




+1,700 in-person attendees from **+35** countries


+500 Unique companies across the globe


Total transformation of grand hall and pre-function area into lively spaces


Specialized Culinary food services for hundreds of guests


Seamless buildup and streamlined operations



Overview

Fintech Forward 2025 marked the third edition of this prominent fintech event, held at Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB). Over two days, the event attracted 1,700 attendees from across the Gulf region and beyond, showcasing the venue’s remarkable capabilities and innovative offerings. With over 500 unique companies from more than 35 countries participating and featuring 30 industry speakers from 12 industries, Fintech Forward 2025 provided a robust platform for discussions on the evolving landscape of financial technology.

Ultramodern Grand Hall

Exhibition World Bahrain is equipped with ultramodern facilities that cater to a variety of event sizes and formats. The grand hall, a centrepiece of the venue, can accommodate up to 4,000 guests, providing flexibility with its retractable seating and flat-floor design. This versatility, combined with the elegant ambiance, made it an ideal location for hosting such a significant event. The pre-function area added an additional layer of sophistication, allowing attendees to network and socialise in a stylish environment characterised by floor-to-ceiling windows and contemporary design.

Operational Excellence

EWB ensured a seamless buildup and streamlined operations for Fintech Forward. In addition to providing extensive food services for 750 attendees on the first day and 550 on the second day, including three coffee breaks and lunch each day. Traditional Qahwa service was also offered in the grand Majlis, enhancing the local experience for guests. With over 1,400 parking spaces available, EWB facilitated easy access for attendees, which contributed to the event’s smooth execution. Comprehensive logistical strategies were implemented to manage the influx of attendees and exhibitors, ensuring a professional and efficient environment throughout the event.

Insightful Intercourses

The event featured participation from over 500 companies, highlighting the global interest in Bahrain’s flourishing fintech landscape. Attendees gained strategic insights on the impact of global macroeconomic trends on the fintech industry, which is witnessing a transformative phase of growth. Bahrain’s forward-thinking fintech regulatory framework and highly skilled bilingual workforce position it as a regional hub for emerging technologies in fintech, open banking, cryptocurrencies, and AI advancements.

Premier Venue for International Events

Fintech Forward 2025 was a resounding success, demonstrating the potential of Exhibition World Bahrain as a premier venue for international events. With its modern facilities, strategic location, and robust logistical support, EWB is poised to attract even more significant events in the future, reinforcing Bahrain’s position as a leader in the fintech sector.

“Hosting Fintech Forward for three consecutive years at Exhibition World Bahrain is a testament to our commitment to providing a world-class platform for innovation and collaboration in the fintech sector. The overwhelming participation from industry leaders and experts underscores Bahrain’s status as a regional hub for technological advancement and the MICE industry. We are proud to support such a prestigious event, which not only drives economic growth but also showcases the incredible talent and capabilities of our local workforce. We look forward to continuing to foster an environment where innovation thrives and global partnerships form.”

Sara Ahmed Buhiji, CEO of Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) and Chairman of Exhibition World Bahrain

