsidiaries and affiliates in several locations including Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Egypt, the Maldives, The Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Diego Garcia, St. Helena, Ascension Island, and the Falkland Islands.*

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**ABOUT DIGITAL CITY:**

Digital City Bahrain is a flagship smart urban district that brings together digital infrastructure, sustainable design, and a vibrant mixed-use environment to power the nation's transformation toward Vision 2030. Set in a prime location near the King Fahad Causeway, this innovation precinct is designed to host a dynamic ecosystem of enterprises, government institutions, startups, and universities, complimented by lifestyle uses, all interconnected through world-class connectivity, a human-centered masterplan, and Beyon's leadership in digital infrastructure. For more information visit [www.digitalcity.bh](http://www.digitalcity.bh)

Project Value:	~US\$1.5 billion
Size:	37 hectares of mixed-use development
Sustainability & Design Components:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Smart urban planning with tech enabled human centered design including precinct wide smart infrastructure</li> <li>● Knowledge and employment cluster to promote digital economy sector growth through sustainable commercial office spaces (including R&amp;D, digital enterprise and incubation zones for up to 12,500 employees together with education space)</li> <li>● Balanced urban program incorporating lifestyle elements such as residential apartments (for up to 3000 residents), hotel, healthcare and retail.</li> <li>● 7ha of landscaped open spaces designed to enhance pedestrian comfort and promote walkability and link the master plan together as a connected and walkable precinct.</li> </ul>

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