KAEC The New Destination for International Sports within the Kingdom

The Biggest Jazz Festival

World Class Projects Promote Tourism & Leisure Development

The Royal Greens community with stunning views over the Red Sea beach
I am proud of the valuable trust that has been invested in me through my appointment as GCEO of what is one of the largest and key development projects in the Kingdom and the region: a project that represents a unique global model for joint partnership between the private and the public sectors. King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) is a true benchmark for rapid economic growth and a place where challenges are transformed into achievements. Moving forward, I can’t but feel the great but honorable responsibility I have to attain the city’s strategic objectives and cater to the aspirations of our board members, stakeholders, residents, investors and everyone who works here in this modern city, so that we can always stay ahead.

Today, KAEC is carrying on with its ambitious mission to achieve its strategic goals in line with the Kingdom’s Vision 2030 by investing in a multitude of promising sectors. The latter include the industrial and logistical services sector, which constitutes a major pillar for the city’s positioning as a main driving force for economic development. KAEC’s role in this field is enhanced through the presence of King Abdullah Port, the second largest port in the Kingdom and one of the fastest growing ports in the world with a capacity of 3.4 million containers a year. As for the Industrial Valley, it has become home to leading industrialists having attracted more than 110 national and global companies with investments amounting to SR 11.7 billion.

In terms of Quality of Life, King Abdullah Economic City offers the highest living standards of a modern lifestyle through the development of six residential coastal communities and the implementation of more than 10,000 residential lands and units so far, divided among Al Murooj, Bay La Sun, Al Waha, Al Talah Gardens, Al Shurooq and The Village communities. KAEC’s residential communities cater to different income levels and feature a state-of-the-art infrastructure, rainwater drainage systems, vast green spaces, walking, running and cycling trails, the best educational, health, social and recreational facilities, and a bouquet of restaurants, cafés and retail stores, all within a safe, healthy and interactive environment that’s constantly reinventing itself through regular activities and ongoing events.

KAEC also strives to be the rising “Tourism and Leisure” destination through the development of three parallel pillars with a total investment of SR 1.6 billion. The first pillar represents the touristic and recreational aspect of KAEC with up to 30 projects. The second pillar revolves around organizing and hosting leisure, arts and economic events and activities, while the third pillar entails the development of prime international sports events.

At KAEC, we envision a promising future, backed by a resilient Saudi economy and exclusive city features such as our successful strategic partnerships, which represent a sustainable driving force behind our continuous offerings, productivity and achievements. We have already started seeing the positive results of such strategic alliances, especially in the education and training sector with the launching of Prince Mohammad Bin Salman College (MBSC) of Business & Entrepreneurship - which is currently welcoming its second wave of recruits - and ‘Tomouh’ (HRH Prince Khaled Al-Faisal’s Program to Build Human Capital), which aims at training and empowering 10,000 men and women from the Meca province. We also pride on our strategic partnership with the Housing Ministry to launch the “Sakani” program which has already started delivering residential units with the aim of building more than 6,000 residential units in King Abdullah Economic City. Additionally, and through our fruitful partnerships with the General Entertainment Authority (GEA), the General Culture Authority (GCA), and the General Sports Authority (GSA), we strive to organize more artistic, cultural and sports events in addition to developing several joint projects.

We trust our capabilities and have full confidence in our ability to achieve all our strategic goals with God’s blessing and the support of our wise government. Our ambitious vision is advancing at a fast pace as we pioneer the way towards the implementation of Vision 2030.
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King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) has become one of the most important and rising tourism and leisure destinations in the region thanks to the launching of a multitude of premium projects, including the Bay La Sun Marina, Water Sports & Yacht Club. This exceptional venue offers water sports’ fans and everyone seeking to enjoy the fascinating Red Sea beaches exclusive access to a wide variety of sports, facilities and high-end services.

Upon your visit to the Bay La Sun Marina, Water Sports & Yacht Club, an exciting destination will unveil to you with a comprehensive range of entertainment services. Therefore, if you’re looking to spend memorable moments with your friends and family members, search no more! We offer you a mix of facilities and services that adds an undeniable touch of luxury and leisure to your journey in the city. From thrilling yacht excursions and adventurous diving trips, to a world-class food experience at the Marina & Yacht Club restaurant, numerous water sports, and a top-of-the-line chandlery with a great choice of equipment, gear and attire for fishing and diving aficionados; we’ve got you all covered. Visitors will also be able to enjoy marvelous sea trips to the Rimal island facing KAEC’s coastal strip soon, an addition that will further confirm the status of the Marina as the ultimate destination for unforgettable times.
In a broader perspective, the Bay La Sun Marina, Water Sports & Yacht Club is considered a full-service hub for water sports' amateurs and professionals. The national German TV even aired a 5-minute report about the venue, speaking extensively about its pristine beaches, beautiful deep-water coral reefs and the various water sports available in the kingdom. Viewed by more than 2.5 million people, the documentary listed KAEC’s marina as one of the world’s top 5 water sports and diving destinations.

The venue is indeed a haven for water sports’ lovers. Other than offering a wide variety of nautical activities, the Marina gives access to experienced and highly-trained instructors, including a passionate female instructor, Noaf Al Osaimi who stated that “Working in a city that overlooks the red sea, is a great opportunity to turn my diving passion into an enjoyable career.”

On another note, KAEC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Arabia Maritime Sports & Diving Federation stipulating the parties’ collaboration in regards to the implementation of several key programs and initiatives, including: the establishment of a headquarter for the federation’s members; the financing, establishment and development of a headquarter for a specialized water sports academy; the supply of full-fledged logistical services; the financing and support of research and exploratory works; as well as electrical and mechanical repairs through a full-fledged on-site workshop that adopts advanced towing and lifting systems.

In terms of yacht chartering, the Marina & Yacht Club offers an exclusive and fun-packed sea experience on board of its famous Hatteras 67GT. Fully equipped to welcome 14 VIP and top-notch corporate guests, the vessel features 3 independent bedrooms and other luxury amenities to ensure an eventful sea journey across the Red Sea, complemented by the presence of a luxurious chandlery with an indulging choice of must-haves for fishing and sea trip amateurs and professionals.
1. When was Taibet Alkhair Co. established? What kind of products does it offer?

Taibet Alkhair Development Co. Limited was established in 1429 Hijri by owner and founder Eng. Fahed Ben Olayyan Ben Suleiman Alradady with 100% Saudi capital. The company originally specialized in general contracting, roads and real estate development and investment. In 1434 Hijri, Taibet Alkhair inaugurated a plant for cement products (curbstones - block - interlock - cement tiles) in KAEC. The facility is equipped with automated German production lines and state-of-the-art technology. It is also ISO certified and has many other certifications.

2. Why did your company choose KAEC’s Industrial Valley as a location for its headquarters and as a launching platform to the market? What's your current capacity?

We have chosen KAEC’s Industrial Valley because it is an international hub that attracts quality investments due to its strategic location and direct access to a world-class port, which is a major magnet for investments in the city. We also appreciate the logistical support that’s offered to companies operating in the Valley, including strategic initiatives and a comprehensive set of high-end services and facilities that enable us to conduct our business with ease and in all convenience.

3. Who are your customers and what kind of market challenges do you face?

Our target audience is mainly the contracting and construction sector. We’re grateful to be launching our business from the Industrial Valley to the rest of the Kingdom, including the western, the southern and the northern regions. So far, we have been a key supplier to major projects in the country such as the pedestrian path in Arafa, Neom City, King Abdullah University, and KAEC among others, and we look forward to achieving the best by maintaining a competitive edge and offering high-quality products at competitive prices.

As for market challenges, they mainly consist of a lack in cash in the contracting sector, the presence of manual plants offering poor cement quality which negatively affects the Saudi industry in general, and the presence of difficulties in getting visas for regular plant workers.

4. As a national company, how do you embrace, encourage and enable Saudi talents?

Since the establishment of Taibet Alkhair Development Co. Limited, it’s been common practice to attract, empower and depend on young national talents in alignment with the Kingdom’s Vision 2030. As such, the company currently relies on dependable and highly competent Saudi executives in both administrative and technical positions.

It is noteworthy that Taibet Alkhair Co. has partaken, alongside Emaar the Economic City, in the Tomouh program to train around 80 young Saudi females and males in 2018 in different domains and has prepared them to integrate the job market.

5. Eng. Hasan, as a CEO, how do you perceive the entrepreneurship spirit and environment here in KAEC?

I perceive KAEC as a valuable opportunity for any investor as it offers many advantages. The latter include a strategic location and robust international capabilities, being one of the new economic regions that aim to attract diverse international investments, provide job opportunities for Saudis, and implicate the private sector in the national development. As such, the city offers an inspiring model for a more competitive governmental performance, one that can easily adapt to change, in alignment with the Kingdom’s Vision 2030.

KAEC also offers a healthy and motivational environment for both investment and work, thanks to its various facilities, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and ability to attract giants international and national companies. In fact, having direct access to an international port as well as to the Haramain High-speed railway and to multiple logistical services, in addition to the presence of a true entrepreneurship spirit, are all elements that are contributing to the attraction of further investments to KAEC whether through the expansion and development of existing projects or through the arrival of new investors.
KAEC HOSTS THE FINAL RACE IN THE DRONE RACING LEAGUE (DRL)

During the month of September 2018, King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) hosted the final race in the Drone Racing League for 2018 at the Business Park of the Bay La Sun district with the participation of the world’s best pilots.

The event reflects KAEC’s strategic commitment towards supporting international sports events, promoting them locally, and highlighting the Kingdom’s capabilities on the international scene. It also underlines the city’s ongoing quest to organizing touristic and entertaining activities and events with a special focus on high-end international sports. As for the reason behind choosing KAEC to host the event, the city’s infrastructure, resources, and facilities were all major factors. In addition to the support, organization, and tireless efforts of the Saudi Federation for Cyber Security and Programming.

The Drone Racing League was held with several concurrent events, including a workshop for a group of students from the World Academy to train them on programming and mounting drones. Moreover, a local championship was held to showcase the talents, skills, creativity and passion of the Saudi youth in regards to this thrilling game. In total, more than 4,000 fans attended the miscellaneous activities which were especially designed for drone aficionados, families, and kids in specific areas dedicated to supporters.

MORE THAN 4000 FANS ATTENDED THE EVENT

The Drone Racing League Championship in the Business Park at the Bay La Sun District

KAEC gate during Drone Racing League (DRL)

Participants at Drone Racing League Championship

TWA students workshop during Drone Racing League (DRL)
In yet another pioneering initiative, KAEC organized the largest two-day Jazz festival in the Kingdom. The event was a true success, attracting an impressive crowd of Jazz music lovers.

The refined audience enjoyed a selection of musical pieces by some of the world’s most celebrated jazz performers and musicians, in addition to the participation of Charbel Rouhana, one of the most acclaimed Jazz artists in the Arab World who is famous for harmoniously mixing oriental and western notes and instruments. Among participating Saudi talents, the Jeddah Band’s segment captured the audience’s minds and hearts with a truly exceptional jazz performance.

The International Jazz Festival is one of the most important and successful musical events organized by King Abdullah Economic City, reaping great attendance and acclaim from a wide audience of jazz aficionados. Over two days, the event featured an international line-up of jazz music pioneers the likes of Raul Midon, Erik Truffaz, Jesse Cook, McKoy Tyner, Kenny Garrett, and Al Di Meola in addition to Lebanese artist Charbel Rouhana.
King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) has risen as a key entertainment destination in the Kingdom, hosting a long list of artistic events and concerts for first-rank stars in the Arab World including Tamer Hosni, Mohamad Hamaki, Wael Jassar, Saber Roubai, Ragheb Alameh, Sherine and others. This bustling artistic activity in the city comes in line with KAEC’s overall strategy as well as with the Kingdom’s vision to focus on the tourism and entertainment industry by boosting the sector’s infrastructure and continuously launching new projects and events throughout the year.

The Saudi crowd, a tasteful audience who is always eager to meet megastars, has enjoyed a series of exciting concerts during the official holiday and Eid seasons. The masterfully-organized events, which featured the latest sound and light technologies in the world, witnessed great participation and attendance as fans came to enjoy memorable moments from a unique location that overlooks the Bay La Sun Marina.

**MUSICAL EVENINGS AT KAEC**

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"A WEALTH OF CELEBRATIONS AT THE HEART OF THE COUNTRY"

Under the slogan “A Wealth of Celebrations at the Heart of the Country”, King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) celebrated the 88th Saudi National Day on the 23rd of September at Juman Park and the “BAYX” Exhibition Center in the Bay La Sun district. Attendees got to joyfully commemorate the national occasion through sixteen different entertainment activities, in addition to competitions and exclusive discounts.

On this national day, a cheerful ambiance was felt across a range of activities and events addressing all ages and family members, including a bazaar, food trucks, safe and fun games for children, sports and green areas, and seating areas for families.

Juman Park hosted competitions and interactive games for kids on the children’s stage, with a specific area assigned to balloon arts and coloring, in addition to a children’s train, a climbing wall and a trampoline. At the Exhibition & Conference Center “BAYX”, a popular music band animated the evening, offering various fun segments to the audience who also got to enjoy the showcase of luxury cars and a car painting competition. The event concluded with the distribution of prizes to the winners of the car painting competition, in addition to fireworks and the national anthem as a festive mean to celebrate with the locals and residents the advent of the Kingdom’s 88th National Day.

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INTERNATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT AT THE BAY X

The inauguration of BAY X, the Bay La Sun Expo Center at the heart of KAEC, was marked by a series of entertainment events of the highest international calibre.

A truly pioneering initiative, BAY X comes to support the Kingdom’s business, tourism and entertainment sectors by offering a state-of-the-art infrastructure and advanced capabilities to cater to the ever-growing crowd the city is attracting through the different programs, events and activities it’s hosting.

The center occupies a total area of 7,000 sqm, and includes a huge 2,800 sqm hall which is considered the largest events hall in the Middle East, in addition to 13 meeting rooms and an indoor theatre equipped with cutting-edge technologies.

Since its inauguration, the Bay La Sun Expo Center has had a busy agenda featuring financial and business events, tourism and entertainment events and other key happenings. The latter included the GSA Sports Cup “Fifa 18” during April 2018, an event organized by the Saudi Arabian Federation for Electronic & Intellectual Sports (SAFEIS) with prizes reaching up to 2 million SAR. In total, 64 players participated to the event, of which two qualified to the World Championship.

The venue also hosted a number of international entertainment events such as the world-renowned “Adam Show... A Stage of Imagination”, which is the largest interactive 3D show in the Kingdom featuring an exceptional performance by the Freilogen international band. Moreover, BAY X welcomed the “Illumineer” which put on one of the most inspiring light and fire shows by combining modern circus elements with musical and light effects in addition to new-style acrobatics. Add to that the award-winning folkloric Irish tap-dancing show by “the Spirit of the Dance” which has received 9 international awards and attracted more than 30 million people across the globe so far.
The Royal Greens community at the heart of King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) has become a reference in modern living for families, with its high luxury and leisure standards. The community is famous for its unique views over the Red Sea beach, its green areas and breathtaking landscapes where gardens, parks, as well as pedestrian, sports and biking trails have been carefully carved to perfectly blend in the scenery. The community also features a comprehensive range of services as well as entertainment and tourism facilities that are unique in the region and have received prestigious international awards. The Royal Greens community is undoubtedly the number one choice for those who seek utmost home luxury, the best housing quality, and an elegant Andalusian architecture with charming views over the Royal Greens Golf Course.

KAEC offers a wide and diversified range of residential and living solutions through a number of coastal communities that meet different needs, tastes and incomes. All the city’s residential offerings reflect the true meaning of modern living with a harmonious and appealing mix of facilities and benefits that fulfill every family’s needs and wishes: a safe and healthy environment, a state-of-the-art infrastructure, as well as access to social, health, educational and commercial facilities. Every community has distinguished features that set it apart from the rest. Al Murooj community in specific is known for its unprecedented level of luxury living and entertainment, being home to the strategically-located Royal Greens Villas which set a totally new standard for quality and elegance.
The villas offer a variety of architectural styles to cater to various residents’ tastes, and has panoramic views over the Golf course.

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The Joy of Living in the Royal Greens Oasis

This exclusive community comprises 147 exceptional villas that are inspired by the classic Andalusian style and are spread elegantly amidst a lush oasis of green spaces, around one of the most prestigious Golf courses in the world with unobstructed views over the Red Sea.

The Royal Greens Golf Villas were carefully designed to offer the highest standards of modern luxury homes. They come in a variety of sizes and areas to accommodate the families’ different needs and sizes from 345 sqm to 787 sqm, with a choice ranging from 3 to 6 bedrooms. The villas also offer a variety of architectural styles to cater to various residents’ tastes, noting that they all enjoy panoramic views over the Golf course.

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Today, one of the main attraction points in KAEC is the coastal area, where land meets the sea in a long stretch that boasts green areas, walking, running and biking trails, as well as restaurants, cafés, family seating areas, and secure playgrounds. These unique features turn the city’s coastal stripe into the most appealing waterfront destination on the Red Sea.

In terms of strategic objectives, one of KAEC’s priority goals is to instill and spread a “healthy life” culture through both, awareness and practice, as well as to upkeep and enhance this culture by all means possible. As such, the city has launched “ibike”, a modern service that’s available along the beach promenade and in key areas to enable people to rent sports bikes. This idea is meant at supporting the concept of “healthy practice” through superior leisure services offered around the city.

Similarly, and in line with KAEC’s ongoing quest to provide best-in-line services, the city has introduced smart transport alternatives to ensure easy circulation within its walls through the “I drive” service. The latter consists of a network of cars that are made available for rent across KAEC’s different communities. Using a smart mobile application, interested individuals can choose the closest and most convenient option in order to move around the city’s areas, communities and facilities as well as beyond. And because KAEC’s social life revolves around the concept of family, the city made sure to design a preliminary model of the modern lifestyle it wished to offer from the very early stages of its establishment. Accordingly, every KAEC community has its own social center to create a healthy environment and to support an effective communication among residents, while enabling them to enjoy vital social facilities and secure strolling areas with children playgrounds, all of which were elegantly designed, strategically located and made easily accessible.

Generally speaking, when working on its master plan, KAEC focused on best practices and resorted to the highest international standards to elaborate an ideal urban plan. As a result, the city features today a harmonious design, where all elements are balanced from the green areas, spreading inside and outside residential communities, to roads, dedicated pedestrian, biking and car trails and walkways. That of course in addition to the key tourism and leisure projects that are ensuring a balanced allocation of green areas, trees and vegetation to reflect a beautiful and healthy environment where social life blossoms for every member of the KAEC family.

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Today, one of the main attraction points in KAEC is the coastal area, where land meets the sea in a long stretch that boasts green areas, walking, running and biking trails, as well as restaurants, cafés, family seating areas, and secure playgrounds. These unique features turn the city’s coastal stripe into the most appealing waterfront destination on the Red Sea.

In terms of strategic objectives, one of KAEC’s priority goals is to instill and spread a “healthy life” culture through both, awareness and practice, as well as to upkeep and enhance this culture by all means possible. As such, the city has launched “ibike”, a modern service that’s available along the beach promenade and in key areas to enable people to rent sports bikes. This idea is meant at supporting the concept of “healthy practice” through superior leisure services offered around the city.

Similarly, and in line with KAEC’s ongoing quest to provide best-in-line services, the city has introduced smart transport alternatives to ensure easy circulation within its walls through the “I drive” service. The latter consists of a network of cars that are made available for rent across KAEC’s different communities. Using a smart mobile application, interested individuals can choose the closest and most convenient option in order to move around the city’s areas, communities and facilities as well as beyond. And because KAEC’s social life revolves around the concept of family, the city made sure to design a preliminary model of the modern lifestyle it wished to offer from the very early stages of its establishment. Accordingly, every KAEC community has its own social center to create a healthy environment and to support an effective communication among residents, while enabling them to enjoy vital social facilities and secure strolling areas with children playgrounds, all of which were elegantly designed, strategically located and made easily accessible.

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In total, 98 individuals of different ages took part in the race. At the end of the event, prizes were distributed to winners while bystanders received souvenirs. A fun ambiance was set up at the starting line, throughout the race trail, and up to the finish line, featuring dedicated seating areas for families and children in select locations. Moving forward, the city is planning to maintain the race as a yearly tradition by turning it into an annual KAEC marathon in the future.

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Karting Races

KAEC held a fun sports competition with entertaining social activities by organizing an exciting Karting race at the Juman Karting arena. More than 60 men and women of the city’s residents competed for the winner’s title, which was ultimately achieved by a woman who was able to defeat her husband, coming in second. The race was a new reminder of women’s willingness and ability to drive in the Kingdom.

Fire Dangers’ Awareness Week

On the occasion of Civil Defense Day and for three consecutive days, KAEC held a series of activities and events to raise awareness about the dangers of fires, while highlighting the importance of prevention measures and anticipatory planning in case of emergencies. The campaign featured a pamphlet distribution activity, a series of home evacuation drills in case of fires, and the screening of documentaries about security, safety and firefighting. From their end, children had the chance to meet with real firefighters and get on board of firefighting trucks to take a closer look at security and safety tools and techniques, leaving with souvenirs and informative pamphlets. The overall event was seen as a positive initiative by both KAEC’s residents and visitors.

Breast Cancer Awareness

For Breast Cancer Awareness Week, KAEC launched a week-long series of programs and activities to raise awareness about breast cancer and help prevent it. Starting on October 14th, 2018, the five-day event featured several activities, including: an educational campaign during the first two days; awareness lectures on the third day by cancer survivors and doctors at the end of which participation certificates were distributed to attendees; free screenings at the KAEC’s Family Medical Center clinics on the fourth day; and an awareness campaign at The World Academy on the fifth day to raise awareness about the disease among the future generation.

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A WORLD CLASS EDUCATION WITH EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS TO ENRICH STUDENTS’ EXPERIENCES & KNOWLEDGE

King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) is built on the family experience, a city of opportunity and innovation when it comes to providing unique learning and leisure opportunities for Saudis. At The World Academy (TWA) we embody that approach by giving our students’ a world class education based on excellent classroom experiences. But we also understand and believe that learning does not end in the classroom, the skills we use as adults have their genesis in activities that stretch our thinking in new arenas, foster our collaborative talents and invigorate our lives through healthy experiences. At TWA we seek to provide avenues for these essential skills in our after-school enrichment programs.

The World Academy is expanding our reach in the extra-curricular activities arena. Our recent innovations in this area is leading our students’ to an understanding that although our focus is understanding of a variety of academic disciplines, understanding the applications of those disciplines in a club or activity outside the classroom is a wonderful experience as well.

Here is a taste of what we have offered to our students and the activities serve as the ground work for expanded offering in the months (and years) to come.

Art Workshop
A unique collaboration between the city’s and school’s master developer, Emaar The Economic City’s Arts & Culture and the Healthcare & Education Departments. Our local Artist in Residence Basmah Felemban lead three interactive weeks of workshops titled ‘A Hidden Language’- a mathematical and architectural view of Islamic geometric shape influence in the world of art. These three days workshops on Symbolism, Conceptual art, and the sea gave our student a new perspective on both their culture and the world of varying perceptions. Students from grades 4-12 took part in a series of exercises and experiments to create a final artwork. The collaboration in conjunction with our art teacher enriched our current daily art program with influences from an outstanding artist. This richness expands our students’ educational experiences and beyond, a key mission of The World Academy.

Radio Show
TWA students made an appearance on the Panorama FM show "Best Morning." In a series of episodes, Firas Yaghmour the host of the show interviewed several ambitious and passionate students on a topic of their interest at the radio studio of TWA. This was not only a celebration of our student perspectives and experiences, but capitalized on our audio and video production facilities. This key program, modelled expertly by Panorama FM, fascinates the minds of our students to expand the use of our two production studios for activities like live morning announcements, video segments in our project based learning environment, and use of studio edited video in our e-commerce business course.

Drone Racing League
As part of Drone Racing League’s (DRL) two-day Science Technology Engineering Maths program with TWA, world champions drone racing pilots taught TWA kids how to build the latest Racer3 drone. Using our Design and Technology Fab Lab facilities the pilots led our student through the design and thought process of raced production drones. Student learned skills in electronics, soldering, video triangulation and virtual tracking. They were then featured guest at the DRL Allianz World Championship, where the pilots they worked with and raced the drones on the grand finale of the two-day event. KEAC as an innovative city hosting such unique events gives our students enrichment opportunities they not only point at career development but have a sense of fun as well. The event was hosted on Friday, 14th September 2018.

Juventus Soccer Academy
Juventus Academy Saudi Arabia aiming to teach and develop football and life skills that allow children to grow into young people is now operating a program at KAEC, specifically at The World Academy School. The goal of the program is to help young footballers take their first steps into the football world, or develop their existing skills, by educating them with the Juventus method. The method focuses on the following skills; style of play, technical ability, tactical ability, mental factor, emotional and social factors. Juventus Academy KAEC is available for both boys and girls 2 to 3 times a week. Offering programs of this nature supports the older student program in athletics, where our student participate in the Saudi Inter-Kingdom Athletic Conference and the Red Sea Athletic Conference. These activities are critical part in developing a good balance between exercising the mind in classes and exercising the body in sports competitions.
1. How do you describe the work ambiance on a daily basis in such a wonderful facility as the Royal Greens Clubhouse?

I am very proud to be working in such a beautiful and luxurious place as the Royal Greens Clubhouse which consolidates the leading heart of Al Murooj, the most glamorous and luxurious community in KAEC. The community features an international golf course which resembles a breathtaking real-life painting with its green spaces, lakes, charming views over the Red Sea beach, and international-standard facilities and restaurants. All of those factors positively affect the employees’ performance, satisfaction and happiness and help both, the establishment and the employee, reach their goals.

2. What does your work consist of? What were the milestones that you felt you have achieved. Though this interview, we shed light on the bright and promising career path of an ambitious young professional and KAEC employee who is the perfect embodiment of capable national talents willing and working to achieve more.

3. What does the Royal Greens Golf Course offer to visitors and golf aficionados?

The Royal Greens golf course is designed by the European Golf Design company according to the latest international standards and specifications. It features an 18-hole golf course with an average of 72 strokes to match the needs of both professional players and amateurs. The course has a breathtaking view over the Red Sea beach, with one of the most delightful moments during a game being at the hole offering a panoramic view in addition to views over the three surrounding lakes. Royal Greens is also the best destination for visitors, families and children, whether they are seeking a spot to relax at one of the Clubhouse’s facilities, specifically the restaurants, to indulge their taste buds with a variety of international dishes. Moreover, the Clubhouse features a specialty store showcasing all sorts of golf equipment such as golf clubs as well as women, men and children’s golf clothing and more.

4. How about the facilities, restaurants and services that set the Clubhouse apart?

The Royal Greens Clubhouse features three international fine-dining restaurants and a big banqueting hall with indoor and outdoor venues and panoramic views over the Golf course and the beach. The “Bistro” restaurant is a modern venue offering a wide choice of international dishes in a charming and exceptional ambiance, especially in the outdoor space. The “Tea Lounge” features a rich variety of Fortnum & Mason tea with a selection of freshly baked pastries. As for the “Signature” restaurant, it is characterized by its luxuriant setting, refined design and exquisite ambiance, while offering refined international dishes from around the globe. Moreover, the project includes the Royal Greens Grand Hall which was designed to host the largest public and private events. The hall features an elegant design and an outdoor space with flexible customization options to fit customers’ requirements. In terms of capacity, the hall’s indoor venue can fit more than 250 guests while the outdoor garden fits more than 350 guests. The Royal Greens Clubhouse also features the Mandara Health Spa, operated by Mandara Spa International, a global spa management company founded in Bali, Indonesia. The facility provides a bouquet of indulging treatments and massages to ensure the guests’ utmost care and relaxation. The Clubhouse finally includes the “Oryx Bar”, a space exclusively reserved for VIPs and businessmen, and offering a cigar lounge, boardrooms, private office suites within the library, and a ballroom. The latter was specifically designed to enable guests to enjoy the beauty, comprehensive services and extensive leisure facilities of the Royal Greens Clubhouse.

5. For beginners who wish to know more about golf, how do you describe the concept of the game for them? And how about the training programs available here at the Clubhouse?

Golf is a pleasurable sport which needs a lot of planning and patience. It is also considered a great way to relax. The rules of golf can be simplified as follows: every player has 14 golf clubs in their bag. Each needs to move the ball from the start point to the next point with the least number of strokes. Each hole has a preset number of strokes. The winner of every round is the player who scores the least number of strokes, while the ultimate winner is the one who scores the least number of strokes for all holes. As for the right equipment, state-of-the-art training facilities and expert instructors for all game levels and age brackets in addition to ample space for practice.

6. What are the Royal Greens Golf & Country Club chances of hosting international tournaments?

The Royal Greens will be hosting an international tournament at the beginning of this year featuring a number of worldwide Golf stars. This event comes to assert the international recognition that the Royal Greens is gaining while attesting to the quality of its facilities and services. It is a renewed opportunity for KAEC to be in the spotlight on a global level as well as to encourage children and the youth to take up golf, as to pave the way for a new generation of Golf aficionados.

7. As a KAEC employee, how do you describe life in the city?

Life in KAEC is beautiful and modern. It offers peace, comfort, tranquility and a sense of security to all family members especially within the public spaces dedicated to children. KAEC is truly an all-encompassing city that offers a comprehensive range of services and an exclusive quality of life with elegant facilities.
ENG. BASEM AL-SHARIF
General Manager of Defaf United for Logistics

2. Why did the company choose to have its headquarters in KAEC?
We chose KAEC for its strategic location which connects it to all regions in the Kingdom. The number one reason behind our choice is the presence of the Industrial Valley in the city which is considered one of the most important and the fastest growing industrial hubs in the region. The state-of-the-art infrastructure and facilities as well as the direct access to King Abdullah Port were also factors that played a role in our decision.

3. What are the company’s objectives and expansion plans for the future?
At Defaf, we strive to become the leading logistics services company in the Kingdom. We have the capabilities and tools not only to reach our goals but also to exceed them thanks to our experienced team, land transport fleet, network of branches and credentials to which we’re gradually adding customers.

4. How does the company support national talents?
The company plays a major role in attracting and training national talents in addition to providing all means of success as well as a healthy work environment through career enhancement to empower the Saudi youth and develop their skills in all specializations. We also work on that within our specialized training center at Nesma Holding and take pride in the fact that our high management counts a handful of the best Saudi talents. Furthermore, we’re increasing our yearly Saudization rate by employing more Saudis in all positions and via attracting National Talents from both Jeddah Technical College & Technical and Vocational Training Corporation.

5. As a business executive, how do you assess KAEC’s overall work and life environment?
KAEC enjoys a key location boasting great capabilities that would widely appeal to new business ventures and offer valuable growth opportunities. The city is a prime gateway to the Red Sea markets which are the fastest growing markets in the world today. Also, KAEC has an elaborate logistics and industrial services sector with access to KAP and the Industrial Valley. Such elements turn the city into an ideal regional platform for business growth and a perfect environment to embrace ambitious businessmen and entrepreneurs as well as to flourishing investments.

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AL MUROOJ DISTRICT AT KAEC WINS INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY AWARD FOR BEST MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA

Al Murooj district in King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) has won the (IPA) International Property Award for the Best Mixed Use Development in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for 2018. The award was presented to KAEC at Waldorf Astoria in Dubai’s Palm Jumeirah held on the 11th October. Al Murooj has been also nominated to compete in the IPA World’s Best the Mixed Use category at the global awards event in London in December.

“King Abdullah Economic City brings global recognition to Saudi Arabia by winning a prestigious IPA international award for the third year running,” said Ahmed Linjawy, Group CEO of KAEC. “This achievement is unprecedented for any developer in Saudi Arabia and is proof that KAEC is keeping its promise to build a state of the art city complete with world class facilities.”

“It’s an honor to receive such a coveted award by the International Property Awards. This prestigious win recognizes KAEC’s commitment to delivering world class lifestyle and mixed use offerings that are capable of competing advantage of the logistic services offered by the Industrial Valley, King Abdullah Port and the re-export zone, along with the advanced infrastructure which are the cornerstone as a success for pharmaceutical projects. Mansi added. “The major investment opportunities provided by the Industrial Valley, which is directly connected to King Abdullah Port, qualifies it to become a major destination and an advanced supply point for logistics services and industries in the region.

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AL-MAS INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS TO ESTABLISH ONE OF THE LARGEST BCG VACCINE PLANT IN THE WORLD IN KING ABDULLAH ECONOMIC CITY AT THE INDUSTRIAL VALLEY

King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) has signed a contract with Al-Mas International Pharmaceutical Industry Ltd. to establish one of the largest vaccine production plants in the world. The first phase of the plant, which will be the first to produce BCG vaccines in the Middle East, will be leased at 40,000 square meters of land in the Industrial Valley.

“We are aiming to make KAEC the largest pharmaceutical complex in the region by attracting local and international companies that meet the needs of the local market. Imports constitute about 80 percent of the Saudi market’s needs, thereby making localization of the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries a strategic priority for KAEC in order to contribute to achieving pharmaceutical security in the Kingdom,” Said Eng. Ayman Mansi, CEO of the Industrial Valley. “The Industrial Valley devotes special attention to the pharmaceutical industries sector due to its contribution to the healthcare of citizens by securing treatment at all times, and the sector’s provision of excellent job opportunities for Saudis.”

Mr. Mohannad Al-Esaiy, Chairman of Al-Mas International Pharmaceutical Industry Ltd., stated “Al-Mas will begin building the plant in the near future, as soon as we have completed the plans and blueprints, which need to be compatible with the advanced technology being transferred to the Kingdom. The first phase, which is expected to be completed in mid-2021, will include cells storage in these vaccines, which are being manufactured for the first time in the region and will be the first production of active vaccines in the Middle East.”

Al-Esaiy also revealed that another project is currently being developed for future plants to cover the needs of the Saudi, Gulf and regional markets. Taking advantage of the logistic services offered by the Industrial Valley, King Abdullah Port and the re-export zone, along with the advanced infrastructure which are the cornerstone as a success for pharmaceutical projects.

Mansi noted that the localization of the pharmaceutical industry is a strategic priority to achieve pharmaceutical security in the Kingdom, as its consumption of medication is estimated at more than 15 billion SAR annually. It is the largest in terms of total value in the Arab pharmaceutical market, while the local industry covers about 20 percent of the demand in the local market.

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Al-Mas International Pharmaceutical Industry Ltd. was recently established to launch one of the largest vaccine plants in the world and the first of its kind in the region in alliance with the European company AJ Vaccines, which recently acquired the entire vaccine production of the prestigious European Statens Serum Institut (SSI), which boasts 120 years of experience.

“Al-Murooj offers a wide range of recreational facilities including the Royal Greens Golf & Country Club

Charles Biele, CEO of KAEC’S Real Estate Development Company
The General Culture Authority (GCA), represented by its CEO, Eng. Ahmad bin Fahd Al-Maziad, entered into a memorandum of understanding with King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC), represented by its Group CEO, Mr. Ahmed Linjawy, to promote cooperation in a number of cultural activities in the Kingdom.

The framework of cooperation entails the establishment of programs to develop the Kingdom’s cultural sector through joint efforts in a number of projects and activities to be held at KAEC. These projects will support artistic and cultural events by attracting international figures as well as empowering and training national talent.

Eng. Al-Maziad explained that the signing of the memorandum reflects the GCA’s commitment to building meaningful and fruitful partnerships with KAEC in order to stimulate the Kingdom’s cultural sector. In collaboration with KAEC, the authority will foster programs that support artistic talent and arts and culture activities, in addition to organizing a variety of cultural events for residents and visitors, including literary activities and lectures, fine arts exhibitions, theater events, musical performances and Saudi film screenings.

The city will also attract international cultural events and activities to promote diversity and boost cultural activity.

Mr. Linjawy explained that the memorandum was signed in support of the two organizations’ efforts to organize programs and activities that will bring to fruition Vision 2030 through cultural development and the exchange of knowledge and expertise. The programs outlined in the MOU would also make available high-quality services for KAEC residents and visitors.

Al-Maziad added that the memorandum is a new addition to a series of memorandums signed by the GCA with several parties with the objective of promoting collaboration and joint efforts in support of the cultural sector. It will also serve to promote the Kingdom as a cultural leader regionally and internationally.

Mr. Ahmed Linjawy
Group CEO of King Abdullah Economic City
KING ABDULLAH ECONOMIC CITY INDUSTRIAL VALLEY WINS IFM AWARD FOR FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIAL ZONE IN GCC

The award was presented to the Industrial Valley CEO Eng. Ayman Mansi at a ceremony held at Jumeirah Emirates Towers in Dubai, UAE.

Eng. Mansi praised the level of efficiency that has resulted from the Industrial Valley’s advance planning and a carefully considered infrastructure that is instrumental in meeting the demands of investors eyeing the Valley as a location for their activities. The logistic zone is the largest area for logistics companies, which will contribute to variety of solutions of the investors’ empowerment in the industrial sector targeted in the economic city.

The London-based IFM presents awards to institutions that meet the highest standards of quality as well as the utilization of modern technologies in their respective industries.

The Industrial Valley was singled out for a number of criteria contributing to its growth and success. In a short time, the Industrial Valley has successfully completed implementation of its infrastructure and has attracted a significant number of manufacturing plants that are already up-and-running in addition to many that currently are under construction. Additional features that appealed to IFM were the amount of development that has taken place, the Valley’s direct link to King Abdullah Port, the smooth facilitation of effective procedures and services, the rate of development and diversification of products, the creation of jobs, and the Industrial Valley’s capacity to become a part of an extensive, integrated economic city.

As part of its overall plan to become a manufacturing and logistics hub, the Industrial Valley has attracted more than 10 companies in the pharmaceuticals sector, the most of any similar facility in the region. The Valley has attracted more than 110 national and international companies to date, and the annual throughput in King Abdullah Port has reached 3.4 million containers. In this regard, the city has continued investing in the quality of life sector, as it has developed more than 10,000 residential units and lands distributed across six residential communities so far.

In accordance with the Kingdom’s Vision 2030,” he continued, “the majority of recent investments in the city have been aimed at developing a number of projects, services, and products related to tourism, leisure, and international sports.”

Worth 1.2 Billion SAR in 2018

Mr. Linjawy emphasized the city’s pledge to prioritize the empowerment of Saudi youth through the launch of a number of valuable initiatives and projects in collaboration with several strategic partners. The first of these projects is Prince Khalid Al Faisal’s Project for Human Development (Tomouh), which will train and qualify 10,000 students by the end of 2020. A total of 3,000 students have already completed their training with Tomouh, and the Tomouh Academy for Technical and Vocational Education is expected to open early next year.

The signed contracts pertain to various sectors in the economic city, as the percentage of funds assigned to developing the Industrial Valley, the residential communities, and their facilities reached almost 20 percent of the value of the contracts. Meanwhile, 80 percent of the value of the contracts were dedicated to developing the customer experience of residents, investors, employees, and visitors through the establishment and development of projects, services, and products in a number of fields, most notably: tourism, leisure, and international sports. National companies and institutions hold more than 90 percent of the total value of the contracts. According to KAEC Group CEO, Mr. Ahmed Linjawy, "The development plans of KAEC are moving forward and are strengthening the city’s strategic sectors, including the logistics and industrial service sectors. The Industrial Valley has attracted more than 110 national and international companies to date, and the annual throughput in King Abdullah Port has reached 3.4 million containers. In this regard, the city has continued investing in the quality of life sector, as it has developed more than 10,000 residential units and lands distributed across six residential communities so far.

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MARITIME SPORTS FEDERATION AND KAEC SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO ESTABLISH DIVING AND WATER SPORTS ACADEMY AND ORGANIZE INTERNATIONAL WATER SPORTS EVENTS

His Highness Prince Sultan bin Fahd bin Salman Al Saud, Chairman of the Saudi Arabian Maritime Sports Federation, joined with King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) Group CEO, Mr. Ahmed Linjawy, to sign a memorandum of understanding to host and organize various diving and water sports events, including racing and fishing competitions. The MOU falls within the framework of the federation’s ambitious efforts to organize and host international sporting events. It also establishes the federation’s headquarters in KAEC. The efforts of the federation extend to discussing how to cooperate locally and internationally so as to attract and host prominent international competitions. These moves reflect the aspirations of the General Sport Authority to diversify sporting activities and promote the Kingdom’s standing internationally.

His Royal Highness Prince Sultan said that signing the memorandum is in line with the leadership’s aspirations and the Kingdom’s Vision 2030. It aims to motivate and develop a sports culture in the Kingdom that includes water sports. “We are striving to achieve this through a number of initiatives, including organizing various sporting activities and events in collaboration with KAEC, which has all necessary sporting and logistical elements needed for the success of any international sporting event,” His Royal Highness added.

Mr. Linjawy thanked Prince Sultan and the Saudi Arabian Maritime Sports Federation for putting its trust in KAEC to serve as the site for international sporting events. He explained that signing this memorandum will stimulate the diving and maritime sports sector by capitalizing on KAEC’s unique location on the Red Sea and the city’s available resources for organizing world-class events. The memorandum also seeks to promote the exchange of knowledge and expertise through the establishment of a diving and water sports academy and a center for diving and water sports in KAEC.

KAEC entered into this agreement in accordance with the guidelines of Vision 2030 to develop the entertainment and sporting industries in the Kingdom. The government aims to position the city as the preferred destination for tourism and leisure on the Red Sea coast. KAEC offers numerous facilities and services catering to water sports enthusiasts, the most important of which are the Bay La Sun Yacht and Water Sports Club and the Oceana Marine Resort.

MINISTER OF HOUSING DELIVERS RESIDENTIAL UNITS TO SAKANI PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES AT KING ABDULLAH ECONOMIC CITY

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED TO PROVIDE 8,000 RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN AL SHUROOQ DISTRICT

His Excellency the Minister of Housing, Mr. Majed bin Abdullah Al Hogail, delivered the keys to 200 residential units to several Sakani Program beneficiaries as part of the ministry’s partnership with King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC). During the delivery ceremony, Mr. Al Hogail witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the National Housing Company and KAEC to provide an additional 8,000 residential units in Al Shurooq District. The units will be allocated in phases through the Sakani Program. Also, on tap was the inauguration of the community center in Al Waha District.

"The strategic partnership involving the Ministry of Housing and KAEC is representative of the collaboration of the public and private sectors through the Sakani Program. The program aims to launch a large number of residential projects in order to provide suitable, high-quality housing solutions. The program is integral to the efforts to increase the percentage of homeownership in Saudi Arabia to 40 percent by 2020 and to 70 percent by 2030, in line with the objectives of the housing program under the Kingdom’s Vision 2030,” Mr. Al Hogail explained.

Al Shurooq District is a residential area dedicated to families and individuals aspiring to a contemporary lifestyle with affordable housing, a total of 1,800 residential units has been developed in the second phase of Al Shurooq District. The initial phase ended with the delivery of 1,440 units, a development that has been instrumental in cultivating demand for more units. The district is characterized by its proximity to the Industrial Valley, which includes 100 local and international industrial companies. Owners of residential units stand to benefit from the thriving job market nearby.

The collaboration between the Ministry of Housing and KAEC will stand as a role model for improving quality of life throughout the Kingdom. The opening of the community center in Al Waha District constitutes a major contribution to improving the quality of life of KAEC residents. The community center sports a modern design situated in a calm, secure, and vital residential environment characterized by advanced infrastructure, gardens, and landscaping that encourage residents to practice various sports and leisure activities.
Prince Khalid Al Faisal inaugurates Phase Two of Tomouh Program to Train and Employ 10,000 of Makkah’s Youth by 2020

Prince Khalid Al Faisal made the announcement during his patronage of the Tomouh Forum in King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC). The forum was attended by officials from the government and education sectors and representatives from major private companies.

Since its launch, the Tomouh Program has succeeded in training, qualifying, and employing 3800 Makkah residents through intensive English, computer programming, and Information Technology training courses. Tomouh provides participants with a healthy environment that encourages working, living, and learning at KAEC. It also attempts to bridge the gap between qualified job seekers and the job market by setting up a special day for each profession and for each class.

During the forum, officials announced the establishment of a recruitment office that will coordinate with major companies to employ, qualify, and follow up on qualified employees in order to link the outcomes of the Tomouh program with the actual needs of the job market. Several partnerships with major national companies and universities were signed during the forum in order to contribute to supporting the program and strengthening its momentum.

The Tomouh Program is one of the vocational programs adopted by KAEC along with public and private sector partners in the support and empowerment of Saudi youth. Some of the most important projects in this regard include the launch of the Prince Mohammed bin Salman College of Business and Entrepreneurship, the first institution of its kind in the region, as well as the SME Support Program and the Entrepreneurship Support Programs.

Thanks to the support of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al Faisal, the Tomouh Program has transformed from an inspired idea into a national project with a vision, objectives, resources, and partners from the educational sector and major national companies, “he added.

ROVE HOTELS EXPANDS TO SAUDI ARABIA WITH FIRST HOTEL IN BAY LA SUN WATERFRONT DISTRICT

KAEC is an ideal destination for the first Rove hotel in Saudi Arabia.”

A destination for everyone, KAEC, developed by the Tadawul-listed Emaar, The Economic City (EEC), is set by the Red Sea, one of the world’s busiest maritime trade routes and a gateway to some of the fastest developing global economies.

KAEC covers an area of 181 square kilometres of land, approximately the size of Washington DC, and comprises the King Abdullah Port, the Coastal Communities residential districts, the Hejaz district and the Industrial Valley, highlighting the business and leisure opportunities it offers. The City is one of five stops on the soon-to-open Haramain High Speed rail network, placing it on one-hour journey from each of the Holy Cities of Makkah and Madinah.

A picturesque residential district, Bay La Sun waterfront district is one of the most prestigious residential communities in KAEC with exquisite views of the turquoise and blue waters of the Red Sea. The district also hosts the Bay View Business Park, the Marina canal with provision for berthing yachts, public parks, landscaped green areas, and the state-of-the-art Jurm Park.

Paul Bridger, Corporate Director of Operations, Rove Hotels, said: “With five star hotels accounting for the majority of hotel rooms, the need for high quality mid-scale hotels is significant in the Kingdom. Rove Hotels is addressing the industry ‘white space’ through a new hotel concept that not only helps address the gap in mid-scale hotel rooms but also creates vibrant social spaces for the young tech-savvy Saudis. The philosophy of Rove Hotels is to deliver culturally inspiring and fuss-free service in central locations. Bay La Sun in

The Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Governor of the Makkah Province His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al Faisal has inaugurated phase two of the Prince Khalid Al Faisal Project for Human Development (Tomouh), which aims to train, qualify, and employ 10,000 youth from the Makkah Province by 2020.

Row Hotels, a joint venture of Meraas and Emaar Properties PJSC, and managed by Emaar Hospitality Group, has announced its expansion to Saudi Arabia with Row King Abdullah Economic City, located centrally in the Bay La Sun waterfront district of King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) in the vicinity of the Prince Mohammed Bin Salman College of Business & Entrepreneurship (MBSCE) and a newly established entrepreneurship hub.

Marking the debut of Rove Hotels in Saudi Arabia, Row King Abdullah Economic City is the first hotel under the contemporary midscale lifestyle hotel brand outside the UAE. It will feature 240 rooms, fitness centres for ladies and gentlemen, and a wide range of lifestyle amenities that underpin the brand values of Rove Hotels to deliver reliable, modern and super-efficient hospitality services that appeals to all. Designed for the highly mobile and socially connected generation of travellers and entrepreneurs, Rove Hotels offers value-driven lifestyle choices and uplifting experiences.

It has four operational hotels and four upcoming properties in Dubai. The operational hotels - Rove Downtown, Rove City Centre, Rove Healthcare City and Rove Trade Centre - are popular among Saudi visitors to Dubai for their convenient location and easy access to the city’s attractions.

Like all Rove Hotels, Row King Abdullah Economic City also takes its contemporary design cues from its surroundings. All rooms will have 48-inch interactive TV screens with smart media hubs and free Wi-Fi. Comfortable mattresses, sofa beds for extra guests, mini-fridges, safety lockers and modern bathrooms with power rain showers are standard for all rooms. Several rooms will be interconnected, ensuring the hotel is suitable for groups and families with children.

Other amenities include a 24-hour gym, food & beverage outlets, lobby areas, outdoor pool and deck, kids pool, parking spaces, spacious meeting rooms, 24-hour self-service laundromat, convenience store, luggage storage rooms and safety deposit boxes. Guests have the convenience of a late check-out time of 2pm and a range of smart services including Wi-Fi connectivity.

“KAEC is fast establishing a reputation as the domestic destination of choice for leisure visitors and business events & conferences. Our expanding range of entertainment & leisure offerings are having a tremendous impact on the city’s appeal and ability to deliver a stand-out experience for visitors,” said Ramzi Solh, CEO, Real Estate Operation and Management Company. “We have an aggressive development plan to expand our hotel and resort portfolio. Row King Abdullah Economic City will be a valuable addition to our existing offer and will further expand our appeal to Saudi millennials seeking a quality hotel experience.”

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The Future Begins Here

VARIETY OF PROJECTS PROMOTE TOURISM AND LEISURE DEVELOPMENT IN KAEC

As the Kingdom undergoes a nationwide tourism and leisure boom, a new star is emerging in the world of tourism, leisure, and hospitality on the Red Sea Coast: King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC).

The development of the tourism and leisure sector in KAEC is being executed along three tracks, starting with the city’s tourism and leisure projects and amenities. On this track, KAEC is working on the development and operation of more than 30 projects, 10 of which are now operational. They include the Bay La Sun Hotel and Marina, Juman Park, the Bay La Sun Club, the Marina and Yacht Club, the BAY X Conference and Exhibition Center, Juman Karting, and the Aqua Fun Water Park, among others. Some of the most important tourism and leisure projects still under development include the Views Hotel, Sun Rise Hotel Apartments, the Roof Hotel, the public and private beaches, the luxury desert camps, and many more projects.

The second track involves hosting and organizing several cultural, economic, social, and artistic events and activities. More than 400,000 visitors have visited KAEC this year, and this number is expected to double with the launch of Al Haramain High-Speed Railway. One of its stations is located in KAEC and it connects the economic city to Makkah and Madinah in under an hour, and to Jeddah in almost half an hour. Throughout the past three years, KAEC has been committed to providing the necessary services and infrastructure to organize and host a broad array of social, cultural, sports, and artistic events, the latest of which being the Drone Racing League (DRL) World Championship in cooperation with the Saudi Federation for Cyber Security.

On the third track, KAEC is currently developing several value-adding projects aimed at developing a profile in the international sports world, most notably the Lagoona Motorpark, Esmeralda Sports Complex, and the Royal Greens Golf & Country Club, which opened last April and will host an international tournament attracting the world’s most prestigious golf players in 2019.
In support of the youth and future entrepreneurs, King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) has launched a series of programs, projects, and training and educational initiatives, the most important of which is the Prince Mohammad Bin Salman College (MBSC) of Business & Entrepreneurship, a first-of-its kind in the region. The institution offers an international curriculum that’s adapted to local needs, while fostering a healthy entrepreneurship environment geared towards creativity and success.

Established at the end of 2017, MBSC underlines KAEC’s strategic commitment to supporting and empowering the youth while promoting the spirit of entrepreneurship, which comes in line with the Kingdom’s Vision 2030. Since its establishment, the college has achieved unprecedented success with students enrolling from the four corners of the world. In fact, 6,500 candidates applied to join MBSC from inside and outside the Kingdom during the second admission period, marking an incredible 185% increase from the previous period.

MBSC is the fruit of a strategic international partnership between KAEC, the Misk Foundation, and Lockheed Martin in collaboration with Babson Global, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Babson College, USA, which is the number one US-based institution specializing in the development of entrepreneurial skills. The latter relies on a unique curriculum that focuses on promoting entrepreneurship and innovation on the local and international scenes, based on various educational standards and following a professional development approach that’s compatible with the concept of entrepreneurship across the governmental, private, and non-profit sectors. Such innovative projects include the national transformation project, financial trade and creative design.

In partnership with Monshaat (the Small and Medium Enterprises General Authority - SMEA) and in cooperation with the Economic Cities Authority (ECA), MBSC is launching a series of incentive programs to support entrepreneurs, facilitate the launching of their businesses and ensure the latter’s stability and continuity. Such initiatives come in line with the city’s strategy to promote economic growth and support young entrepreneurs amongst the country’s national pool of talents.

Alongside its partners, KAEC strives to have a positive impact on the national economy by helping to achieve the Vision 2030 objectives. To do so, the city hopes to increase the contribution of small and medium enterprises to the economy from 20% to 35%. KAEC also aims to create a sustainable, direct and wide-range impact on its own business environment. Today, KAEC is providing local entrepreneurs with a range of benefits and incentives to endorse their business start-ups, including the allocation of 700 square meters of free, fully-developed office space for three years. Moreover, the city offers a healthy business environment with modern facilities and comprehensive support services to stimulate productivity, with access to a pool of talents from MBSC’s students and graduates. This, of course, in addition to the young men and women from Mecca who are benefiting from the Tomouh training program. Also, KAEC is offering a 20% discount on the rental of residential units, as well as an opportunity to own a house at 0% interest with payment facilities that span over 10 years without profit margin, in addition to innovative financing options with payment facilities that could go up to 30 years. All these benefits are provided in a rich and rapidly-growing business environment that encourages partnerships, ongoing development and the optimized use of all available resources and sustainable growth indicators, especially following the inauguration of the Haramain high-speed railway.

As for ECA, it is striving to provide all the means possible to support and promote business growth in KAEC by exempting companies from investment license fees and centralizing the various procedures required to open and operate a business in the city in one regulatory body, through a smart digital platform that replaces traditional and bureaucratic measures. On the other hand, SMEA is giving young businessmen access to valuable support and funding programs. All these measures are creating a business-convenient environment that ensures easy procedures and efficient coordination between all involved parties to better serve entrepreneurs, facilitate their mission and help them achieve their goals.

Since its kick-off in early 2018, the number of beneficiaries from the Entrepreneurs’ Support & Empowerment Program has reached 29 companies in the areas of: general services, management consultancy, marketing consultancy, technology, renewable energy, food and beverages, entertainment and logistics. It is noteworthy that KAEC and SMEA have agreed to set up a joint fund worth SR 75 million, with a 50% contribution from each party, to finance quality projects and invest in small and medium enterprises within KAEC.

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Tomouh is an educational program launched under the patronage of HRH Prince Khaled Al-Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Governor of Mecca Province and Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques. The program comes in line with KAEC’s strategy to support and empower the youth, as well as in the framework of the Kingdom’s Vision 2030. Originally, Tomouh derived from Prince Khaled’s vision to “Build Human Capital and Develop Places”; it is a program that aims at training young men and women from the Mecca Province to empower and enable them to bridge the gap between their education on one hand, and the skills and needs of the job market on the other.

Tomouh targets young men and women from the Mecca Province who have graduated school or university, or haven’t been able to complete a regular educational course. It offers intensive training programs and innovative curriculums in English, IT and programming, in a healthy and constructive environment that encourages studying, fosters creativity and achievements, and gives students access to convenient and modern housing solutions in the city to ensure they’re all set for success.

Tomouh aims at training 10,000 men and women from the Mecca province by 2020. The program has gone through different stages and overcome various challenges before it was finally launched under its current format and name “Tomouh - HRH Prince Khaled Al-Faisal Program to Build Human Capital”, a title that recognizes the Prince’s valuable role in supporting the program’s launching, continuity and objectives.

The program aims to bridge a gap between its educational output and job market requirements, whether within or beyond KAEC’s walls, by creating fruitful partnerships with large private-sector companies which support the program and commit to employing exceptional graduates. Tomouh also organizes a dedicated career day for every graduating class, whereby a large number of key national companies assemble from the Kingdom’s different regions. The event is fully managed by members of the graduating class, while KAEC’s Follow Up & Coordination Desk ensures the best coordination between the programs and the city’s international and national companies to guarantee the programs’ success, facilitate processes, and collect valuable data to empower and employ young men and women.

Tomouh is one of KAEC’s vocational learning programs, in addition to the Aviation Sciences Academy and the Modern Culinary Arts Academy - both to be officially launched soon, which provide, together with MBSC and the SME Support Program, a solid foundation to empower and support youth.

Petra Engineering Industries company KSA facilities with a total area of 45,000 m² in the strategic location of the King Abdullah Economic City, offers its customers differentiated solutions in energy efficiency, ultra-low noise, high standards of air quality and custom-made technologies that set new standards in the HVAC industry.

The innovative design and engineering capabilities give Petra the competitive edge it needs to bring to the market high-quality HVAC equipment for various sectors in various regions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, including: petrochemical facilities, hospitals, hotels, shopping malls, mosques and universities in addition to oil and gas facilities.
International Sports

In line with its strategy that embraces the Kingdom’s 2030 Vision to diversify income sources, endorse non-oil sectors, and support the growth of the national economy, King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) is moving forward on the path of becoming the ultimate tourism and leisure destination on the Red Sea. Accordingly, the city is prioritizing international sports projects to further support the tourism and leisure sector within its walls, considering it a key factor for its growth and development.

The Royal Greens Golf & Country Club

Today, the Royal Greens Golf Course is one of the key tourism and leisure landmarks in the city. It is also a prime venue that is rapidly rising on the scene of international sports with its 18-hole golf course that's been designed according to the latest international standards to host the most prestigious international tournaments. The course is complemented by a full-service club, training facilities, luxury health and leisure clubs, and world-class restaurants.

The Royal Greens Golf Club is located at the heart of Al Murooj, the most refined and luxurious among KAEC’s coastal communities. It has received several prestigious awards including IPA’s Best Global Tourism & Leisure Project for 2014, knowing that IPA is considered one of the most acclaimed organizations in the world known to closely observe key development projects around the globe.

The Royal Greens Golf Club opened its doors at the beginning of 2018 through a grand celebration that featured several glamorous events, including a mini golf tournament, in the presence of some of the best Golf professionals and legends in the world. It was also announced that the venue will be officially hosting an International European tournament with the presence of some of the best Golf professionals and legends in the world.

It is noteworthy that the Club counts a training academy with ample spaces to practice, state-of-the-art equipment, modern tools, and expert instructors for all levels and age brackets.

The Lagoona Motorpark

KAEC carries on with its strategic plans to enhance its role on the international sports’ arena. In 2018, the city has taken an additional step towards achieving this objective by planning an international Motorpark in the Lagoona area. The infrastructure works for the project were kicked off during the year, noting that the facility is designed according to the highest international standards and in compliance with the terms and standards set by the Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile. The venue’s main goal is to attract international competitions and automotive rallies in order to boost the Kingdom’s car and motorycycle sports and motivate the youth to practice sports and compete in a secure and safe environment.

The project’s cost is estimated at around SR 120 million including the cost of building the amphitheatre and more than 13 racing circuits for large racing cars or Karting carts, in addition to the administration, reception and training facilities.

KAEC also aims to launch special programs to train young men and women on this specific type of fast and exciting sports in addition to organizing international Formula 2, motorcycles and Karting tournaments. It is noteworthy that the former Formula 1 racing driver Mr. Alex Wurz was appointed as a consultant to supervise the project’s implementation until completion while working on attracting several prestigious championships, in partnership with the General Sport Authority and the Saudi Arabian Motor Federation.

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The World Academy at KAEC wins Best Design of the Year award in 2018

The best design of the year 2018 award by Interior Design Magazine was in the category of "Education, Primary and High Schools". TWA is proud of their partnership with Twaad who meticulously implemented our vision and brought it to reality.

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