

Our History

30/06/1967: The late Amir of Bahrain, Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, may God rest his soul in peace, issued a charter to establish the Bahrain Cinema and Film Distribution Company (BC & FDC), with the following founder members:

Late Ali A. Rahman Al Wazan/ Late Ali Ben Yousif Fakhro/ Late Ezra Ebrahim Nono/ Late A. Rahman Bin Mohamed Al Khalifa/ Mr. Mohamed Yousif Jalal/ Mr. Ali Ebrahim Abdul Aal/ Mr. Ali Yousif Obaidly/ Mr. Sayed Alawi Sayed Maosa Al Alawi/ Late A. Rahman A. Ghaffar Al Alawi/ Mr. Jassim Mohamed Fakhro.

Authorized Capital BD 750,000

Issued Capital BD500,000 distributed over 50,000 shares, at a nominal value of BD10.000 per share.

06/06/1968: BC & FDC commences operations after acquisition of Awal Cinema, Bahrain Cinema & Al Nasr Cinema from late Abdul Rahman Al Alawi.

Al Zubara Cinema was leased from late Ali Bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.

08/06/1968: Opening of Al Hamra Cinema, being the first air-conditioned theater in Bahrain.

20/07/1971: Opening new premises of Awal Cinema after demolishing the old one. Taking over Al Zubara Cinema from late Ali Bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.

06/01/1972: Opening of Andalus Cinema at Isa Town.

01/04/1972: Leasing Awali and Sitra Gate Cinemas from Bapco.

1973: Closing down Al Zubara Cinema.

22/02/1973: Leasing Al Jazeera Cinema from the Government.

1974: Increase of issued and paid-up capital to BD750,000 by offering 25,000 shares as rights issue at the rate of BD30.000 per share.

1975: BC & FDC gets compensated with the Central Market Land in lieu of the ex-Bahrain Cinema Land.

Fire breaks down at Andalus Cinema.

1976: BC & FDC changes its name to Bahrain Cinema Company (BCC)

17/06/1978: Another fire breaks down at Andalus Cinema.

27/08/1979: A major fire breaks down at Awal Cinema.

1979: Converting Al Nasr Cinema into an air-conditioned theatre.

1981: Doubling the issued and paid-up capital to BD1,500,000 through issuance of 100% bonus shares, and splitting the share to BD1.000.

1983: Opening new premises of Awal Cinema and closing Sitra Gate Cinema.

1984: Induction of new management force represented by Dr. Esam Abdulla Fakhro as the Managing Director and Mr. Ahmad A. Rehman Rashed, as the General Manager.

1985: Opening of Bahrain Video and Video Matic outlets.

BCC sells its share in Oman Arab Cinema.

1988: Opening of Budaiya Video outlet.

1989: Disposal of Andalus Cinema to the Ministry of Information.

1990: Reduction of paid-up Capital to 1,259,880 following a write off of 240,120 shares + cash in a barter deal with the Government to surrender Andalus Cinema.

1991: sale of usufruct right of Al Jazeera Cinema Closing down Awali Cinema

1992: Increase of authorized capital to BD3 million.

Increase of issued and paid-up capital to BD1,385,868 through issuance of 10% bonus shares.

Split of shares to 100 fils per share.

1993: Increase of issued and paid-up capital to BD1,524,455 by issuance of 10% bonus shares.

1996: Opening 2 screens of Delmon Cinema at GOSI Building.

1997: Increase of paid-up capital to BD1,722,635 through issuance of 13% Bonus shares.

Opening of Al Seef 6 screens Cineplex at Seef Mall.

1998: Increase of paid-up capital to BD1,998,257 through issuance of 16% bonus shares.

05/05/2000: Al Nasr Cinema shuts down permanently after a major fire breaks down.

Al Hamra Cinema shuts down temporarily for repairs caused by fire.

28/06/2000: Opening of Al Jazeera 2 Screens Cineplex at Muharraq Island.

26/12/2000: Opening of 4 Screens Saar Cineplex at Saar.

07/02/2001: Re-opening Al Hamra Cinema.

03/04/2001: Closing of Al Raffain & Awali Video outlets.

19/09/2001: Opening of Seef 10 screens Megaplex.

07/05/2002: Opening of "Rendezvous" open buffet Restaurant in Seef Mall.

2002: Closing of Videomatic Video outlet.

28/02/2003: Closing of Budaiya video.

31/12/2003: Closing of Bahrain video.

31/01/2004: Closing of Delmon video.

11/04/2004: Increasing the paid-up capital to BD2,297,993 by issuance of 15% bonus share.

29/04/2004: Opening of a new 14 screens Cineplex at the Doha City Center, Qatar.

16/06/2004: Increase of authorized capital to BD10 million.

30/09/2004: Delmon Cinema, at the Gosi Mall shuts down permanently.

04/01/2005: The signing of a new 20 Screens Cineplex at the Bahrain City Center.

16/01/2005: Increase in the paid-up capital to BD2,597,734 by issuance of 2,846,843 rights issue shares at the rate of 500 fils per share.

29/03/2005: Increase in the paid-up capital to BD2,942,430 by issuance of 15% bonus share.

18/03/2006: Increasing the paid-up Capital to BD3,383,795 by issuance of 15% bonus shares.

25/05/2006: Increase in the paid-up Capital to BD3,825,160 by issuance of 4,413,650 rights issue shares at the rate of 600 fils per share.

13/11/2006: Closing down of Snooker Centre.

01/01/2007: Opening of Taka Tak Casual Indian Restaurant in Awal Cinema Complex.

15/01/2007: The Signing of a 13 Screens Cineplex at the Villagio Mall, Doha, Qatar.

22/10/2007: Reduction of number of directors to seven.

24/01/2008: The sad demise of the Chairman Ali Bin Yousif Fakhro, may his soul rest in peace.

10/02/2008: The formation of the BREADTALK joint venture.

03/03/2008: Increasing the paid-up capital to BD4,590,192 by issuance of 20% bonus shares.

30/04/2008: Sale of Central Market land.

22/10/2009: The opening of Cineco 13 at the Doha Villagio Mall.

26/11/2009: The opening of Cineco 20 at the Bahrain City Centre.

21/01/2010: Opening of Awal Banquet Hall

02/09/2010: Opening of the 3rd branch of Bread Talk at the Bahrain City Center

31/12/2010: The Formation of Qatar Bahrain International Cinema W.L.L.

22/03/2011: Increase in the paid-up capital to BD5,508,230 by issuance of 20% bonus shares.

07/04/2011: The opening of the 2nd branch of Rendezvous in City Center.

01/01/2012: Company exits from breadtalk by selling its shares to the existing shareholders.

28/05/2012: Villagio mall in doha shuts down for 115 days as a result of an unfortunate fire incident.

21/03/2013: Re-opening of Rendezvous restaurant after renovation in Seef.

06/10/2013: Shifting of Corporate Office to Fakhro Tower, Sanabis.

26/03/2014: Increase in the paid-up capital to BD 6,609,876 by issuance of 20% bonus shares.

27/12/2015: Opening of Takatak Restaurant outlet in Dragon Mall in Diyar Al Muharraq.

03/01/2016: Closing down of Awal Cinema and closing of TakaTak Restaurant in Awal Complex.

14/04/2016: Opening of 6 screens Cineplex in Wadi Al Sail Mall.

19/04/2016: Opening of 3 screens Cineplex in Al Khor Mall in the State of Qatar.

26/05/2016: Opening of 13 screens Cineplex in Gulf Mall in the State of Qatar.

25/08/2016: Opening of Rendezvous Restaurant in Wadi Al Sail Mall.

06/10/2016: Opening of Rendezvous Restaurant in Gulf Mall, State of Qatar.

14/05/2017: The opening of Takatak/ Chaat & Chai food outlets in Lulu Hyper Market in Hidd.

28/08/2017: Increasing the number of directors from seven to eight by appointing the CEO Mr. Ahmed A. Rashed, as the eighth Director of the Company.

28/08/2017: Increase in the paid-up capital to BD8,262,345 by issuance of bonus shares at the rate of 25% of the paid up capital.