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Areije Al Shakar is Vice President, Deputy Head of Development Services at Bahrain Development Bank (BDB). After over 6 years at BDB, her role and involvement at the bank includes training, coaching, business guidance and advisory, and business development.

Areije works closely with entrepreneurs on a daily basis, coaching and advising them on various areas of the business cycle beginning with start-up through to growth, expansion, and even turnaround management. Her role also involves the development of programs, products, and services to support entrepreneurship in the country. This includes the establishment of incubators, clusters, and other associated initiatives. Areije's work also involves close interaction with network organizations with the aim of building awareness and fostering an entrepreneurial culture. She is Editor in Chief of Rowad Magazine and sits on the board of Rukn.me and Tenmou representing BDB.

Areije Al Shakar has over 10 years of experience in banking and advisory. She has worked in reputable organizations such as BNP Paribas and Lehman Brothers on the Investment Management and Advisory side. She holds a Masters of Science in Public Policy and Management, from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London and is a Certified Business Coach and Mentor, from the Chartered Management Institute, UK.