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Amaron India selects Kuwait to debut its Middle East portfolio expansion

Amaron has launched its Middle East portfolio in Kuwait through Bandira Auto Parts, introducing its Hi-Life Lubes range. The lubricants, featuring Molybdenum-enriched PENTACORE Technology and premium additives, provide high thermal stability, oxidation resistance, and meet international OEM and API standards. With Kuwait's automotive lubricants market consuming around 45 million liters annually, this launch marks Amaron's first international market for Hi-Life Lubes, aiming for a 5% market share within five years while enhancing engine protection, fuel efficiency, and vehicle longevity in GCC conditions.

Digital visa push drives Kuwait's tourism boom

Since its launch in July 2025, Kuwait's "Kuwait Visa" platform has facilitated the issuance of around 235,000 visit visas across the six governorates, with daily approvals averaging 6,000. Visas are now available to all nationalities without previous restrictions, and numbers fluctuate between Arab and Asian visitors. Discussions are ongoing on extending visas to fourth-degree relatives and elderly family members, with approvals currently tied to the expatriate sponsor's salary and job. Authorities stressed that visitors are prohibited from working, with violations resulting in deportation and sponsor penalties. The platform offers four main visa types - tourist, family, government, and business - while waiving salary and national carrier requirements for family visits. It was also ascertained that issuance of family visit visas for elderly individuals are under review, and the acceptance of this type of visit currently depends on the expatriate's job and salary.

PM chairs follow-up meeting on Kuwait-China agreements

Kuwait's Prime Minister chaired a ministerial committee meeting on Kuwait-China agreements, focusing on the Al-Sabriya Residential City project. It was clarified that only one Chinese firm has shown interest so far, proposing KD 1.9 billion - not the circulated KD 7 billion - and seeking exclusivity over all infrastructure works, which would increase costs. To reduce risks and allow broader participation, the project will be divided among multiple firms, with the Authority remaining open to working with non-Chinese companies as well, all adhering to international design standards. The meeting highlighted Kuwait's commitment to strategic

development, accurate public communication, and ongoing collaboration with Chinese firms on major projects, including upcoming discussions on waste recycling.

Microsoft Hosts AI Summit in Kuwait to Empower the Country's AI Future

Microsoft hosted its AI Tour in Kuwait on 20 October 2025, bringing together government officials, industry leaders, and the local developer community to highlight AI's role in driving the country's digital transformation under Kuwait Vision 2035. The event, themed "Kuwait's AI Ambition," featured keynote addresses from Minister of State for Communication Affairs, and Microsoft executives, along with discussions on AI adoption, cloud infrastructure, and public-private collaboration. Throughout the day, Microsoft demonstrated AI innovations across sectors including tourism, energy, education, and government, culminating in the AI Excellence Awards, which recognized organizations such as the Ministry of Finance, CAIT, Kuwait Oil Company, and leading banks for successfully implementing AI to enhance services, efficiency, and operational excellence.

'Visit Kuwait' to be sole platform for event licensing from November 1

Kuwait's Ministry of Information and Culture announced that the "Visit Kuwait" platform will serve as the official portal for local and international companies to apply for organizing tourism, cultural, artistic, entertainment, and public events in the country. Set to launch on November 1, the platform aims to streamline licensing procedures, enhance transparency, and improve efficiency, while supporting cultural and tourism development. Minister Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi highlighted that the platform will integrate with the Kuwait Visa system to manage visitor movement, empowering the private sector to contribute to high-quality events and advancing Kuwait's goal of becoming a regional hub for culture, tourism, and entertainment in line with Kuwait Vision 2035.

Turkey and Kuwait sign 4 agreements

Turkey and Kuwait strengthened their bilateral relations with the signing of four significant agreements in the presence of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The accords include an agreement on maritime transport aimed at enhancing connectivity and trade between the two nations, and a memorandum of understanding for the mutual recognition of seafarers' certificates to facilitate smoother maritime operations. Additionally, both sides signed an MoU to deepen cooperation in the energy sector, as well as another to encourage and promote direct investment, underscoring their shared commitment to expanding economic and strategic collaboration.

Kuwait and Kozo ink deal for wastewater treatment plant

Kuwait's Minister of Public Works signed a contract with the Turkish company Kozo for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a wastewater treatment plant in South Al-Mutlaa City, along with its complementary works. The Ministry of Public Works has stated that the project is part of the ministry's development plan and is designed to serve the residents of Al-Mutlaa City. The plant will produce around 400,000 cubic meters of triple-treated water daily for agricultural and other beneficial uses. The facility represents a pioneering step in the adoption of alternative energy technologies, reflecting Kuwait's commitment to sustainable infrastructure development and environmental conservation.

Kuwait tenders oil pipeline

State-owned upstream operator Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) has tendered a project to develop a crude oil pipeline in the country. The new pipeline will have a diameter of 20 inches and will carry the crude oil blend known as Ratawi-Burgen. The project scope will involve replacing a 30-kilometre section of the pipeline known as CR-058. The pipeline originates from the Wafra field and feeds crude oil into the larger 36-inch CR-088 crude oil pipeline. The pipelines on this network have had documented corrosion issues in the past, which were linked to slow flow rates within the pipelines. The bid submission deadline for the project is 18 January 2026 and an initial meeting to discuss the project is due to take place on 16 November 2025. The Wafra field is located in the Partitioned Zone between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Cohesive infrastructure tops 2025-26 plan

The Cohesive Infrastructure Development Program represents the largest share of Kuwait's 2025-26 annual development plan, accounting for over 54 percent - or KD 529 million - of the KD 971.9 million allocated to eight key initiatives. Covering 37 of the plan's 134 projects, it focuses on enhancing land, transport, and port infrastructure, supporting the Fourth Master Plan, and advancing a digital, knowledge-based economy. The program also includes legislative measures such as the Credit Bank Real Estate Finance Law and the Civil Aviation Draft Law. Major projects under this clause include fiber optic network expansion, port integration systems, a new communications network, the establishment of a railway company, and the development of key facilities such as the Central Tent Market in Jahra and border warehouses.

With Regards,

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