

The Business



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■ Industry and Commerce Minister Dr Hassan Fakhro yesterday visited Manama Central Market. He reviewed the availability of fruit and vegetables to meet consumers' requirements and Ashoora needs. Officials confirmed the arrival of more than 30 trucks each loaded with 24 tonnes of fruit and vegetables.

Top European real estate firm sets up Bahrain HQ

MANAMA: One of Europe's largest real estate advisory firms has set up its regional headquarters in Bahrain.

Chief executive Donald Bradley will lead Savills operations in the northern Gulf.

He leads his top team with Christopher Sims as deputy chairman and James Lynn and Mike Williams as senior directors. It is the strongest professional team in the region and the board has more than 75 years combined experience in the Mena markets.

"This is a really exciting moment for local investors and we are specialising in high level advice, on valuations, market feasibility reports, strategic advice and cross border investment," Mr Bradley said.

"This is a unique offering and includes marketing international landmark investment buildings – such as the Gherkin and Royal Albert docks



■ From left, Mr Williams, real estate consultant Janet Evans, Mr Lynn, Mr Sims and Mr Bradley

in London, but also a showcase of luxury residential properties in the UK, Mediterranean, Monaco and Caribbean.

"Savills internationally has more than 27,000 staff, in 550 offices and has been rated Europe's number one firm by

turnover for the last 11 years," he said.

Regionally, the firm is appointed as strategic adviser on the 2022 FIFA World cup Qatar, and numerous projects including a new landmark 100-storey triple tower scheme on the corniche

in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

"We will be opening a magnificent showroom in the New Year which will complement the head office which covers services in Bahrain, Saudi, Qatar, Kuwait and Jordan," Mr Bradley said.

Bapco's new push to raise awareness

MANAMA: Bapco organised a Business Resilience Management (BRM) overview session, conducted by the Emergency Planning College from the UK.

Bapco chief executive Dr Peter Bartlett opened the session at the Bapco Club in Awali. Present were Bapco deputy chief executive for refining and marketing Ebrahim Talib and a number of the company's management team members.

"The BRM overview session was held with the objective of increasing our employees' awareness about the importance of risk and crisis/business continuity management discipline, and its role in their day-to-day responsibilities," said Dr Bartlett.

"As Bapco prepares for the future, it is critical to be aware of and prepare mitigation and business continuity plans to achieve its objectives and aspirations.

"This is in line with the company's continuous efforts to adhere to international standards and boost its workforce's know-how of the latest industrial advancements to enable them to continue generating world-class output," he said.

The session was also attended by employees from other companies under the noga-holding umbrella including Banagas, Tatweer, Bafco and the National Oil and Gas Authority.

Company to showcase key projects

MANAMA: Impact Estate, a Bahrain-based privately held full-service real estate company, plans to exhibit its rich portfolio of projects and services at BaPDEX 2014, the leading platform for real estate development products and services in Bahrain next Thursday.

The award-winning company, which is a subsidiary of Impact, will be highlighting its services and high-end projects such as Orchid Plaza in Juffair; Modern Residence, Amwaj Waves, Zawia 3 Tower and Amwaj Mermaid in Amwaj Islands when it returns to BaPDEX 2014.

Organised by Bahrain Property Development Association (BaPDA), the exhibition will be held between Thursday to Monday at the Bahrain City Centre under the patronage of Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa.

Impact Estate provides complete services for developers, property owners, landlords, individual and corporate clients. It has recently won awards for "The Best Property Brokerage" and "The Best Real Estate Consultancy" at Arabian Property Awards 2014-2015.



■ Aramex Bahrain organised a coaching and training session for its management team from various departments. It was conducted by SteppingStone Global. Above, participants at the training session.