

CASE STUDY

GULF INTERNATIONAL BANK SAUDI ARABIA: HIGH-SPEED DATA NETWORK FOR AL KHOBAR OFFICES

Datwyler has delivered a high-speed data network for the new operations centre of Gulf International Bank Saudi Arabia.

Gulf International Bank (GIB) in Saudi Arabia is a subsidiary of the bank of the same name headquartered in the Kingdom of Bahrain, which was founded in 1976 and maintains other branches in Great Britain, the USA and the United Arab Emirates. GIB is licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain as a conventional wholesale and retail bank. It is owned by the governments of the six countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), of which the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has the majority shareholding.

GIB Saudi Arabia is the first financial institute domiciled abroad to open a local commercial bank in the Kingdom and offers its customers innovative financial solutions. Its headquarters are in the Eastern Province and it has offices in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dhahran.

Cost-effective solution

In Al Khobar GIB Saudi Arabia recently constructed an operations centre housing business premises and a data centre. Datwyler was chosen for the cabling of the new building because the company provides reliable high-speed data networks at the same time as cost-effective solutions.

The project included 2900 Category 6_A links as well as OM3 fibre optic cables and IT racks. All the material was delivered and installed by mid 2019.

The installation of this IT infrastructure solution marks the beginning of a good partnership between GIB and Dat-



wyler. Johannes Müller, the CEO of Datwyler IT Infra, recently visited GIB Saudi Arabia and thanked them for their confidence in Datwyler. At the same time he took advantage of the occasion to discuss the data centre in the building with those in charge, and to extend Datwyler's offer of acting as a strategic partner for all GIB branches in Saudi Arabia in future.

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