

Courage Faith Revival

BANQUE BEMO Year in Review 2023

"2024 will be the Year of the Peace. It is true peace does not depend on us. But what is happening around us makes it an ardent obligation to have it as our priority wish.

It does not mean we should be passive until our wish becomes true. We will deploy all efforts to serve our clients, become better and make our bank stronger. This would be our contribution to Peace.

Together we shall stay determined and confident until better days come"

Riad B. Obegi

Prix Béchara et Carmen Obegi pour la Créativité et l'Innovation

Avril 2023 - Pour la troisième année consécutive, le Centre Entrepreneuriat et Compétences (EC2), la Faculté des sciences économiques (FSE) et la Fondation USJ de l'Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth, ont organisé la cérémonie de remise du "Prix Béchara et Carmen Obegi pour la Créativité et l'Innovation".

À la fin de la cérémonie, et en se basant sur les critères de l'innovation, du potentiel de marché et de croissance, de la faisabilité technique et capacité de l'équipe et de la viabilité financière et pérennité du projet, le jury a octroyé la première place à Iolokis, la deuxième à 3a tari2ak et la troisième à Synapse.



Rotating Art

Exhibition at the Embassy of Italy

April 2023 - The Rotating Art held an exhibition at the Embassy of Italy in partnership with Gabriel Rizkallah Art Consultancy, and Commercial Insurance. The exhibition showcased the artistic talents of 47 renowned and emergent artists, ranging from paintings to sculptures. The collaboration between Banque BEMO, the Embassy of Italy and Commercial Insurance created a vibrant and inclusive space that celebrated creativity and cultural exchange.



Exhibition at College Louise Wegmann

May 2023 - The Rotating Art held an exhibition at College Louise Wegmann in partnership with Gabriel Rizkallah Art Consultancy, and Commercial Insurance. This exhibition brought together a collection of remarkable works by 52 renowned artists.

The opening ceremony fostered a live painting performance by the artist Irene Ghanem, in

addition to three interactive sessions between each of the artists Mirna Mchantaf, Mazen Rifai, Nevine Mattar, and the students. These sessions allowed the students to connect with the artists, gaining insights into their creative processes and inspirations, as well as provided a valuable platform for knowledge-sharing and artistic dialogue.



Exhibition at the Embassy of Spain

September 2023 - The Rotating Art held an exhibition entitled "Armonia de Dos Mundos" at the Embassy of Spain in partnership with Gibran National Committee, Gabriel Rizkallah Art Consultancy, and Commercial Insurance. The opening ceremony brought together 45 emerging and renowned artists with stylistic influences that bridge the worlds of the Orient and the Occident, art gallerists, private collectors and the media.

In addition, the three organized guided visits

offered a captivating experience for the visitors and friends.



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Le Liban de Nos Rêves

Cérémonie de Remise des Prix

Avril 2023 - Les lauréats du concours national "Le Liban de nos Rêves" ont été dévoilés durant la cérémonie de remise des prix qui a eu lieu à la Bibliothèque Nationale. Ce concours, né d'une idée de Dr. Riad Obegi, a offert l'opportunité aux jeunes Libanais résidents, qui sont étudiants de l'enseignement supérieur et élèves des classes de seconde, première et terminale, de rêver par écrit d'un Liban plus beau et plus conforme à leurs aspirations.

Félicitations aux 18 lauréats!



Signature du Recueil

Octobre 2023 - Suite au succès du concours «Le Liban de nos rêves» organisé par la Banque BEMO et l'AUF, en partenariat avec le Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement Supérieur, la librairie Antoine et l'Association Assabil, la cérémonie de présentation du recueil a eu lieu à l'ESA Business School. Cette cérémonie a célébré la créativité et la passion de la jeunesse libanaise. Le recueil a rassemblé les meilleures nouvelles reçues dans

les trois langues : anglais, français et arabe. Dans son allocution, Dr. Riad Obegi, président du conseil d'administration de la Banque BEMO, a déclaré "Baudelaire disait que le peintre peint le rêve et non la réalité. L'exercice auquel se sont livrés plus que 600 participants consistait à écrire leur rêve du Liban. L'essentiel de ce qui est, a d'abord été rêvé. Osons rêver un Liban plus beau et meilleur".



Lancement de la Deuxième Edition de l'Initiative « Rêver le Liban »



Décembre 2023 – La deuxième édition de l'initiative "Rêver le Liban" a été lancée au ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur. Le concours de 2024 est un concours d'écriture accompagnée d'une photo, sur le thème des "Jardins cachés de Beyrouth". Pour plus d'informations, veuillez visiter le site www.reverleliban.com, ou envoyer un email à reverleliban@bemobank.com

L'Art Blessé

June 2023 - During the 11th Symposium of the A.L.T.C.C (Association Libanaise de Thérapies Comportementales et Cognitives), entitled "World in Crisis: Adaptive Approaches", Mr. Jean Louis Mainguy talked about "L'Art Blessé" exhibition that featured artworks damaged due to the devastating explosion of the Port of Beirut, and the approach adopted to heal them through music, light and poetry. He also shed light on the connection between art, healing process and resilience in times of crisis and the inspiring power of creativity and empathy in restoring beauty and hope. For more information, kindly visit www.lartblesse.com



BEMO Virtual Platform

June 2023 - Banque BEMO launched its cutting-edge Virtual Platform - a unique and innovative banking experience, built on Relationship Management excellence. The event was held at ESA Business School in the presence of media, clients, potential prospects

and BEMO family.

The platform offers an inclusive, modern and personalized channel to address the customers' banking needs with both the human relation and the efficiency of the electronic banking.



"Back to Our Cedar Roots" - Draw Ceremony

November 2023 - Banque BEMO hosted the draw ceremony of the third edition of the initiative "Back to our Cedar Roots" on the Independence Day, at Beit Kanz.

100 newly planted Cedar trees were allocated in a draw to 100 persons among the enlisted candidates, in the presence of her Excellency the ambassador of Argentina, journalists, NGOs, editors, winners of previous editions and senior executives. This initiative aims at casting the attention on the unfairness suffered by Lebanese women who are unable to pass their Lebanese nationality to their children.



ESA Business School

Les Petits Déjeuners du Management

"Les Petits Déjeuners du Management" and "Les Rencontres HEC" organized by ESA Business School in partnership with Banque BEMO, hosted several breakfast conferences, which were animated by:

- January 2023 - Prof. Benoît Heilbrunn on the theme "Les nouveaux enjeux du luxe à l'heure du masstige"



- February 2023 - Antoine Sfeir on the theme "La gouvernance entre constitution et politique économique au Liban"



- March 2023 - Carlo Fontana on the theme "Conflict management"



- April 2023 - Gérald Farrenc on the theme "Governance in startups"



- May 2023 - Fady J. Rahme on the theme "Les enjeux de succession dans les groupes familiaux"



- July 2023 - Bruno Larvol on the theme "Building the first metaverse-headquartered company"



- September 2023 - Joumana Nahas Iyad Boustany and Rizk Zgheib on the theme "Quel avenir constitutionnel pour le Liban?"



- December 2023 - Camille Moussa on the theme "Are luxury watches an alternative to traditional investments?"



Institut Français du Liban

La Nuit des Idées

Mars 2023 - Pour la 7ème année consécutive, la Banque BEMO était fière d'être l'un des partenaires de l'Institut Français du Liban pour la 8e Nuit des Idées qui s'est déroulée tout au long de l'année 2023. Le thème « Plus ? » a été choisi pour explorer les modes d'extraction, de production et de consommation, les grandes questions posées par la croissance démographique et la culture de la performance, dans le sport, à l'école, au travail et dans les loisirs.



Fête de la Musique



Juin 2023 – En fidèle partenaire, la Banque BEMO a soutenu la Fête de la Musique 2023. Organisée par l'Institut Français du Liban, 50 concerts ont eu lieu du 16 au 24 juin, à Beyrouth et sur l'ensemble du territoire libanais.

L'événement exceptionnel a réuni environ 5,000 personnes au Forum de Beyrouth, autour des artistes Joe Pretzel, Tamara Qaddoumi, Julia Jean-Baptiste, Atoem et Shkoon.

Festival Beyrouth Livres

Octobre 2023 - Banque BEMO était fière d'être l'un des partenaires de l'Institut Français du Liban pour le Festival Beyrouth Livres 2023. Ce festival littéraire francophone et international a présenté un éventail d'activités culturelles : expositions, lectures, débats, spectacles et concerts.. dans toutes les régions libanaises.



Fondation Liban Cinéma

Music in Lebanese Cinema

April 2023 - Banque BEMO was one of the main sponsors of the event "Music in Lebanese Cinema", organized by Fondation Liban Cinema. The event featured the filmmakers Jimmy Keyrouz, Nadine Labaki, Joanna and Khalil Joreige and Vatche Boulghourjian in a virtual discussion with the academy award-winning composer Gabriel Yared, and the composers Khaled Mouzannar, Charbel Haber and Cynthia Zaven in the beautiful garden of Fondation Corm. The discussion was followed by a wonderful ciné-concert with Jawad Hamadani.



Semaine de l'Orgue au Liban

March 2023 – For the fourth consecutive year, Banque BEMO was one of the sponsors of the 8th edition of the Lebanese Pipe Organ week. The SOL Festival highlights the monumental organ instrument, played

by renowned Lebanese and International organists, in various churches and venues across Lebanon. Every year, this festival provides the audience with the opportunity to explore different music repertoires.

Sar Wa'at El Haki

Juin 2023 - Banque BEMO était l'un des partenaires de "Sar Wa'at El Haki", la première pièce de théâtre de Philippe Aractingi, écrite et jouée par lui et mise en scène par Lina Abiad.



Ramer pour la Paix

Août 2023 - Après trois mois en mer, Ara Khatchadourian relève un défi hors norme en reliant Marseille à Beyrouth à la rame. "Ramer pour la paix en Méditerranée - Rowing for Peace", un défi sportif et humanitaire, et un message de paix et d'amour pour aider les familles démunies au Liban.

Ara a confié le secret de la réussite : "Rêver, oser, croire et aimer pour atteindre ses objectifs, mais surtout aimer et continuer à aimer et à partager pour aider les gens et pour avoir la paix". Banque BEMO était l'un des sponsors de cette initiative



Les Musicales de Baabdash

October 2023 – For the sixth consecutive year, Banque BEMO supported Les Musicales de Baabdash – Strings of Hope 2023. This year, and due to the current circumstances in the region, the majority of the concerts were cancelled and rescheduled for a later date in 2024.

Les Musicales de Baabdash is a music festival organized by LES MUSICALES, an independent, nonprofit, non-governmental organization having as a mission to curate, organize and promote world-class classical, world and jazz music concerts by international and Lebanese musicians.



L'ESApéro

February 2023 – L'ESA Alumni en coopération avec la Banque BEMO, a organisé une conférence animée par Margaux Bonopera sur le thème "Etel Adnan et Van Gogh : 72 ans d'écart". Lors de cette conférence, tenue au campus de l'ESA Business School, un débat a eu lieu autour de la causerie littéraire d'Etel Adnan sur Van Gogh et Saint Augustin.



"Yearning" Exhibition

April 2023 - Banque BEMO organized a guided visit of the exhibition "Yearning" with the artist Azza Abo Rebieh at the American University of Beirut Archaeological Museum. The exhibition featured an installation of the artist's sketches, prints and paintings that highlight the transformation of the body in motion through time and space. The guided tour offered an extraordinary experience in the presence of the artist Azza Abo Rebieh, the art expert and gallerist Saleh Barakat and the museum curator Nadine Panayot.



"Return of the Sun" Exhibition



May 2023 - Banque BEMO organized a guided visit to Beirut Art Center for a special curated tour of the exhibition "Return of the Sun", led by Reem Shadid. This exhibition featured the works of fourteen artists and artist groups who challenged the relationship between violence and its representations. They aimed to reveal the various latent and out-of-sight forms of violence in our environment, prompting viewers to contemplate how to recognize, see, and sense them.

Sursock Museum Reopening

June 2023 - After the reopening of Nicolas Ibrahim Sursock Museum, Banque BEMO organized a guided visit led by the Museum Director Karina El Helou. The guided tour

offered an extraordinary experience, and featured the museum collection of modern and contemporary art, and masterpieces by prominent Lebanese artists.



"Feminine Fusion" Exhibition

October 2023 - Banque BEMO organized a guided visit of the exhibition «Feminine Fusion», co-curated by Randa Sadaka and Simon Mhanna, and hosted by While We're Young (WWY) and the LT Gallery.

This exhibition celebrated pioneering female artists through an eclectic blend of selected artworks brought by women who remain eternally connected by their true passion: Art.



"Intimate Garden Scene" Exhibition

December 2023 - Banque BEMO organized a guided visit of the exhibition "Intimate Garden Scene" at the Sursock Museum. The title of the exhibition was a reference to Ashkal Alwan's inaugural project at Sanayeh Garden, Beirut (1995).

The curator-led visit with Marie-Nour Hechaime offered an extraordinary experience and allowed to further explore the various forms of art, featuring 50 artists from Lebanon and retracing 30 years of artistic creation from 1990s onward.



Joint Communication Campaign with Holdal Group

December 2022/January 2023 - At Banque BEMO, we believe that "Diversity and Inclusion" at the workplace is essential and serves to improve employees' retention, productivity and performance.

Banque BEMO proudly paired up with HOLDAL

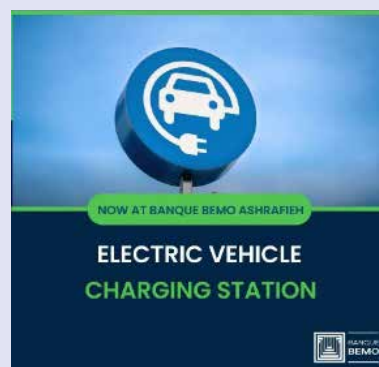
Group through a common communication campaign on "Diversity and Inclusion" as part of the joint work plan within the scope of the "Leaders4Equality" cohort under the World Bank Group's Mashreq Gender Facility activities in Lebanon.



Electric Vehicle Charging Station

January 2023 - Clients and non-clients can now charge their electric vehicle for free at Banque BEMO Ashrafiyeh premises. If they wish, a donation can be made to any NGO of their choice.

The installation of this green infrastructure aims to promote environmental awareness and contribute to a green and sustainable future.



Unveiling "OSHUN"

February 2023 - Banque BEMO hosted the ceremony of unveiling OSHUN, a water tank artwork by the artist Mirna Mchantaf, at the artist studio "Revive Art Hub". Besides its aesthetic beauty, this water tank artwork conveys a message of life and positive energy. This artwork has been given the name of OSHUN, the goddess of water, focusing on the importance of water as a human right.



Saint Nicolas Public Garden

March 2023 - Banque BEMO took in charge the rehabilitation of St-Nicolas public garden. This project was done in collaboration with the Municipality of Beirut, and aimed to raise awareness on the importance of ensuring inclusive, friendly, safe and green space for

the families and the neighborhood.

This comes in line with the Bank's corporate social responsibility, to instill the necessary efforts for the social and environmental needs of the community, and ensure to keep this public space safe, clean, and operational.



Networking Event- Italian Cooperation & Sustain Lebanon

May 2023 - Surrounded by the beautiful collection of the Rotating Art, the Embassy of Italy hosted a networking event focused on the "Italian Development Cooperation System" and on Banque BEMO "Sustain Lebanon" platform. Building more partnerships with Lebanese NGOs is key to advance the common agenda of both Italy and Lebanon.

For more information, www.sustainlebanon.com and follow @sustainlebanon on Instagram and Facebook.



MYSCHOOLPULSE Marathon

August 2023 - Banque BEMO's family spirit came together once more as the employees and their families joined the Pulse 5K - 1K "Run for a Child" marathon in support of the

MySchoolPulse mission. This initiative aimed to enable children to continue their education while in the hospital, ensuring uninterrupted learning throughout the academic year.



Visit to BEMO Cedar Forest

September 2023 - Banque BEMO organized an onsite visit to BEMO Cedars Forest, at Ehden. The visit started with a special guided tour led by Jouzour Loubnan team. The visit was

attended by the Chairman of the Board, BEMO family and Alumni, as well as the parents whose children won in the "Back to Our Cedar Roots" draw ceremony held in 2021 and 2022.



BEMO Space

September 2023 – Are you looking for a joyful and safe space to spend quality time with your children, friends and families?

Banque BEMO is opening its parking space at Ashrafieh every Saturday whereby employees, families, friends, neighbors, and NGOs come together and enjoy cultural quality time, in a joyful and safe space.

BEMO Space hosted special

animated programs featuring Hakawati Sabih Barrak and Hakawatiyas Nathalie Sabbagh and Ghiwa Allam,

who embarked the audience into a captivating journey into the customs and traditions of various Lebanese Villages.



Ministry of Environment Award Ceremony

November 2023 - Banque BEMO took part in the "Ministry of Environment Award Ceremony" for measuring and reporting the "Greenhouse Gas Emissions", in the presence of H.E. Minister of Environment Dr. Nasser Yassin and UNDP Climate Change Advisor Mr. Vahakn Kabakian.

Banque BEMO was able to reduce its carbon footprint by 46.6% since 2017, in close collaboration with V4 Advisors. This project is in line with the Sustainable Development Goal 13 "Climate Action", and a key step on the path to a sustainable positive impact on climate change.

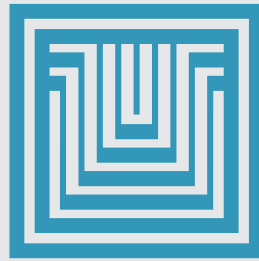


Beirut Marathon

November 2023 - Banque BEMO family participated in the 5K Fund Run marathon to support SESOBEL's mission. SESOBEL is a

non-governmental organization that assists children with disabilities and accompanies their families in facing the life's challenges.





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